

Colton Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

HELD AT RUSLAND READING ROOM ON 7 OCTOBER 2024

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

In attendance: a member of the public

61/2024	Apologies for Absence; Cllr Dickinson, CPO Paul Harris, Cllr Pender (W&FC)	Action by
62/2024	Minutes of Last Meeting; The Chair was authorised to sign the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 2 September 2024 as a true record of what was discussed	AB
63/2024	Declarations of interest in respect of items on this agenda: Cllr Abigail Bennett Item 8a	
64/2024	Requests for dispensations: None received	
65/2024	Public Participation a. Co-option of potential Parish Councillor(s): the Chair has approached one potential member b. Community participation: none c. Unitary Authority update: Cllr Pender not present d. LDNPA Update from Cllr Wharton. LDNPA has a new CEO, Gavin Capstick. Issues from PCs being explored and discussed regularly in future. LDNPA has developed a 'design code' for development. Cllr Wharton's role is to contribute to LDNPA decisions for the good of the park. Meeting 3 Dec 4-7 pm Coniston Institute, KW will attend. Any items to be raised at next CPC meeting in November	KW
66/2024	Update on actions from the previous meeting a. Lakeside noticeboard: Cllr Workman – awaiting letter to be sent to Lakeside Hotel for permission b. Noticeboard finalising list of responsibilities based on list circulated: finalised, list will be distributed c. Parish Clerk recruitment and proposals for training and mentoring; so far no applicant(s). Cllr Bennett to approach CALC again; affecting our performance d. Agreement on use of What's App: Cllr Wiley to be added e. Webmail vulnerability to spam and actions to address this: Cllr Oates and All f. Update on Rusland Mosses Cllr Wharton; 5 year restoration plan with Natural England, currently 'declining', an SSSI. LDNPA is the landowner. Surveys and consultation under way. Agreed to invite Sara Spicer (Ranger) to a meeting in future.	AB GD AB LD AB
67/2024	Communities, well-being and resilience a. Update and action plan re supporting local food bank appeals: WO has prepared a statement for the next newsletter. Now asking for cash donations (via a link) and	AB

	<p>food donations (boxes around the Parish). Posters to noticeboards in time for Christmas round</p> <p>b. Progress on updating EDI policy and next steps: Cllr Dudson & All – comments to Cllr Dudson and cc Cllr Bennett, policy for next meeting</p> <p>c. Temporary arrangements for Colton Link: Cllr Bennett. Agreed once a month for the time being, GD will do</p> <p>d. Consultation on the number of councillors, wards and ward names for Westmorland and Furness Council closing 4/11/24 https://www.lgbce.org.uk/all-reviews/westmorland-and-furness. Paper from ENMO suggesting we join with them, also need to respond to W&FC consultation. Any responses to AB by 16th October</p> <p>e. Grant application from Coniston and Crake Valley Parish Magazine – unanimously agreed £350 (NB CPC sets aside around £3K pa for community grants, which is often not spent).</p>	<p>ALL</p> <p>GD</p> <p>GD</p> <p>ALL</p> <p>ALL</p> <p>GD</p>
68/2024	<p>The climate emergency and our environment:</p> <p>a. Green Sparks – Plan for an interpretation board on Spark Bridge Village Green and Community Grant application. Cllr Bennett did not contribute to the decision. £250 grant unanimously agreed.</p>	GD
69/2024	<p>Highways:</p> <p>a. Update from CALC WFC meeting Highways & Local Councils 26/9/24: Cllr Workman, who outlined his role. Future arrangements for gritting, hedging etc may change, but not for now. No members of public are permitted to maintain, and the Lengthsman only on minor roads.</p> <p>b. Grit bins; list circulated. Agreement of who will check which grit bin required</p> <p>c. Issues for reporting to Highways (via HIAMS)</p> <p>d. Issues for reporting to the Parish Lengthsman; AW outlined his current workload</p>	GD
70/2024	<p>Housing and planning</p> <p>a. To consider and respond to the following planning applications:</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; 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; 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</p>	<p>AB</p> <p>AB</p> <p>AB</p>

	<p>October 2024; OBJECTING; IMPACT of Construction - fragile nature of environment and road; nature reserve.</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; SUPPORT</p> <p>v) FOR INFORMATION ONLY 7/2024/5460 Location: High End House, Finsthwaite, Ulverston, LA12 8BJ Proposal: 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: 27 September 2024</p> <p>b. Planning applications responded to, awaiting LDNPA decision:</p> <p>i) 7/2024/5292 at Hulleter Farm, Oxen Park, LA12 8HH. Construction of a steel portal framed building to cover an existing rough much midden.</p> <p>ii) 7/2024/5174 at The Old Vicarage, Colton, LA12 8HF. Alterations to an existing outbuilding. CPC NEUTRAL</p> <p>iii) 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) 7/2024/5398 at Yew Tree Cottage, High Ickenthwaite, Rusland, LA12 8LD. Flexible use as local occupancy dwelling or holiday let. CPC NEUTRAL. LDNPA REFUSED</p> <p>d. CPC representation at meeting with LDNPA Tuesday 3rd September 2024</p>	AB
71/2024	<p>Finance, Assets, Governance and Audit:</p> <p>a. Update on banking arrangements Cllrs Dudson and Wharton, suggested system for next meeting</p> <p>b. Payments were approved:</p> <p>i) Invoice for the use Oxen Park Reading Room £20</p> <p>ii) Invoice from Playsafe Ltd for the annual inspection of Bouth Village Playground £93.60</p> <p>iii) Purchase of a Wreath for the Remembrance Service at Rusland Church £20</p> <p>iv) Invoice from Archie Workman for Lengthsman work carried out as detailed £160</p>	GD GD/IW
72/2024	<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 member of the public offering his services for repairing potholes and response from Cllr Workman</p> <p>c. Update from South Windermere Sailing Club</p> <p>d. Email advice of the closure of C5024 The Causeway, from its junction with the U5218, extending in a south easterly direction for a distance of approx. 60 metres.for a period of up to 21 days from 25th September 2024</p> <p>e. Email advice of temporary Road closure in Lakeside 8/10/24 C5026 Lakeside, from its junction with Woodlands Close,</p>	ALL

	<p>extending in a northerly direction for a distance of approx. 240m.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> f. Invitation to ACT AGM 18/10/24 10 AM on Zoom g. Invitation to the Remembrance Service at Rusland Church 2.45pm Sunday 3rd November 2024 h. Email from Faye Wiley of Lifescape re Cumbria White Tailed Eagle Project Social Feasibility Study i. Email from Will Hinchliffe of LDNPA re proposed temporary closures of public rights of way for Grizedale Rally 7/12/24. Malcome Wilson Rally 7&8/3/25 j. Connecting Cumbria Newsletter from Mike Postle k. Letter from about contacting WFC re issues to do with waste collection - Correspondence nb the email address provided is for Cllr use only and not for sharing with the public 	
73/2024	Newsletter items: Food Bank, Grit Bins, clerk, reporting potholes etc	AB
74/2024	Items for the next/future agenda <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. CPC Emergency Planning b. Issues for meeting with LDPNA 3/12/24 – KW to attend 	All
75/2024	Date and time of next meeting The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Monday 11 November, Bouth Village Hall, 7 pm	