

Coniston Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of Coniston Parish Council held in the Reading Room, Coniston Institute at 7.00pm on Monday 14th July 2014

Present: Cllr J R Carroll (Chair)
Cllrs –A Kelly, D Sharp, J Stoddart and A Hall (from 8.15pm)
Mrs J C Carroll - Clerk

In attendance: 2 members of the public

Minute Number		Action By
263/2014	<p>Apologies RESOLVED: Cllr Coxon as pre-arranged (see minute number 241/2014) & apologies received and accepted from Cllrs Batty (holiday) & Hall (attending another meeting)</p>	
264/2014	<p>Requests for Dispensations No requests received.</p>	
265/2014	<p>Declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests in respect of Agenda items Cllr Carroll – matters relating to Clerk’s salary All Councillors as Custodian Trustees of the Coniston Institute and Ruskin Museum.</p>	
266/2014	<p>Minutes of Meetings 16 June 2014 RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 16 June 2014 be approved as a true record and signed by the Chair.</p>	
267/2014	<p>Public Participation</p> <p><u>Police</u> <i>Post meeting note:-</i> PCSO Forrester gave her apologies due to work commitments and sent a brief report. There have been five crimes reported since the last Parish Council meeting and 26 non-crime matters that the police have dealt with.</p> <p><u>Cumbria County Councillor D Fletcher</u> No report received.</p> <p><u>South Lakeland District Councillor A Hall</u> No report received.</p> <p><u>Coniston & Torver Community Land Trust</u> Mr A Cameron gave an update. Barratt Croft is progressing with completion due in February. People need to be reminded to ensure their information is up to date on the choice based letting scheme. Project meetings are going well along with working with Home Group.</p> <p>St Andrews Youth Centre - the Diocese are working with the Lake District National Park Authority Planning Department about affordable and local need</p>	

	<p>homes for the site and have a housing association to take it on. The money from the sale will go to the church fund. It was noted that the site is a medium flood risk.</p> <p><u>Councillor attending the meeting about the future of the GP surgery</u> Cllr Carroll attended a meeting with the Friends of Coniston Medical Practice with Tim Farron MP, Dr Geddes (Head of Commissioning for England) and a member of the Area Team. There was no specific update and in North Yorkshire they have a District Nurse arrangement and we could look into that in this area. However, it was discussed that may not work for this area. Cllr Carroll explained Tim Farron MP would be in the best position to gain the funding Coniston Practice requires to stay open. Tim Farron MP is meeting Early Howe</p> <p><u>Public Participation</u> No comments.</p>	
268/2014	<p>Ongoing Issues and Actions from the Last Meeting</p> <p><u>To receive update from Highways on arranging a site meeting for the blocked drain near Tent Lodge</u> RESOLVED: Cllr Batty will contact Highways representative to progress when the appropriate weather shows the problem. KB</p> <p><u>To update on progress of installing planters with cycle stands in the playground on Lake Road</u> RESOLVED: Cllr Stoddart will organise the planters to be put together and planted up at the end of the summer. JS</p> <p><u>To update on the problem with rubbish on near the footpath from Old Furness Road towards the old railway bridge</u> RESOLVED: It was noted that no work has been carried out and the Clerk is to follow this up. JCC</p> <p><u>To update on a timescale for the works to be carried out to install new dropped kerbs by Cumbria County Council following the signing of a private works agreement</u> It was noted the Clerk put in a formal complaint to Cumbria County Council about the lack of communication about getting a timescale for the work to carried out on dropped kerbs. A response has been received but no date is yet set as they are awaiting a programmed start date from their engineer.</p> <p><u>To receive update on potential World War 1 commemorative events in the village</u> Cllr Hall left a note that the vicar is looking to have a village ‘lights out’ for an hour on 4th August at 11pm. The church will be open all day for prayers.</p> <p><u>To update on Cllrs comments on planning application 7/2014/5177 Cricket Pavilion, Yewdale Road, Coniston following site visit with Cricket Club</u> It was noted the Cricket Club plan to hold an open day / evening to inform people of the plans for the pavilion. RESOLVED: Cllrs did not change their views on their original comments made on the planning application.</p>	

	<p><u>To update on Highways problems in the parish</u></p> <p>It was noted the Clerk and Cllr Kelly are continuing to report Highways problems (including the flooding at Haws Bank from the bus shelter, poor road surfaces in certain areas, the request for white lining by Barclays Bank, wall at Dow How and wall at Lake Road) and that Highways are unable to give timescales of when work will be carried out.</p> <p>Cllrs noted there are no 30mph signs on Lake Road.</p> <p>It was noted the hedge from Coniston village towards Waterhead needs to be trimmed back to assist both pedestrians and vehicles.</p>	
269/2014	<p>Planning Applications</p> <p>No planning applications received.</p>	
270/2014	<p>Parish Plan</p> <p>Suggestions for subjects to work on:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cumbria Way Signage The additional signs are now in the process of being put up. • Dog Muck Signs RESOLVED: It was agreed additional signs would not limit the problem. It was suggested forwarding the idea of additional bins sponsored by local businesses through Coniston Business Forum. • Rubbish from car parks RESOLVED: Clerk and Cllr Kelly to contact Lake District National Park Authority about putting bins back into car parks. • Coach parking The Clerk has contacted Cumbria County Council about how to discuss having additional coach parking at the Far End Saw Mill and is awaiting a reply. There is a possibility of funding through Go Lakes Travel but there are certain criteria that would need to be met. • Litter generally Cllr Hall to obtain costs. • White lining on the Bridge near Barclays Bank Response awaited from the Highways Department. • Street lights RESOLVED: Cllr Kelly to progress this. • Benches Cllr Stoddart updated a survey of benches that was previously completed three years ago. RESOLVED: It was agreed Cllr Stoddart will look into contacting the families that own the benches about refurbishing them. • Village Maintenance Go Lakes Travel have confirmed they will not fund electric charging points for motorhomes as it does not fit with their objectives. • Youth There was discussion about affordable housing and how jobs are also required to ensure the youth of the village are retained in the village. There was brief discussion about how to encourage businesses to the area. 	<p>JCC</p> <p>JCC & AK</p> <p>AK</p> <p>JS</p>

271/2014	<p>Neighbourhood Plan A meeting will be held on Thursday 31 July 2014 at 7pm to discuss the Coniston Neighbourhood Plan and the future of it with Paula Allen from Lake National District National Park Authority.</p>	ALL
272/2014	<p>Parish Walk</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Verges at Far End It was noted the verges needed clearing and the drains need to be dug out and cleared. RESOLVED: Clerk to contact Highways. • Cllrs suggested the Far End Saw Mill Council Yard could be used for coach parking (see minute number 270/2014) • Shepherds Bridge Cllrs noted that work was still required to be carried out on the collapsed retaining wall of Shepherds Bridge. The Clerk contacted Lake District National Park Authority who is prepared to put some money towards the cost of repairs, quotes are £3,000. The National Trust state they do not own the bridge and therefore is unable to carry out repairs of a potential expensive nature. 	JCC
273/2014	<p>Local Area Partnership Meeting RESOLVED: Cllr Hall will attend.</p>	
274/2014	<p>Haws Bank Bus Shelter Refurbishment The Clerk applied for funding to Go Lakes Travel for refurbishment of the Haws Bank bus shelter but was turned down at their recent funding panel. RESOLVED: A representative from Go Lakes Travel has agreed to meet with a Cllr to see if the project can be progressed.</p>	
275/2014	<p>Councillor Matters Cllr Hall attended a meeting in earlier this evening about the future of the X12 service. It was suggested all the affected parishes looked into finding additional funding towards maintaining the service.</p> <p>Cllr Hall explained that there is money from District Council that can be used for the parish and it was suggested putting this towards the X12 service.</p> <p>There was brief discussion about what the potential proposals on Lands Field might include.</p> <p>The Cumbria Community Fundraiser for the Poppy Appeal is looking for a person to co-ordinate the Poppy Appeal in Coniston. If anyone is interested please contact the Clerk.</p> <p>There have been complaints about speeding traffic at Haws Bank and this will be reported to the police.</p> <p>It was noted the litter bins at Haws Bank has not been emptied recently.</p> <p>The National Trust need to be contacted about cutting back the hedge on the path</p>	

	<p>towards Waterhead when crossing the main road towards Pier Cottage which is becoming a safety issue for pedestrians.</p> <p>The Parish Council's safe which had been in the Institute was briefly discussed. The decision was taken to dispose of the safe and place any resulting monies.</p> <p>Coniston & Crake Catchment Partnership had put in a bid to the Heritage Lottery fund for grant towards a suite of projects in the area but unfortunately it was refused. However, the bid was a strong one and they were encouraged to reapply to another fund. They have now completed another submission totalling almost £600,000 encompassing further projects and including a fixed term project worker.</p> <p>Cllr Carroll had been invited to the launch of the new Land Management GCSE at John Ruskin School recently. This has had good uptake in the first year and is being part funded by a former pupil who is now CEO of a large pharmaceutical company.</p>	
276/2014	<p>Financial Matters <u>Receipts</u> RESOLVED: Cllrs confirmed receipt of the following:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bridge Toilets Collecting Boxes £54.71 	
277/2014	<p><u>Payments</u> RESOLVED: Cllrs authorised payment of the following:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clerk's Salary £317.15 • HMRC £79.40 • EON (Streetlights) – direct debit £73.12 • South Lakeland District Council (election costs) £647.93 • Stephen Airey £300.00 	
278/2014	<p>Correspondence RESOLVED: Cllrs noted the following correspondence:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Letter in relation to parking charge notice received at Ruskin Avenue, Coniston 	
279/2014	<p>Next Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monday 18 August 2014 7pm 	

Meeting closed at 9.52pm.