

COLTON PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting of Colton Parish Council to be held @ Bouth Village Hall on **Monday 31st March, 2025 at 7pm**. Members of the public welcome to attend. Email: clerk@coltonparishcouncil.org.uk

Signed *B Workman* (Locum Clerk)

AGENDA

- 1. Apologies:**
- 2. Minutes of Last Meeting:** To authorise the Chair to sign the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 24th February, 2025 as a true record.
- 3. Declarations of Interest:** To receive declarations of interest by members in respect of items on this agenda:
- 4. Requests for Dispensations:** The Clerk to report any requests received for dispensations to speak and/or vote on any matter where a member has a disclosable pecuniary interest
- 5. Public Participation:**
 - a. Community participation: any member of the public present who wishing to address the Council. (The Council may wish to consider a matter in more detail at a later date before making a full response)
 - b. Community Policing Update CPO Paul Harris
 - c. Unitary Authority update: Cllr Pender
 - d. LDNPA update: Cllr Wharton
- 6. Update on action from the previous meeting** (not covered elsewhere on the agenda and for information only):
- 7. Communities, wellbeing and resilience:**
 - a. Open Parish meeting arrangements.
 - b. Feedback from Emergency planning workshops and consideration of next actions.
 - c. To note update on Bouth play area
 - d. Colton Foodbank Appeal.
 - e. Update on Green Sparks
- 8. The climate emergency and our environment:**
 - a. To note Improvements in Coniston Waste Water Treatment plant
- 9. Highways:**
 - a. Lengthsman activity over the last month & any expected upcoming Issues: Cllr Workman
 - b. Streetworks meeting with Highways & road closures in the Parish update
 - c. To consider options/costs for noticeboards and approve purchase.
- 10. Housing and planning**
 - a. To consider and respond to the following planning applications:
7/2025/5102 – Broad Hawes, Colton - To install stand alone ground level mounted solar panels located behind outbuildings in rear garden area. 10 panels approximately 1722mm x 1134mm

x 30mm in size arranged in five arrays (5 x 2) mounted on proprietary metal support frames with access between and around. This installation will supplement the electricity supply for the existing heat pump installed in the property

7/2025/5036 – Broad Hawes, Colton - Variation of condition 4 (external walls) of planning permission 7/2020/5701 variation to render finish - ground floor single storey side extension and detached double garage with associated landscaping

b. LDNPA decisions- for information only:

7/2023/5357 – Nibthwaite Grange Farm – out door meeting shelter – LDNP REFUSE

7/2025/5029 – The Old Post House, Low Stott Park – 2 storey extension to replace one storey porch & new bay window. LDNP GRANTED CPC - NEUTRAL

7/2025/5038 – Fern House, Low Stott Park – Proposed installation of new package sewage treatment plant. LDNP GRANTED CPC - NEUTRAL

Awaiting LDNP Decision:

7/2024/5700 – School House, Finsthwaite – concreting to yards & roofing over feed areas in connection with Natural England catchment sensitive areas. CPC NEUTRAL

7/2025/5015 – Water Park, Nibthwaite – storage & workshop building CPC NEUTRAL

7/2025/5081 – Lake House, Lakeside – Retrospective application for external disabled access ramp from ground level to 1st floor balcony. CPC - NEUTRAL

11. Finance, Assets, Governance and Audit:

a. To approve the following payments: (invoices circulated)

- B Workman – Qtr 1 Salary
- B Workman – Qtr 1 expenses - £82.50
- HMRC – Qtr 1
- A Workman - £TBC (Lengthsman)
- CALC (training) - £180
- Bouth Village Hall £80

b. To note internal audit fees for 2024/2025 as £135.

c. To consider grant application from Tottlebank Baptist Church

d. To receive update on recruitment & recommendations from the Staffing & Finance Working group & approve next actions.

e. To approve S&FWG Terms of Reference and actions.

f. To approve reserves policy

g. Update on promotion of Councillor vacancies East ward

h. PC response to devolution consultation

i. To consider response to Electoral ward boundary 2nd consultation proposal

j. To consider response to W&F Council elections harmonisation proposal

k. To consider approval of sexual harassment policy

l. Cllr training and website info.

11. Correspondence (for information unless otherwise stated), consultations & meetings attended:

Defra consultation on land use

Neighbourhood policing pledge.

12. Newsletter items: ALL

13. Items for the next/future agenda

14. Date and time of next meeting.