

## Colton Parish Council

### MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

HELD AT OXEN PARK READING ROOM ON 16 DECEMBER 2024

Present: Cllr Bennett, (Chair), Cllr Dickinson, Cllr Dudson, Cllr Wharton, Cllr Wiley, Cllr Workman

In attendance:

90/2024	<b>Apologies for Absence</b> – there were none	Action by
91/2024	<b>Minutes of Last Meeting;</b> The Chair was authorised to sign the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 1 November 2024 as a true record of what was discussed	AB
92/2024	<b>Declarations of interest in respect of items on this agenda ;</b> none	
93/2024	<b>Requests for dispensations:</b> None received	
94/2024	<b>Public Participation</b> a. Community participation – no member of the public present b. Community Policing Update - none c. Unitary Authority update - none d. LDNPA update: Cllr Wharton, Cllr Wiley. Meeting 3 December, 7/8 PCs represented. Chair and Vice Chair of LDNPA present, plus senior staff. Issues raised – affordable housing, sustainable transport, AirBnB / holiday lets hollowing out local communities and services. Cllr Wiley raised parking problems at Newby Bridge and event clashes. Future meetings are envisaged, maybe 2 a year. Aim for Cllr Wiley to attend future meetings on our behalf.	
95/2024	<b>Update on actions from the previous meeting</b> a. Lakeside noticeboard (and others): agreed that we will assess all noticeboards and look to replace in 2025/6. Cllr Workman will assess and report, Cllr Dickinson will identify possible replacements. b. Mitigating the impact of events on local communities – discussed 94/d c. ENWL Resilience Meeting – no-one able to attend, we will ask for notes d. Update re Letter signs on land adjacent to Bouth Playground: owner did not respond to request for information e. No response yet from LDNPA on concerns about trees felled and hut erected at the Old School House Bouth f. Update on PC meeting with LDNPA held on 3/12/24 Cllr Wiley – see 94/d g. Items for meeting with Local PCs & Suzanne Pender 7pm 8/1/25 Teams h. Clerk recruitment Cllr Bennett – experienced locum appointed for six months, Beth Workman. Voted in favour unanimously (NB Cllr Workman, with a pecuniary interest, did not vote). Also 3 expressions of interest responding to the vacancy on Indeed.	AW, LD  AB AB  AB AB

	<p>i. Cllr roles and responsibilities:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Chair – Abigail Bennett</li> <li>2. Vice Chair – Gail Dudson</li> <li>3. Finance – Gail Dudson, Ian Wharton</li> <li>4. LDNPA liaison – Ian Wharton</li> <li>5. Communities Wellbeing &amp; Resilience</li> <li>6. Highways – Archie Workman</li> <li>7. The Climate emergency &amp; Environment – Kevin Wiley</li> <li>8. Housing and Planning</li> <li>9. Safeguarding – Gail Dudson</li> <li>10. Communication – Colton Link (GD), News items (IW), Website (locum Clerk)</li> </ol> <p>Agreed that Cllrs would read the community plan and agree responsibilities at the next meeting</p> <p>Councillors to look at training provision (CALC) and identify their own training needs. We should liaise to ensure mandatory training is done.</p>	ALL
96/2024	<p><b>Communities, well-being and resilience</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Adoption of CPC EDI policy: Agreed. AB to ensure a copy on the web-site</li> <li>b. Adoption of CPC Expenses Policy: Agreed</li> <li>c. Update re CPC Website: temporary arrangements for keeping it updated – Ian H to handle backlog, locum Clerk to take forward the rest</li> <li>d. Any issues arising from recent adverse weather – not known if there was power loss anywhere in the Parish.</li> <li>e. Community Grants and encouraging community groups to apply (into next Colton Link)</li> </ol>	AB       GD
97/2024	<p><b>The climate emergency and our environment:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Green Sparks – Update on Plan for an interpretation board on Spark Bridge Village Green <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I. Rawden Smith Trust Grant awarded</li> <li>II. Coffee Morning planned for Sat 1<sup>st</sup> Feb SB VH</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	
98/2024	<p><b>Highways:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Feedback from Meeting with WFC Highways – Colton (nb side discussion on St Cuthbert’s well historical info) All drains to be renewed with 8 inch pipe, hopefully into 2025/6 budget. Also investigate re-designating the lane as a footpath to preserve its integrity. AB to contact Cllr Pender</li> <li>b. Grit bins – Cllr Workman had reported</li> <li>c. Fibrous road closures – issues with diversions going in circles, road closures where no works happened. To raise with Cllr Pender</li> </ol>	AB    AB
99/2024	<b>Housing and planning</b>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. To consider and respond to the following planning applications:</li> <li>ii. Proposed new public footpath - YMCA to Stott Park Heights, Colton Parish. <b>CPC support</b></li> <li>iv. Planning applications responded to, awaiting LDNPA decision: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. 7/2024/5623 at Yew Beck Cottage, High Ickenthaite, Rusland, Nr Ulverston, LA12 8LD Flexible use as local occupancy dwelling or holiday let Colton Parish Council Neutral</li> <li>b. 7/2024/5606 Listed Building Consent application High End House, Finsthwaite, Ulverston, LA12 8BJ Division of existing first room to provide new en-suite, and new dividing wall and door between first floor room and existing staircase. CPC Neutral</li> </ul> </li> <li>v. LDNPA decisions- for information only:</li> <li>vi. 7/2024/5494 Ashslack, Rusland, Ulverston, LA12 8LD : Side extension forming garden / games room and plant room and installation of double doors to rear. CPC Neutral LDNPA <b>Approved with Conditions</b></li> <li>vii. 7/2024/5387 at Crosslands Cottage, Rusland, LA12 8JU. Erection of single storey garden shed. CPC NEUTRAL LDNPA <b>Approved with conditions</b></li> <li>viii. 7/2024/5495 Woodside Cottage, Low Stott Park Replacement of existing septic tank with new package treatment plant to serve Woodside and Low Mill Cottage <b>Approved with Conditions</b></li> <li>ix. 7/2024/5351 High Haybridge, Bouth, Bouth, LA12 8JG. Proposal: Demolition of an existing dwelling and construction of a replacement dwelling Reply by: 28 October 2024 CPC Object due to IMPACT of Construction -fragile nature of environment and road; nature reserve. CPC Oppose. <b>LDNPA Refused</b></li> <li>x. T/2024/0154 Location: Lakeside Hotel, Newby Bridge, Ulverston, CUMBRIA, LA12 8AT Proposal: T1 Type: Beech Details: Crown Reduction - Reducing the height and spread of the tree by up to 3 metres, clear up fallen limb from field and remove all arisings Reply by: 15 October 2024 CPC Support <b>LDNPA Approved with conditions</b></li> <li>xi. 7/2024/5520: Bullace Cottage, Finsthwaite, Ulverston, LA12 8BJ Proposal: Loft conversion including addition of rear pitched roof dormer and solar panels. Replay by 24th October. CPC Support <b>Approved with conditions</b></li> <li>xii. 7/2024/5641 at The Old Vicarage, Colton, Ulverston, Cumbria, LA12 8HF Alterations to an existing outbuilding <b>LDNPA approved</b></li> <li>xiii. 7/2024/5622 amendment to permission at Low Longmire Farm</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;">AB</p>
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100/2024	<p><b>Finance, Assets, Governance and Audit:</b></p> <p>a. Banking update: Cllr Dudson. Online banking set up – single approval. In future, Cllrs will receive monthly bank statement as a check and balance against payments approved. Agreed that HMRC payments should go onto a direct debit.</p> <p>b. Precept 2025/26 – Letter from Sue Roberts. We have a healthy bank balance and will take advice on finding ways to spend income to benefit the local community</p> <p>c. To note provisional CALC subscription for £2025/2026 - £257.72 – agreed in principal, increase of £8 on last year</p> <p>d. To approve the following payments:</p> <p>i) Invoice from Archie Workman for Lengthsman work carried out as detailed £320 – approved. Remittance to be sent</p> <p>ii) ENMO cheque to be revoked and an online payment made instead - approved</p>	<p>GD</p> <p>AB</p> <p>GD</p> <p>GD</p> <p>GD</p>
101/2024	<p><b>Correspondence (for information unless otherwise stated), consultations and meetings attended:</b></p> <p>a) Clerk and Cllr training bulletin and booking procedure</p> <p>b) Letter from Jordan Matthews alerting CPC to the Glorious Gravel Cycling Event 28/06/2024 the route of which includes roads and lanes throughout the CPC area. How many competitors?</p> <p>c) Invitation to participate the Act Survey Influencing Rural Communities Cllr Dickinson</p> <p>d) Invitation to the Love Windermere Cllr information evening held 9/12/24 – AB responded asking to be kept informed</p> <p>e) Notification of closure of Causeway Bouth 17/12/24</p> <p>f) Friends of the Lake District New Report – Who pays for the Lake District. Circulated</p> <p>g) Letter of thanks from Paulette Bissell on behalf of Barrow Food Bank thanking CPC and the local community for all their contributions</p> <p>h) Notification of the 2025 K2B 10<sup>th</sup> May 2025</p> <p>i) Rookhow Quarterly Update</p>	<p>All</p> <p>AB</p>
102/2024	<p><b>Newsletter items:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community Groups applying for grants</li> <li>• Green Sparks Coffee Morning 1 Feb (nb what time)</li> <li>• Handy Person Scheme</li> </ul>	

103/2024	<b>Items for the next/future agenda</b> For 20/1/25 Sara Spicer LDNPA to attend – Update re Rusland Mosses Room booking for 2025/2026 Budget	
104/2024	<b>Date and time of next meeting</b> The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> January, Finsthwaite & Lakeside VH	