

## Coniston Parish Council

### Minutes of the meeting of Coniston Parish Council held in the Reading Room, Coniston Institute, Coniston at 7.00pm on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2017

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

**In attendance:** Mrs Sara Spicer, Area Ranger South, Lake District National Park Authority,  
County Cllr D Fletcher and 6 members of the public

Minute Number		Action By
100/2017	<b>Apologies</b> <b>RESOLVED:</b> Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Hart (holiday).	
101/2017	<b>Requests for Dispensations</b> No requests received.	
102/2017	<b>Declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests in respect of Agenda items</b> All Councillors as Custodian Trustees of the Coniston Institute and Ruskin Museum.	
103/2017	<b>Minutes of Meeting 19<sup>th</sup> December 2016</b> <b>RESOLVED:</b> that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 19 <sup>th</sup> December 2016 are approved as a true record and signed by the Chair.	
104/2017	<b>Public Participation</b>  <u>Sara Spicer, Area Ranger South, Lake District National Park Authority</u> Mrs Spicer explained the ranger team have been working on the after effects of Storm Desmond in December 2015. It is mainly the north area that has been affected and a grant has recently been received from the Rural Payments Agency for £3million to provide a dedicated team for 18 months to work on flood affected paths. There was minimal damage in this area.  There are 104 km of Rights of Way in Coniston parish, 83km of this is footpaths. The next Rights of Way survey is due in 2018/19. In the meantime any reports of problems are dealt with as necessary. Recently a few issues at Black Beck have been dealt with, in the Lane Head area by replacing gates, resurfacing near Monk Coniston and also resurfacing at Pier Cottage.  There is still work to be carried out on surface wash out towards Rowlinson Ground and the Outrake path where they will be working with the landowner. The issues the Parish Council have raised about the path behind Thurston Bank the LDNPA cannot assist with as it is not a Right of Way. Mrs Spicer will send through the forms to apply for it to be made a Right of Way.	

Other paths Cllrs had noted that needed attention are:- Tarn Hows towards Oxen Fell, drainage issues at Hodge Close, and near Beacon Tarn.

The LDNPA have been working the National Trust on the first phase of resurfacing and drainage issues for the paths used by the Keswick to Barrow walk. The permanent solution of upgrading the footpath that runs alongside the A593 from Oxen Fell to Yew Tree Tarn is currently on the wish list with no funds allocated. It was noted that Keswick to Barrow had offered to contribute towards the path as it was positive for the community and the sustainability of the walk.

The south and west field teams have relocated to Haverthwaite with Rusland Horizons staff.

The LDNPA has been working with other organisations on illegal off road driving in the area. People are reminded to call 101 (Police non-emergency No.) with details of where, when, any registration numbers and descriptions if they see this.

The Lake District Communities Fund is available for local projects. John Ruskin School recently put in an application for a new fence across the school grounds to mark off the right of way & a new hedge. The scheme will continue into the next financial year.

There have been staff changes at Coniston Boating Centre with David Coxon having left and his replacement, Simon Hill started on 3<sup>rd</sup> January. Simon is in charge of the Boating Centre, toilets and car parks.

A Cllr raised the point that the overflow car park at the Boating Centre has been used for storing trailers and boats for more than 28 days which is against LDNPA policy. Mrs Spicer noted this.

There was discussion about the problem of a lack of footpath at Park Gate from the old railway line to the access to the field leading to Park Coppice. It was suggested additional obvious signage directing pedestrians onto the old railway line footpath would assist.

A Cllr questioned if a Coniston Way could be created like an Ullswater Way has been. This would be good for the village and to take pedestrians off the road. Neighbouring parishes would have to be consulted. It was noted that currently to walk to Brantwood from the village requires walking on the road for part of the time.

#### Police

PCSO Forrester sent her apologies and a report. There have been 0 crimes and 0 logs to note. The next Police desk on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February from 10 – 12 at The Library. There was a recent attempted break in at Broughton-in-Furness to steal quad bikes – reminder for people to check security at all out buildings and sheds. PCSO Forrester can provide crime prevention advice. A reminder if anyone sees illegal off road driving please call 101 with details of when, where, descriptions and any registration numbers. Police are working in partnership with the various land owner agencies to educate and prosecute where they can. The

	<p>next multi-agency operation (scheduled for February) is due to be filmed by BBC Inside Out.</p> <p><u>Coniston &amp; Torver Community Land Trust</u> No update.</p> <p><u>County Councillor D Fletcher</u> Due to the festive break there has been little happen over the last few weeks. Dave Fletcher has chased up the white lines and been told by Highways that they are down to be done as part of a package although there are no guarantees of when they will be done. He will contact the Assistant Director, Dominic Donnini (<a href="mailto:dominic.donnini@cumbria.gov.uk">dominic.donnini@cumbria.gov.uk</a>) about this long outstanding issue and the Parish Council will also write a letter.</p> <p>Cumbria County Council (CCC) will be discussing their budget and their reduced amount from government grants along with the possible increase for adult social care.</p> <p>A site visit has not yet taken place at The Garth to look at solutions for slowing traffic and residents only parking.</p> <p>County Cllr Fletcher has been and looked at the LED street lights on Lake Road and notes that it is poorly lit by the playground. He will contact the relevant person in CCC.</p> <p>Cllr Hall has found information under the Freedom of information Act from the Department of Transport that £85,000 was returned to them from CCC for subsidising bus routes. Co. Cllr Fletcher explained this was due to a CCC decision to stop directly subsidising bus services. At the time out of the 80+ routes that were subsidised about 68-70 services continue to run. CCC have made minibuses available and supported other community schemes although there has been problems getting drivers.</p> <p><u>District Cllr A Hall</u> District Cllr Hall explained that like County Cllr Fletcher little had happened recently with the festive break. There are schemes locally that have received free heating systems through SLDC and these will be completed by February.</p> <p><u>Public Participation</u> Further information was requested on the fitness equipment for older people at Little Moss mentioned in the previous minutes. Cllr hall explained she went to the AGM of Cumbria Association of Local Councils (CALC) and grants for up to £10,000 were available for fitness equipment for the elderly. The project is still in progress and it was suggested the equipment could be located at the Sports &amp; Social Club where as part of their exercise class for the over 60's people could be supervised using it.</p>	
105/2017	<p><b>Ongoing Issues and Actions from the Last Meeting</b></p> <p><u>To update on reviewing Coniston Emergency Plan &amp; obtaining resilience</u></p>	

	<p><u>equipment</u> Cllr Coward explained she has received an e-mail from the Police requesting an updated version of the Coniston Emergency Plan. She will have to go through and replace Mr Coxon's name now he has left the LDNPA.</p> <p><u>To update on the work to be carried out on the streetlight at Cat Bank</u> Cllr Swyer has been struggling to get in touch with the Contractor. <b>RESOLVED:</b> Cllr Troughton will contact the Contractor.</p> <p><u>To update on progress of adding any additional gullies to the Coniston Parish Council map for Cumbria Highways</u> There are 854 gullies in Coniston parish with 280 in the village. 30 of the ones on the map are apparently not owned by Cumbria Council County. <b>RESOLVED:</b> The map is to be given to Bob Airey to add any more gullies to it.</p> <p><u>To update on the request for LDNPA to put a correction in the Westmorland Gazette following their article in the paper on 3rd November 2016</u> Cllr Hall had informal verbal communication from Kerry Powell of LDNPA that she will not be responding to our latest letter although the Parish Council has received no communication to this effect. <b>RESOLVED:</b> Cllrs will write to the Westmorland Gazette to clarify the situation, explain the position has tried to be resolved but that the Parish Council feels it has been misrepresented in the article.</p>	
<p><b>106/2017</b></p> <p><b>107/2017</b></p>	<p><b>Planning Applications</b></p> <p>7/2016/5685 - Land off, Yewdale Road, Coniston - Development of 6 local occupancy dwellings (resubmission of 7/2015/5125) Note: previously commented on by Coniston Parish Council at meeting on 7th November 2016</p> <p>7/2016/5661 - Land off Yewdale Road, Coniston - Seven affordable units Note: previously commented on by Coniston Parish Council at meeting on 21st November 2016</p> <p>There was general discussion about these two planning applications and if the two applications are linked. <b>RESOLVED:</b> Cllrs approved both applications <u>provided</u> that both schemes are linked together and it is legally binding they are both built.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> Cllrs noted the following Notices of Grant of Planning Permissions:-</p> <p>7/2016/5657 – How Farm, Days Bank, Coniston – Change of use of house annex into a local needs dwelling</p> <p>7/2016/5700 – 10 Vale View, Coniston – stone built and rendered garden store with reclaimed local green slate roof</p>	

<p><b>108/2017</b></p>	<p>7/2016/5581 – Meadow House, Coniston – single storey lean-to extension conversion of outbuildings into annexed accommodation, new first floor gable window to house  <b>Action:</b> Cllrs requested the Clerk obtain feedback from LDNPA on the reasons for approval.</p> <p>7/2016/5576 – Greenburn Beck, Little Langdale – hydro scheme consisting of a small stone powerhouse, buried pipeline and intake within Greenburn beck</p> <p>7/2016/5643 – Line Cottage, Park Gate, Coniston – Erection of a replacement garage and hardstanding</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> Cllrs noted a letter from Lake District National Park Authority dated 4 January 2017 re 7/2016/5763 – St Andrews Diocesan Youth Centre, Coniston re approval of details reserved by condition nos 8, 9 and 10 on approval ref 7/2016/5152 (drainage details)</p>	
<p><b>109/2017</b></p>	<p><b>Royal Garden Party at Buckingham Palace</b>  <b>RESOLVED:</b> Cllrs nominated Cllr Coward for a place at the Royal Garden Party at Buckingham Palace on 23rd May 2017 through CALC.</p>	
<p><b>110/2017</b></p>	<p><b>Highways Issues</b>  The issues at Far End with a puddle forming outside a person’s front door have been reported.</p> <p>There are concerns at the structural condition of Bank Terrace. The Clerk received an e-mail from Peter Hosking of CCC that no work is due to be carried out in the area. County Cllr Fletcher will use his contacts to investigate further. It was suggested that photographs be taken as a record of the problem.</p> <p>All the work that was going to be carried out at the Banks and Lake Road has been done. Clerk to thank those involved at Highways.</p> <p>It was noted gullies need emptying, particularly on Walna Scar Road and Station Road.</p> <p><u>To review the completed Local Important Project application form from South Lakeland District Council for funding towards a Lengthsman</u>  <b>RESOLVED:</b> Cllrs approved the form and Clerk to send it off.</p>	
<p><b>111/2017</b></p>	<p><b>Coniston Parish Plan Revision</b>  The Clerk is in the process of collating the questionnaires and once this is complete a meeting will be planned to discuss the results.</p> <p>The prize draw for the meal will take place in February.</p>	
<p><b>112/2017</b></p>	<p><b>Keswick 2 Barrow Walk 6th May 2017</b>  <b>RESOLVED:</b> Cllrs noted the local road closures for this years’ Keswick to Barrow walk on 6<sup>th</sup> May 2017:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Shepherds Bridge Lane – road C5005 0600 – 1330</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Stang End – unclassified / greenway between Stang End and its junction with A593 – 0800 – 1300 hours</li> </ul>							
<b>113/2017</b>	<p><b>Battle's Over - A Nation's Tribute 11th November 2018</b>  <b>RESOLVED:</b> Cllrs agreed to have a beacon at Maundry Bank in commemoration of World War I.</p>							
<b>114/2017</b>	<p><b>Councillor Matters</b>  The residents of Little Moss Close are unhappy at the amount of dog muck in the area. There are leaflets at Wards newsagents on how to report this and people are encouraged to do this.</p> <p>There are street signs in the Barratt Croft / Little Moss area that need replacing. The street sign at the top of Lake Road has still not been replaced.</p> <p>People have been asking when the RAF flyby did not happen during the Donal Campbell 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary commemorations. It was noted the anniversary was a very good few days for the village with a good turnout at the memorial and media coverage. The Campbell Memorial looks much better after having work carried out on it.</p> <p>The Clerk confirmed the cost for street lights paid by the Parish Council is only for those owned by the Parish Council which is mainly those on Brow Steps footpath.</p> <p>The long term of the economics in Coniston needs to be looked at with the business forum due to empty shops and the influence of buying on the internet. It was noted the stone wall at the Crown needs to be tidied up.</p> <p>The rubbish outside Goulds Cottage is still there.</p> <p>It was noted a man has been sleeping rough in the graveyard / cemetery.</p> <p>The vegetation is so overgrown on Shepherds Bridge Lane that pedestrians have to walk in the road to avoid it.</p> <p>The new garage at Line Cottage needs to ensure the drain clear is clear before and after the new garage footings go in.</p>							
<b>115/2017</b>	<p><b>Financial Matters</b>  <u>To confirm the precept for 2017/18 and complete and sign the precept form (PP2 form)</u>  <b>RESOLVED:</b> Cllrs agreed the precept is to increase to £20,500.00 to allow for funding a lengthsman.</p>							
<b>116/2017</b>	<p><u>Payments</u>  <b>RESOLVED:</b> Cllrs authorised payment of the following:-</p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">• Clerk’s Salary</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£326.50</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">• HMRC</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£81.60</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">• EON – Streetlights (December)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£126.45</td> </tr> </table>	• Clerk’s Salary	£326.50	• HMRC	£81.60	• EON – Streetlights (December)	£126.45	
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<b>117/2017</b>	<p><b>Correspondence</b></p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> Cllrs noted the following e-mails:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CALC – CALC Circular for December and January; use of speed indicating devices; Cumbria CVS Events Emergency planning</li> <li>• Cumbria County Council -</li> <li>• SLDC - BT Phone Box Consultation; Annual Review of SLDC Constitution 2017; BT Proposed Payphone Removals</li> <li>• LAP – 2016 LAP Newsletter and Flooding Factsheet</li> <li>• Lakes Parish Council – minutes 7th December, agenda 11th January</li> <li>• Torver Parish Council – minutes 1December, agenda 12th January</li> <li>• Blawith &amp; Subberthwaite – minutes 14th November, minutes 5th December, agenda 9th January</li> </ul> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> Cllrs noted the following correspondence:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Letter from Great North Air Ambulance thank you for the donation</li> <li>• Clerks &amp; Councils Direct Magazine January 2017</li> </ul>	
<b>118/2017</b>	<p><b>Next Meeting</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2017 7pm</li> </ul>	

Meeting closed at 9pm.

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Signed & Approved by (Chair)