

## Coniston Parish Council

### Minutes of the meeting of Coniston Parish Council held in the Reading Room, Coniston Institute, Coniston at 7.00pm on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> August 2016

**Present:** Cllr T Coward (Chair)  
Cllrs – K Batty, J Carroll, A Hall, J Hart and M Swyer  
Clerk – J C Carroll

**In attendance:** Mr M Robinson of Carter Jonas

Minute Number		Action By
273/2016	<b>Apologies</b> <b>RESOLVED:</b> No apologies received.	
274/2016	<b>Requests for Dispensations</b> No requests received.	
275/2016	<b>Declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests in respect of Agenda items</b> All Councillors as Custodian Trustees of the Coniston Institute and Ruskin Museum.	
276/2016	<b>Minutes of Meeting 18<sup>th</sup> July 2016</b> <b>RESOLVED:</b> amendments will be made to the Minutes of 18 <sup>th</sup> July and approved at the next meeting.	
277/2016	<p><b>Public Participation</b></p> <p><u>Mr M Robinson of Carter Jonas re Rydal Estate Car Park at Fell Gate, Coniston</u> Mr Robinson explained he was previously at Coniston Parish Council meeting in January 2015 with a proposal for a 76 car park at Walna Scar / Fell Gate.</p> <p>The background is that five years ago Rydal Estates was approached by the Lake District National Park Authority (LDNPA) to try to resolve the parking problems at Fell Gate and the anti-social behaviour. The plans originally started with a 120 space car park, this was reduced to 76 and reduced again to 58 with a view to keeping the public in a confined area.</p> <p>As part of the pre-consultation process the views of Coniston Parish Council, Friends of Lake District, Cumbria Highways and the Commoners are taken into account. Both the Coniston Parish Council and Commoners would like a car park with as many spaces as possible.</p> <p>The LDNPA have in principal approved the 58 space car park plans in terms of size and specification. If planning is obtained for this then over three years Rydal Estates would like to extend the car park based on gaining evidence extra spaces are required when the car park is initially finished.</p>	

The car park would be pay & display, probably from 9am-9pm, although no figures for pricing have been finalised. It would be run by LDNPA who would collect the cash and maintain the machine.

Cllrs expressed concerns about if charges are introduced people would park on the passing places and in gateways on the Walna Scar road. It was also suggested having an honesty box as opposed to a pay & display machine.

Mr Robinson said it was possible that some of the revenue could be put back into the village or local charities, for example, the mountain rescue team.

Cllrs expressed concerns about the maintenance of the road to the Fell Gate car park.

It was suggested having a sign at the junction with Old Furness Road to warn people when the car park changes to pay & display.

The planning application will be going in this week. If approval is granted permission then has to be obtained from the Secretary of State with work possibly commencing Autumn 2017.

Cllrs enquired about the fishing rights currently for lease on Coniston through Carter Jonas. Mr Bowyer from Carter Jonas will be invited to the next meeting to explain.

#### Police

PCSO Forrester sent her apologies and a report by e-mail. Four crimes since the last meeting – a Sneak-in burglary of a dwelling, criminal damage to window of a property, theft of iPad from visitor's tent and theft of 2 x Ifor Williams trailers from Boating Centre.

The next Police Desk is on 13th October from 10-12 at Coniston Tourist Information Centre.

#### Coniston & Torver Community Land Trust

No report this month.

#### County Councillor D Fletcher

No apologies and no report received.

The Clerk is to contact the Liberal Democrat leader of Cumbria County Council expressing concerns about lack of reporting from County Cllr Fletcher.

#### District Cllr A Hall

District Cllr Hall explained SLDC had recently had a budget meeting. There is £1million in reserves, 26 of 51 Cllrs do not take expenses and £92,000 is received in recycling credits.

#### Public Participation

No public present.

<p><b>278/2016</b></p>	<p><b>Ongoing Issues and Actions from the Last Meeting</b></p> <p><u>To update on reviewing Coniston Emergency Plan &amp; obtaining resilience equipment</u>  Work on the resilience shed is awaiting Electricity North West to fell the trees by the substation near where the shed will be based.  Cllr Coward has telephoned nearly everyone on the plan to check all contact details are correct.</p> <p><u>To decide on which quote to proceed with between Cumbria County Council and another Contractor to repair the street lights at Brow Steps and Days Bank</u>  Cllr Troughton was not present at the meeting and there was no quote received from the Contractor.  <b>RESOLVED:</b> Cllr Swyer will take on this item and the Clerk will meet with her this Thursday to confirm the work required.</p> <p><u>To report on the meeting about the route of the Keswick to Barrow in Coniston Parish</u>  The meeting is to be held next week and a report will be made at the September Parish Council meeting.</p> <p><u>To report on the site visit to The Banks by Cumbria Highways on the state of the roads in the area</u>  Mr Hosking from Cumbria Highways explained that a site visit would be better planned in September due to holidays.  <b>RESOLVED:</b> Cllr Carroll to contact the Area Steward, Dave Sankey, to arrange a meeting.</p>	
<p><b>279/2016</b></p> <p><b>280/2016</b></p> <p><b>281/2016</b></p> <p><b>282/2016</b></p>	<p><b>Planning Applications</b></p> <p>7/2016/5494 - Rose Villa, Tilberthwaite Avenue, Coniston - Conversion of 4 bed house in to 2 flats. One being 1 bed, the other being 2 bed - retrospective  <b>RESOLVED:</b> Cllrs object as neither flat has a local occupancy clause.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> Cllrs noted the following Notices of Grant of Planning Permission:-  7/2016/5229 – 9 Beck Yeat, Coniston – two storey rear extension; alterations to windows on front elevation; insertion of a first floor window on the north west elevation</p> <p>7/2016/5287 - Waterhead Hotel, Coniston – conservatory extension with external terraces. Car park extension and additional landscaping</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> Cllrs noted the following Certificate of Lawful Use or Development:-  7/2016/5305 – Beech Tree House, Yewdale Road, Coniston – use as a private dwellinghouse</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> Cllrs noted a letter from Lake District National Park Authority re 7/2016/5323 - Hollin Brow, Coniston – non-material amendment to planning approval ref: 7/2015/5327 relating to the removal of rooflight over lounge</p>	

283/2016	<p><b>X112 Bus Service</b>  Cllr Hall explained they are trying to increase useage on the route to keep it viable. A sponsored walk has taken place and a monthly or yearly donation is being considered.  Cllr Hall is considering dividing up her District allowance with £100 to Skelwith, £500 to the Cricket Pavilion and £400 to X112.</p>	
284/2016	<p><b>Highways Issues</b>  There are channels needed on the Walna Scar road for the flow of water to go into the beck.   There are many saplings, particularly through Yewdale Woods to Tilberthwaite Road end. Highways have no budget for this and could not provide traffic control if we provided the Contractor.   There has been no hedge trimming for two years on the east side of the lake.</p>	
285/2016	<p><b>Coniston Parish Plan Revision</b>  The Reading Room and kitchen have been booked for the coffee morning on Saturday 17th September from 10 -12 to raise awareness of the Parish Plan and encourage people to get involved. Refreshments, advertisement and information on the day are still to be done.</p>	
286/2016	<p><b>Councillor Matters</b>  The rubbish collection on the Banks did not take place on Thursday and there are environmental health concerns.   It was queried if the banner on Lake Road was out of place.   The Copper Mines HLF Project events taking place on 3<sup>rd</sup> September are being advertised in the village.   It was noted the wall at the Bridge Toilets is not repaired yet.   There are concerns about the number of banners on the railings at the bridge by the bank.   People are becoming concerned at the increase in noise at nights, particularly from stag / hen / birthday parties. If there are any issues people are to telephone 101 for Cumbria Police non emergencies and report the problem.   The ticketing machine at Hawkshead Ferry is causing problems due to the ticket machine and no timetable.   It is acceptable to have barbed wire on the outside of the fence on the field at the bottom of Lake Road?   Playdale have done work on the swings in the playground which is why they were recently taped off to allow the repairs to set.</p>	

	<p>Cllrs expressed their concern at people with tents proposing to camp overnight in the playground.</p> <p>The issue of the step at Chapel Bank House has now been resolved.</p>	
<b>287/2016</b>	<p><b>Financial Matters</b></p> <p><u>Annual Return from BDO</u>  <b>RESOLVED:</b> Cllrs approved and accepted the Annual Return from BDO.  <b>RESOLVED:</b> Cllrs noted the only issue arising in the report was a box that had not been ticked and no further action is required.</p>	
<b>288/2016</b>	<p><u>Receipts</u>  <b>RESOLVED:</b> Cllrs noted the following receipts-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bridge Toilets Collecting boxes £68.08</li> <li>• Bridge Toilets Collecting boxes £168.49</li> </ul>	
<b>289/2016</b>	<p><u>Payments</u>  <b>RESOLVED:</b> Cllrs authorised payment of the following:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clerk's Salary £323.45</li> <li>• HMRC £80.80</li> <li>• EON – Bridge Toilets (by direct debit) £15.73</li> <li>• Stephen Airey £320.00</li> <li>• BDO (external audit) £120.00</li> </ul>	
<b>290/2016</b>	<p><b>Correspondence</b>  <b>RESOLVED:</b> Cllrs noted the following e-mails:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CALC – CALC Circular July/August; Paperwork for Next District Association Meeting - Thursday 8th September 2016; Friday Round Up; Being a Good Employer</li> <li>• LDNPA - South Distrinctive Area Day Meeting - Thursday 29 September</li> <li>• CCC – South Lakeland Flood Factsheet</li> <li>• LAP - Local Area Partnership Flooding Conference: Thursday 24 November</li> <li>• Hawkshead Parish Council – agenda 19 July; minutes 19 July</li> <li>• Lakes Parish Council – plans agenda 20<sup>th</sup> July; minutes 6 July; agenda 3 August</li> <li>• Colton Parish Council – minutes 6<sup>th</sup> June; agenda 18<sup>th</sup> July</li> <li>• Environment Agency – Flood Volunteer free training sessions</li> <li>• Rusland Horizons – your chance to find out more</li> <li>• Minerva Heritage Ltd – Coniston Copper Days</li> <li>• YHA Coniston – Curry Lovers Event</li> <li>• Coniston Sports &amp; Social Centre – AGM minutes</li> </ul> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> Cllrs noted the following correspondence:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• South Lakeland District Council agenda 26<sup>th</sup> July 2016</li> <li>• Tim Farron MP Summer Surgery Tour 2016</li> </ul>	
<b>291/2016</b>	<p><b>Next Meeting</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2016 7pm</li> </ul>	

Meeting closed at 8.55pm.

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Signed & Approved by (Chair)