

Colton Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

HELD AT BOUTH VILLAGE HALL ON 11 NOVEMBER 2024

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

In attendance: members of the public

76/2024	Apologies for Absence – there were none	Action by
77/2024	Minutes of Last Meeting; The Chair was authorised to sign the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 7 October 2024 as a true record of what was discussed	AB
78/2024	Declarations of interest in respect of items on this agenda ; Cllr Dickinson is a stock-holder for the Farmer’s Arms (letter of support requested, below)	
79/2024	Requests for dispensations: None received	
80/2024	<p>Public Participation</p> <p>a. Community participation: field adjacent to Bouth Village Green has had ‘keep out’ signs and access blocked. Cllr W contacted the owners – suggested field is to be used for cattle, safety concerns. Fencing suggested, though this may be expensive and intrusive. Stile steps – is there a right of way? Or right by custom and practice? It was thought not. Agreed to continue conversation. Village Green maintenance as detailed in report, to be undertaken. TPO Old School House raised along with concrete base and Shepherd’s Hut.</p> <p>b. Community Policing Update CPO Paul Harris; some poaching but little else to report at present. Update from SID in Finsthwaite and Bouth showed high compliance with the voluntary 20 mph. Potential sites for SID requested. Parking at Finsthwaite/Newby Bridge Lane – to be raised with both LDNPA and W&FC. Off-roaders are also being monitored / reported.</p> <p>c. Unitary Authority update: Cllr Pender – improving road closure signage, reports of poor and uninformative signage are sought. ENWL working on better resilience works. CALC and remote clerking discussed. Colton Cuthbert’s Well Lane drains reported. Boundary changes have been agreed, will not come into force until 2027. X12 Bus and need for future funding discussed.</p> <p>d. LDNPA update: Cllr Wharton 5 year plan under review</p> <p>e. Letter from a Bouth resident raising concerns about the signs on the adjacent land to the village green and the closure of steps into the field (as mentioned above. Item a): Cllr Workman</p> <p>f. Letter from a Bouth resident expressing concerns about trees felled and hut erected at the Old School House Bouth (see 7/2023/5504) and response from Area Planner Ben Long</p>	<p>AW</p> <p>AB</p> <p>All, to AB</p> <p>All</p> <p>AW</p> <p>AB</p>

	LDNPA CPC concerns have been logged. CPC has requested further updates when available	
81/2024	<p>Update on actions from the previous meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Lakeside noticeboard: Cllr Workman will move in the next few days. b. Mitigating the impact of events on local communities – AB had raised concerns response from David Haughian awaited Assistant Director - Community Infrastructure WFC c. WFC Ward Boundary Consultation Submission completed 25/10/24 and shared by email d. Resignation of Cllr Walter Oates – thanks from all to WO for helping out for six months e. Cllr recruitment – nominations from Finsthwaite in particular are sought f. Clerk recruitment – place on Indeed, and Ulverston and Grange newsletters 	<p>AW</p> <p>ALL</p> <p>AB</p>
82/2024	<p>Communities, well-being and resilience</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. CPC Website: temporary arrangements for keeping it updated. Cllr Wharton agreed to do so, providing training was given. In the meantime the ‘backlog’ to be sent to IH media to bring up to date. Agreed that CPC should have a PAYG mobile b. Update and action plan re supporting local food bank appeals: ALL c. Proposed meeting of local parish councils to address common issues; Clerk and Cllr recruitment, planning with ENWL, Highways issues inc the impact of road closures, impact of event scheduling d. CPC Emergency Planning – CALC has asked all PCs to look at their emergency planning; we must focus on communities not notional boundaries. e. WFC Winter Ready Campaign has been published f. Scheduled switch off of Radio Teleswitch meters 30/06/2025 and the requirement to switch to smart meters – email from Tim Farron MP noted, are we OK to share g. Issues for Cllr Wiley to raise at the meeting with LDNPA on 3/12/24 (many already discussed) 	<p>IW</p> <p>AB</p> <p>All</p> <p>All</p>
83/2024	<p>The climate emergency and our environment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Green Sparks – Update on Plan for an interpretation board on Spark Bridge Village Green. Application made to Rawden Smith Trust 	
84/2024	<p>Highways:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Flooding: possible actions to address sections of CPC road that experience frequent flooding, including the problems experienced by residents of the road up to Colton Church. Roadsweepers are responsive, but they need reminding particularly autumn and leaf time. b. Lengthsman activity over the last month and any expected upcoming Issues: Cllr Workman 	<p>AW</p>

	<p>c. Grit bins – any further actions required: they each need a scoop!</p> <p>d. Forthcoming closure of Satterthwaite to Penny Bridge Road between 11/11/14 and 16/11/24. Lack of notification in general raised.</p>	AB
85/2024	<p>Housing and planning</p> <p>a. To consider and respond to the following planning applications:</p> <p>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. Reply by 27th November 2024 (NB this is a revised plan following the refusal of 7/2024/5460 – see below) CPC Neutral</p> <p>c. For information only: 7/2024/5553 Dredging of lakebed adjacent to 8 jetties used by the Lakeside Hotel to approx. 1m below summer lake levels Reply by 23/10/24</p> <p>d. NB late addition; 7/2024/5622 amendment to permission at Low Longmire Farm</p> <p>e. NB late addition; 7/2024/5495 Woodside Cottage, Low Stott Park, 14 Nov</p> <p>f. NB late addition but we missed the deadline; 7/2024/5535 Cinder Hill Rusland</p> <p>b. Planning applications responded to, awaiting LDNPA decision:</p> <p>i) 7/2024/5494 Ashslack, Rusland, Ulverston, LA12 8LD : Side extension forming garden / games room and plant room and installation of double doors to rear. Reply by 14th October 2024 CPC Neutral</p> <p>ii) Reference: 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</p> <p>iii) Reference: 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</p> <p>iv) Reference: 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</p> <p>v) 7/2024/5387 at Crosslands Cottage, Rusland, LA12 8JU. Erection of single storey garden shed. CPC NEUTRAL</p> <p>c. LDNPA decisions- for information only:</p> <p>i. 7/2024/5460 Listed building consent High End House, Finsthwaite, Ulverston, LA12 8BJ Division of existing first</p>	

	<p>room to provide new en-suite, and new dividing wall and door between first floor room and existing staircase LDNPA Refused</p> <p>ii. 7/2024/5292 at Hulleter Farm, Oxen Park, LA12 8HH. Construction of a steel portal framed building to cover an existing rough much midden. Approved with conditions</p> <p>iii. 7/2024/5174 at The Old Vicarage, Colton, LA12 8HF. Alterations to an existing outbuilding. CPC NEUTRAL LDNPA refused</p> <p>iv. 7/2024/5387 at Crosslands Cottage, Rusland, LA12 8JU. Erection of single storey garden shed. CPC NEUTRAL. LDNPA Approved with conditions</p>	
71/2024	<p>Finance, Assets, Governance and Audit:</p> <p>a. Update on banking arrangements Cllrs Dudson and Wharton; other signatories in process of removal, IW and GD only at present. ‘All must sign’ still the mandate, agreed this to change to ‘two to sign’. Agreed that GD and IW will register for online access to account asap.</p> <p>b. To note provisional CALC subscription for £2025/2026 - £257.72</p> <p>c. Draft CPC Expenses Policy and next steps</p> <p>d. To approve the following payments:</p> <p>i) Invoice from Archie Workman for Lengthsman work carried out as detailed £360</p> <p>ii) CPC Community Grant to Coniston and Crake Magazine £350</p> <p>iii) CPC Community Grant Green Sparks £200</p> <p>iv) HMRC Payment 2 (tax and NI) amount as yet unknown</p> <p>NB approval for Remembrance Wreath from October meeting not taken forward, service cancelled due to masonry issues at Rusland Church</p>	GD/IW
86/2024	<p>Correspondence (for information unless otherwise stated), consultations and meetings attended:</p> <p>a) Clerk and Cllr training bulletin and booking procedure</p> <p>b) Letter from Willam Hinchcliffe WFC Rights of Way Officer notifying the PC re</p> <p>i. Grizedale Stages Rally will take place on Saturday 7 December 2024 (in both the western and eastern sides of the forest)</p> <p>ii. Malcolm Wilson Rally on Saturday 8 March 2025 (Grizedale western side, Whinlatter Forest and Wythop</p>	

	<p>Woods). Wythop Woods will also be closed from 12:00 on Friday 7 March 2025 for event signage to be erected.</p> <p>c) Notification from CALC re Local Government Services Pay agreement 2024/25</p> <p>d) Notification re the cancellation of the Rusland Service of Remembrance scheduled for 3/11/24 and cancelled due concerns about the loose masonry at St Paul's Church Rusland</p> <p>e) Update re future of Rusland Horizons (joining with Cumbria Wildlife Trust)</p> <p>f) Notification of temporary road closure at High Nibthwaite 4th-9th November 2024</p> <p>g) Letter from Adam Sutherland Grizedale Arts requesting CPC support for funding application to install and refrigerated vending machine to facilitate the sale of fresh produce directly to the public</p> <p>h) Letter from Cllr Pender concerning safety whilst the work is undertaken at Rusland Mosses</p>	
87/2024	<p>Newsletter items:</p> <p>a) Winter ready campaign messages:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Winter Travel: Tips on staying safe and keeping updated with road and weather conditions. ii. General Health Advice: Guidance on staying well this winter, including information on 'Flu' and COVID-19 vaccinations. iii. Emergency Planning: Resources to help assess flood risk and prepare your community. iv. Cost of Living Support: Information about local 'warm spots' and assistance available for residents. <p>b) Sign up for Priority Services Register</p>	
88/2024	<p>Items for the next/future agenda</p> <p>For 20/1/25 Sara Spicer LDNPA to attend – Update re Rusland Mosses</p>	
89/2024	<p>Date and time of next meeting</p> <p>The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Monday 16th December at 7pm at Oxen Park Village Hall</p>	