

Coniston Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of Coniston Parish Council held in the Reading Room, Coniston Institute at 7.00pm on Monday 15th June 2015

Present: Cllr Kelly (Chair)
Cllrs –T Coward,A Hall, A Metcalfe, H Troughton and J Stoddart
J C Carroll - Clerk

In attendance: 6 members of the public, Coniston & Crake Catchment (Paul Chamberlain & Les Higgins), County Cllr D Fletcher, PCSO E Forrester

Minute Number		Action By
247/2015	<p>Chairman RESOLVED: Cllr Kelly signed the Chairman’s Declaration of Acceptance of Office.</p>	
248/2015	<p>Apologies RESOLVED: Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Batty.</p>	
249/2015	<p>Co-option of Parish Councillors A member of the public questioned the integrity of Councillors and the decision made filling the Casual Vacancies at the previous meeting. Cllrs explained the process was carried out legally. RESOLVED: Ms T Coward and Mr A Metcafe were welcomed as co-opted Councillors and signed the Declarations of Acceptance of Office. The Registration of Financial and other Interests forms were passed to them to complete and a Code of Conduct will be e-mailed.</p>	
250/2015	<p>Minutes of Meetings 18 May 2015 RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 18 May 2015 be approved as a true record and signed by the Chair.</p>	
251/2015	<p>Requests for Dispensations No requests received.</p>	
252/2015	<p>Declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests in respect of Agenda items Cllr Hall – declared an interest in matters relating to planning and will take no part in planning discussions. All Councillors as Custodian Trustees of the Coniston Institute and Ruskin Museum.</p>	
253/2015	<p>Portfolio holders for local subject areas RESOLVED: Cllrs were appointed as portfolio holders for the following local subject areas:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Playground – Cllr Coward • Housing – Cllr Hall • Bus shelters – Cllr Stoddart • Environment – Cllr Coward 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Street Lighting – Cllr Troughton • Village Maintenance – Cllr Metcalfe • Highways – Cllr Kelly • Bridge Toilets – Cllr Batty & Cllr Stoddart 	
254/2015	<p>Representatives to other bodies RESOLVED: Cllrs were appointed as representatives to the following:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crake Website- Cllr Troughton • Institute and Museum Committee – Cllrs on a rota basis • Coniston Water Association – Cllr Troughton • Coniston & Crake Partnership – Cllrs on a rota basis • Local Area Partnership (LAP) – Cllrs on a rota basis • Flood Forum – Cllrs on a rota basis • Coniston Sports & Social Club – no Cllr appointed • Friends of Coniston Medical Practice – Cllr Troughton / Kelly • Coniston & Torver Community Land Trust – Cllrs on a rota basis. 	
255/2015	<p>Public Participation</p> <p><u>Police</u> PCSO E Forrester reported there have been three crimes since the last meeting – 1 theft, 1 attempt burglarly and 1 public nuisance / exposure. There have been 18 non-crime matters dealt with by the police including - a suspicious object (mortar bomb in Torver), wall damage, suspicious person, suspicious vehicle, anti-social behaviour (off road bikes), mountain rescue incidents, highway disruptions and road related offence.</p> <p>PCSO Forrester would support a camera / CCTV in this area and a local resident offered to provide his building for the camera. Funding would need to be found for the system and the Police would maintain and install it.</p> <p><u>Coniston & Crake Catchment Partnership</u> Mr Higgins & Mr Chamberlain explained about the Coniston & Crake Catchment Partnership (CCCP) including its background from 2009 and it brings together the concerns of the whole community. The CCCP are entirely voluntary and receive back-up from South Cumbria Rivers Trust. A European Directive states that action should be taken to stop waters in places like the Lake District from getting worse. The organisation looks at problems like reductions in migratory fish including char and the increase in blue-green algae and weed growth along with the presence of non-native species (plants and fish). They monitor the situations, data collection, research, provide training for volunteers and habitat improvement. Further information at http://www.scrt.co.uk/coniston-and-crake-partnership/coniston-and-crake-catchment-partnership.</p> <p><u>Community Land Trust</u> Mitre Housing will be obtaining the lease for St Andrews Youth Centre and it will be for affordable housing. It was suggested a pre-planning meeting would be helpful for the residents who live down the lane to alleviate their concerns over the increase of traffic and upkeep of the lane.</p>	

	<p>The housing development off Yewdale Road is going ahead.</p> <p>The project at Lands Field will no longer be progressing as it is not economically viable.</p> <p>It was noted there is still a lot of work requiring completion at Barratts Croft and the housing association will be contacted.</p> <p><u>County Councillor D Fletcher</u> County Councillor Fletcher explained to get 'Residents Only' signs the relevant housing associations would need to be contacted.</p> <p>Coniston Parish Council has not had any contact with the local Highway Steward, Steve Harrison and County Cllr Fletcher suggested arranging a meeting to enable initial contact to be made. County Cllr Fletcher recommended Cllrs made a priority list of highways issues. It was noted the driver of the X12 service has noted many highways problems on their route which should be forwarded to the relevant parishes for action. White lines that were reported two years ago and still have not been reinstated, County Cllr Fletcher explained the list needs to be prioritised and it is only when budgets allow the work will be carried out.</p> <p><u>District Councillor A Hall</u> District Cllr Hall reported the dog warden has been in the area again checking to ensure people with dogs are picking up the dog muck and are carrying bags.</p> <p>District Cllr Hall has been given money to distribute between the parishes she assists and Coniston has £400.00 towards a project.</p> <p><u>Councillor attending the Local Area Partnership meeting on 2nd June</u> Cllr Troughton explained it was a good meeting and the items discussed included pharmacy funding, post 16 travel, Transparency Code and Broadband.</p> <p><u>Public Participation</u> Letter from resident received in relation to streetlights at Brow Steps and the potential health & safety issue. Cllr Kelly reported the lights, Cumbria County Council have been and fixed them but within a short space of time the lights go out again.</p>	
256/2015	<p>Ongoing Issues and Actions from the Last Meeting</p> <p><u>To receive update on plans for a village litter pick</u> RESOLVED: Cllrs Kelly and Coward will organise this.</p> <p><u>To agree a date for a Parish Walk at Haws Bank</u> RESOLVED: Cllrs to meet Tuesday 30th June at 6.30pm at Haws Bank and one of the problems to look at is the cause of the flooding by the bus shelter.</p> <p><u>To consider setting up a Finance Group</u></p>	

	<p>RESOLVED: Cllrs Metcalfe, Cllr Kelly and Cllr Stoddart will form Finance Group with the Clerk and will meet at the end of the summer after the external Audit results are received.</p> <p><u>To update on the repairs to the damage of the wall by the Bridge Toilets</u> Cllr Batty met with a representative from Hills Garage and agreed the stone wall needs reinforcing and they will contribute towards the cost. Quotes have been obtained and a contractor has been requested to carry out the work.</p> <p>RESOLVED: Cllrs agreed to contribute towards the cost of repairing the stone wall.</p> <p><u>To receive update on repairs to drain at Tent Lodge</u> Cllr Batty has been in contact with Highways and work will be done in the area before the end of August when they have obtained the necessary permission to work in a beck.</p>	
257/2015	<p>Planning Applications 7/2015/5278 - 17 Collingwood Close, Coniston - Proposed Rear Conservatory RESOLVED: Cllrs agreed they have no objections to the application.</p>	
258/2015	<p>RESOLVED: Cllrs noted the following Notices of Grant of Planning Permission:-</p> <p>7/2015/5150 – Coniston Sports & Social Centre, Shepherds Bridge Lane, Coniston – use of football pitch for camping</p> <p>7/2015/5049 – Coniston Boating Centre, Lake Road, Coniston – extension of existing wooden jetty</p>	
259/2015	<p>RESOLVED: Cllrs noted the following Notice of Express Consent Subject to Conditions:-</p> <p>7/2015/5144 – Yewdale Hotel, 2 Yewdale Road, Coniston – Erection of illuminated and non illuminated signs to the exterior of the building</p>	
260/2015	<p>Parish Plan RESOLVED: Cllrs agreed to have a Community Day on Sunday 5th July from 2-4pm and will invite local groups / clubs to attend. RESOLVED: Cllrs Hall and Troughton to draft a letter to potential groups / clubs and Clerk to draw up a list.</p>	
261/2015	<p>Neighbourhood Plan The Neighbourhood Plan is currently undergoing Independent Examination. The Examiner has come back with queries and we are in the process of replying to these.</p>	
262/2015	<p>Social Media Policy RESOLVED: Cllrs approved and adopted the Social Media Policy. It was noted Cllr Troughton has just set up the Coniston Parish Council Facebook page.</p>	

263/2015	<p>Lake District National Park Authority – Rusland Horizons Landscape Partnership Scheme This is a project run by Colton Parish Council and partly funded by Lake District National Park Authority. RESOLVED: Cllrs agreed to give £50 towards the project.</p>													
264/2015	<p>Display Board in Bus Shelter RESOLVED: Cllrs noted the display board placed by the Friends of X112 in the bus shelter at Ruskin Avenue.</p>													
265/2015	<p>Councillor Matters</p> <p>Cllr Hall updated Cllrs on the appointment to the new roles at the Ruskin Museum.</p> <p>Cllr Hall is going to London with a team to attend a conference on rural housing.</p> <p>There is a Community Fund at Lake District National Park Authority which can be applied to for funding.</p> <p>The plot of land owned by South Lakeland District Council did not sell at the recent auction and is has been suggested South Lakes Housing could purchase it for extra parking in the area.</p> <p>The X12 bus service is likely to need supporting financially for another 12 months. There is a series of walk leaflets using the X12 available from the Tourist Information Centre and recipe books are on sale.</p> <p>The sign for Church Field Close is missing letters and needs repairing.</p> <p>There are many saplings growing in the verges on the main roads out of the parish.</p> <p>The Tilberthwaite Avenue road sign at the junction with Old Hawkshead Road needs re-fixing to the post.</p>													
266/2015	<p>Financial Matters</p> <p><u>Receipts</u> RESOLVED: Cllrs acknowledged receipt of the following:-</p> <table data-bbox="276 1563 1369 1615"> <tr> <td>Bridge Toilets Collecting Boxes</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£34.28</td> </tr> </table>	Bridge Toilets Collecting Boxes	£34.28											
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	until confirmation is received a permanent repair is carried out to the faulty street lights at Brow Steps and Vale View	
268/2015	Correspondence RESOLVED: Cllrs noted the following correspondence:- - X12 leaflets of walks – available free at http://blueworksph.com/x12-and-no-11-walks/ , http://friendsofx112.org.uk/x112-walks/ or http://www.golakes.co.uk/travel/on-foot.aspx . - South Lakeland District Council agenda 20 May 2015 - Action with Communities in Cumbria – Good Neighbours Project	
269/2015	Next Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monday 13 July 2015 7pm 	

Meeting closed at 10.00pm.

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Signed & Approved by (Chair)