

COLTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT FINSTHWAITE VILLAGE HALL ON 2 SEPTEMBER 2024

Present: Cllr Bennett, (Chair), Cllr Dickinson, Cllr Dudson, Cllr Oates, Cllr Wharton, Cllr Wiley (co-opted, minute 50/2024 below), Cllr Workman

In attendance: one member of the public

46/2024	Apologies for Absence; there were none	Action by
47/2024	Minutes of Last Meeting; The Chair was authorised to sign the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 22 July 2024 as a true record of what was discussed	AB
48/2024	Declarations of interest in respect of items on this agenda: None received	
49/2024	Requests for dispensations: None received	
50/2024	Public Participation a. Co-option of potential Parish Councillor(s): Proposed by Cllr Wharton, seconded by Cllr Oates, agreed unanimously b. Community participation: Recruitment for a new clerk, will be advertised on Finsthwaite's newsletter and elsewhere, wording to be prepared and circulated c. Unitary Authority update: No update provided	AB
51/2024	Update on actions from the previous meeting a. Potential re-siting of Lakeside noticeboard: landowner has provisionally agreed and asked for a written request b. Noticeboard upkeep volunteers sought: list of current volunteers to be distributed and gaps to be filled c. Councillors were given an update from meeting on 1/8 with the Lake District National Park Authority on areas of interest, including enforcement. The opportunity for improved communication was generally welcomed. Further meetings are expected in the coming months, including a meeting for small, rural parishes with similar profiles and issues.	AB/WO AB
52/2024	Communities, well-being and resilience a. Rusland Show update: considered a success b. Community Plan update: QR code to the plan on Colton Link, a paper copy will be put in each village hall c. Colton Parish approach to supporting local food bank appeals: 11-14 November – info for next Parish Council news, early November d. Response to a racist incident in the Rusland Valley: update from the Chair given, Chair to reply to Rookhow. Agreed that a DEI policy needs to be updated.	AB WO/AB AB
53/2024	The climate emergency and our environment: a. Request for questions/representation for the next meeting of the Love Windermere group: Cllrs unaware, information sought	GD
54/2024	Highways: a. Car parking adjacent to The Swan, Newby Bridge and along Finsthwaite Lane b. Issues for reporting to Highways (via HIAMS) - none c. Issues for reporting to the Parish Lengthsman; these should come through the Clerk, and email, not direct to the PL, either in his role as a	

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	Cllr. It was agreed that we need an agreement with the PL to make his responsibilities as PL and as a Cllr clear	
55/2024	<p>Housing and planning</p> <p>a. To consider and respond to the following planning applications: i) 7/2024/5292 at Hulleter Farm, Oxen Park, LA12 8HH. Construction of a steel portal framed building to cover an existing rough mulch midden. We cannot comment as have not received any information</p> <p>b. Planning applications responded to, awaiting LDNPA decision:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) 7/2024/5174 at The Old Vicarage, Colton, LA12 8HF. Alterations to an existing outbuilding. CPC NEUTRAL ii) 7/2024/5387 at Crosslands Cottage, Rusland, LA12 8JU. Erection of single storey garden shed. CPC NEUTRAL iii) 7/2024/5398 at Yew Tree Cottage, High Ickenthaite, Rusland, LA12 8LD. Flexible use as local occupancy dwelling or holiday let. CPC NEUTRAL <p>c. LDNPA decisions- for information only: i) 7/2024/5221 at Burn Knott, Bouth, LA12 8JF. CPC NEUTRAL, LDNPA APPROVED</p>	AB
56/2024	<p>Finance, Assets, Governance and Audit:</p> <p>a. Payments approved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Lengthsman payment (July/August) £484.00/£TBC ii) Rusland Show table hire, £25.00 iii) Repayment of erroneous duplicate salary payment, £500.97 iv) Rusland Reading Room hire, £40.00 v) Ian Howarth, email address set-up, £24.00 vi) Clerk salary (August) £500.97 vii) Clerk Q2 expenses, £128.88 viii) Ian Howarth, website update, £396.25 <p>b. Cllrs Dudson and Wharton have been added to the bank mandate and ex-Councillors Dean and Jarvis removed</p>	GD/IW
57/2024	<p>Correspondence (for information unless otherwise stated), consultations and meetings attended:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Email from Rookhow manager regarding a racist incident in the Rusland Valley – dealt with elsewhere b. Email from the “Love Windermere” Parish Council representative – dealt with elsewhere c. Email from LDNPA Ranger regarding Rusland boardwalk improvements 	
58/2024	<p>Newsletter items:</p> <p>Racist Incident and DEI policy, plus police statement</p> <p>Rusland Show success</p> <p>Where to report issues with roads – give links (e.g. highways for repairs)</p>	AB
59/2024	<p>Items for the next/future agenda</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Parish Clerk recruitment b. Councillor recruitment/co-option c. Approval of Councillor Allowances Policy d. Adoption of PC co-option policy e. 20 mph scheme in Lakeside f. Grit Bins – What3Words for each 	
60/2024	<p>Date and time of next meeting</p> <p>The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Monday 7th October at 7pm at Rusland Reading Rooms.</p>	

