

## COLTON PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT OXEN PARK READING ROOM ON MONDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> JULY 2024

Present: Cllr Bennett, (Chair), Cllr Dickinson, Cllr Dudson, Cllr Oates, Cllr Wharton, Cllr Wiley, Cllr Workman and J Hendry (Clerk: [clerk@coltonparishcouncil.org.uk](mailto:clerk@coltonparishcouncil.org.uk))

In attendance: No members of the public were in attendance

Minute no	Action Point	Person
32/2024	<b>Apologies:</b> None received	
33/2024	<b>Minutes of Last Meeting</b> The Chair was authorised to sign the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 24 June 2024 as a true record of what was discussed.	
34/2024	<b>Declarations of interest in respect of items on this agenda:</b> None received	
35/2024	<b>Requests for dispensations:</b> None received	
36/2024	<p><b>Public participation:</b></p> <p>a. Co-option of potential Parish Councillors: Three members of the public attended and two were unanimously co-opted as Parish Councillors. Cllrs Wharton and Workman signed Declaration of Acceptance of Office forms and were subsequently welcomed as Colton Parish Councillors. A further potential co-optee was invited to attend the next meeting.</p> <p>b. Community participation:</p> <p>i) Sara Speicher, Commodore, South Windermere Sailing Club and Christine Gibson (Commodore elect). An update was provided on the Lakeside North Camp YMCA and the current situation RE the purchase of the site. Due diligence is underway at present but details are not in the public domain and YMCA do not know what the plans for the site are. SWSC continue to have numerous conversations with local MP and various funding organisations to support its developments as a community “asset”. An invitation to attend future meetings with the purchasers was issued to the Council.</p> <p>Sara read from their constitution and shared the vision of SWSC as requested by the Chair and advised that the club was an inclusive, community focused and involved in research and training.</p> <p>c. Unitary Authority update: Cllr Pender advised that the TRO on Nibthwaite is planned to be reinstated, that a meeting at Brockhole with the new CEO of LDNPA (1/8) had been issued and updated on the X12 bus route and its usefulness as an informal “taxi” in some areas of the Parish. In addition an events coordination meeting with Angela Jones was taking place next week.</p>	
37/2024	<p><b>Update on actions from the previous meeting:</b></p> <p>a. Declarations of Interests-a new form to complete was circulated to all Councillors.</p>	<b>ALL</b>
38/2024	<p><b>Colton Parish community and environmental matters:</b></p> <p>a. Rusland Show: Cllr Bennett advised that the show is taking place on 17<sup>th</sup> August. The Parish Clerk confirmed that a table had been booked, though payment had not yet been made. Cllr Bennett outlined the main</p>	

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	<p>requirements on the day and Cllrs Dickinson, Dudson, Oates and Wharton offered to assist on the day.</p> <p>b. Support from Colton Parish for local food bank appeals: Cllr Oates reported that he had spoken to the local coordinators and planned to update at the next meeting. The PC confirmed support for Christmas foodbank collection and collected from doorsteps as per the past arrangements and Cllr Oates agreed to support the coordination by supplying the list of local names and collection points.</p> <p>c. Location of Lakeside noticeboard: Cllr Oates reported that the noticeboard is not visible to local people and suggested that it is moved but that it is in need of repair-Archie agreed to have a look at location options in conjunction with Cllr Oates.</p> <p>d. Noticeboard upkeep volunteers sought: Cllr Bennett introduced the subject and asked for volunteers to maintain the 9 parish noticeboards and the Parish Clerk agreed to circulate the list of noticeboards to Cllrs asking for volunteers.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">WO</p> <p style="text-align: center;">WO/AW</p> <p style="text-align: center;">JH</p>
39/2024	<p><b>Highways and lengthsman</b></p> <p>a. 20mph speed limit at Lakeside: Cllr Oates advised that vehicles often exceed the 30mph speed limit and suggested that the limit be reduced to 20mph or for an introduction of a SID. Cllr Bennett requested that this item be placed on a future agenda in time for future grant applications.</p> <p>b. SID data for A5092 (N): The data was circulated for information.</p> <p>c. Issues for reporting to Highways (via HIAMS) and to the Parish Lengthsman: Cllr Workman reported that the white lines have been repainted in Bouth and reinstated at the Snows junction. The gulley sucker is needed on the verges near Tottlebank as some of the drains are blocked. He also reported the defibrillator signage issue raised by a member of the public at Oxen Park and the fact that weedkiller has been used at Penny Bridge.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">JH</p>
40/2024	<p><b>Planning</b></p> <p>a. To consider and respond to the following planning applications: NIL received.</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">i) 7/2024/5174 at The Old Vicarage, Colton, LA12 8HF. Alterations to an existing outbuilding. The Parish Council agreed a NEUTRAL response to this planning application.</p> <p>b. Planning applications responded to, awaiting LDNPA decision: The list as posted on the meeting agenda was noted by the PC.</p> <p>c. LDNPA decisions: NIL decisions made</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">JH</p>
41/2024	<p><b>Finance, Accounts, Assets and Audit:</b></p> <p>a. The following payments were approved:</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">i) Lengthsman payment (June) £200.00</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">ii) Clerk salary (July/August) £500.97/£500.97</p> <p>b. The PC noted that a duplicate salary payment of £500.97 was made in error, by the bank, to the Parish Clerk. The Parish Clerk had refunded the salary overpayment to the PC bank account and the bank, who had also refunded the overpayment, had recently written requesting that the</p>	

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	<p>£500.97 by them should be returned to the bank. The Parish Clerk agreed to action this.</p> <p>c. Review of PC working Groups and their membership-the Parish Clerk agreed to put this on the agenda for a future meeting.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>JH</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>JH</b></p>
42/2024	<p><b>Correspondence shown below was noted by the Council</b> (relevant documents were previously circulated):</p> <p>a. Various emails relating to a “vote of no confidence” in LDNPA. This matter was discussed earlier in the meeting as updated by Cllr Pender and it was felt that the PC should be represented at the planned meeting (see b below) with LDNPA and agreed that one of the Cllrs Bennett and Wharton would attend.</p> <p>b. Invite to PCs from the Lake District National Park Authority (1/8 at Brockhole)</p> <p>c. Email from Rusland Horizon Trust RE phone mast at Stricely</p>	<b>AB/IW</b>
43/2024	<p><b>Newsletter Items:</b></p> <p>a. LDNPA meeting</p> <p>b. SWSC update</p> <p>c. Food bank approach</p>	
44/2024	<p><b>Items for the next PC agenda</b></p> <p>a. Approval of Councillor Allowances Policy</p> <p>b. Adoption of PC co-option policy</p>	
45/2023	<p><b>Date and time of next meeting</b></p> <p>The next meeting will take place on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2024 at 7pm at Finsthwaite and Lakeside Village Hall</p>	<b>ALL</b>