

Coniston Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of Coniston Parish Council held in the Reading Room, Coniston Institute at 7.00pm on Monday 16th March 2015

Present: Cllr D Coxon (Chair)
Cllrs – K Batty, A Kelly, J Stoddart and H Troughton
Mrs J C Carroll - Clerk

In attendance: 3 members of the public & Cumbria County Cllr D Fletcher

Minute Number		Action By
150/2015	<p>Apologies RESOLVED: Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Hall.</p> <p>Cllrs requested the Clerk pass on their condolences to Cllr Hall following her recent loss.</p>	
151/2015	<p>Requests for Dispensations No requests received.</p>	
152/2015	<p>Declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests in respect of Agenda items Cllr Coxon - Cllr Coxon – matters relating to Lake District National Park Authority (including car park management & Coniston Boating Centre) and events including planning application 7/2015/5049 Cllr Kelly – items in relation to Coniston Sports & Social Centre All Councillors as Custodian Trustees of the Coniston Institute and Ruskin Museum.</p>	
153/2015	<p>Minutes of Meetings 9 February 2015 RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 9 February 2015 be approved as a true record and signed by the Chair.</p>	
154/2015	<p>Public Participation</p> <p><u>Police</u> No report received.</p> <p><u>Cumbria County Councillor – D Fletcher</u> County Cllr D Fletcher explained that streetlighting will be upgraded to LED's but there is no clear timescale. The Parish Council reported it can take 7-8 weeks for a streetlight to be repaired and County Cllr D Fletcher explained this timescale is consistent although Parish Councilors are unhappy at this length of time.</p> <p>Highways are currently carrying out work at Hawkshead Old Road and work has been completed at Tent Lodge. Further potholes need to be reported at Lake Road and from the Catholic Church towards Spoon Hall.</p> <p><u>South Lakeland District Councillor – A Hall</u> Apologies received from District Cllr Hall.</p>	

	<p><u>Coniston & Torver Community Land Trust</u> Mr A Cameron stated there is no update on the proposals for Lands Field.</p> <p>Barratt Croft is currently under allocation and the number of applications suggested the five homes could have been let at least 3 times over. It was suggested the Parish Council could do a project to find land for additional homes and a further housing needs survey may need to be done to ensure current need is kept accurate.</p> <p><u>Public Participation</u> No comments.</p>	
155/2015	<p>Ongoing Issues and Actions from the Last Meeting</p> <p><u>To note when a meeting will take place for local people interested in self-build with the Planning Department of Lake District National Park Authority</u> Cllr Hall is working on this.</p> <p><u>To agree how the remaining funding allocated for verge maintenance will be spent</u> RESOLVED: Cllrs agreed saplings should be removed from Shepherds Bridge Lane and requested the Clerk to arrange this.</p>	AH
156/2015	<p>Planning Applications</p> <p><u>To report on the outcome of site visit on 23 February 2015 for planning application 7/2015/5025 - Croft Villa, Haws Bank, Coniston - Erection of rear extension to kitchen, dining room and basement, plus bay window to bedroom</u> RESOLVED: Cllrs agreed they have no objections.</p>	
157/2015	<p><u>7/2015/5049 - Coniston Boating Centre, Lake Road, Coniston - Extension of existing wooden hire jetty</u> RESOLVED: Cllrs agreed they have no objections.</p>	
158/2015	<p>RESOLVED: Cllrs noted the following Notices of Grants of Planning Permission:- 7/2014/5759 – The Barn, Atkinson Ground, Coniston – installation of domestic biomass boiler and flue pipe</p> <p>7/2014/5799 - High Cross, Hawkshead Hill, Hawkshead - Create 2.5m bridleway starting at High Cross SD 33234/98663 and finishing in the wood near Warton Tarn SD 33029/98826. The proposed route also includes a 1.5m wide wicket gate in the wall near the tarn and will link with the bridleway from Boon Crag</p>	
159/2015	<p>RESOLVED: Cllrs noted the following Notice of Express Consent Subject to Conditions 7/2014/5748 – Park Coppice, Park Gate, Coniston – two lectern-style interpretation panels</p>	

<p>160/2015</p>	<p>RESOLVED: Cllrs noted the following two letters from Lake District National Park Authority in relation to planning applications:-</p> <p>7/2015/5022 – Land adjacent to Barratt Croft, Coniston – confirmation of compliance of condition 3 on planning application 7/2013/5610 – landscaping</p> <p>7/2014/5600 - Land adjacent to Barratt Croft, Coniston – confirmation of compliance with conditions 7ii, 7iii, 7iv and 7v of planning consent ref 7/2013/5610 relating to external appearance of sheds, details of external lighting, external wall finish and paving details</p>	
<p>161/2015</p>	<p>Casual Vacancy South Lakeland District Council has confirmed no election is required and Coniston Parish Council can co-opt. RESOLVED: Clerk to advertise the vacancy with a deadline of 13th April.</p> <p>Cllr Coxon stated his intentions to resign in May 2015.</p>	
<p>162/2015</p>	<p>Parish Plan An updated version of the action points was circulated prior to the meeting by the Clerk who suggested producing a revised parish plan. RESOLVED: Cllrs agreed to produce a revised parish plan.</p>	
<p>163/2015</p>	<p>Neighbourhood Plan RESOLVED: Cllrs approved the Neighbourhood Plan and the documents with annexes will be forwarded onto the Lake District National Park Authority by 23 March 2015 for the next stage before Independent Examination. RESOLVED: Cllrs agreed the Clerk and Mr A Cameron to arrange for printed copies of the documents to be produced and available.</p>	
<p>164/2015</p>	<p>Councillor Matters</p> <p>Cllr Stoddart explained there is a continuing problem of flooding at Dow How from the field and also at Parkgate, Haws Bank.</p> <p>There is an ongoing problem of a large number of dog mess bags being left of footpaths, particularly from Coniston Hall towards Lake Road.</p> <p>Cllrs Kelly and Stoddart will arrange a date for a litter pick.</p> <p>Cllr Kelly is currently working on staining the bus shelter and also a bench from the playground.</p> <p>Cllr Troughton reported that additional ‘Resident Parking Only’ signs are required at Ruskin Avenue and Old Furness Road.</p>	
<p>165/2015</p>	<p>Financial Matters <u>Contractor for Bus Shelter & Toilets</u> RESOLVED: Cllrs confirmed the current contractor is to continue for another year.</p>	

<p>166/2015</p> <p>167/2015</p>	<p><u>Receipts</u> RESOLVED: Cllrs noted the following receipt:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • VAT Refund £1,517.32 • Lake District National Park Authority £90.49 • Bridge Toilets Collecting boxes £36.28 <p><u>Payments</u> RESOLVED: Cllrs authorised payment of the following:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clerk's Salary £323.40 • Clerk's Overtime (3hours) £27.19 • HMRC £87.65 • Stephen Airey £48.00 • Jon Oldham Construction Ltd (noticeboard) £122.10 • EON – street lighting February (direct debit) £62.77 • EON – street lighting March (direct debit) £56.70 • EON – Bridge toilets (direct debit) £37.29 • United Utilities £85.31 • Cumbria County Council £3,021.12 • South Lakeland District Council £469.86 (reimbursement of LAP funding held) • Ambleside Jewellers (Fishing Club trophy) £127.99 	
<p>168/2015</p>	<p>Correspondence RESOLVED: Cllrs noted the following correspondence:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Letter from HM Revenue & Customs re VAT Reference number - Letter from South Lakeland District Council re Casual Vacancy - South Lakeland District Council agenda 24 February 2015 - Affordable Rural Housing: a practical guide for parish councils - Clerks & Councils Direct Magazine March 2015 	
<p>169/2015</p>	<p>Next Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monday 20 April 2015 7pm 	

Meeting closed at 8.05pm.