

Coniston Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Coniston Parish Council held in the Reading Room, Coniston Institute, Coniston at 7.00pm on Monday 20th August 2018

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

In attendance: County Cllr M Brereton and 3 members of the public

Minute Number		Action By
249/2018	Apologies RESOLVED: No apologies.	
250/2018	Requests for Dispensations No requests received.	
251/2018	Declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests in respect of Agenda items All Councillors as Custodian Trustees of the Coniston Institute and Ruskin Museum.	
252/2018	Minutes of Meeting 16th July 2018 RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 16 th July 2018 were approved as a true record and signed by the Chair.	
253/2018	<p>Public Participation</p> <p><u>PCSO D Ross</u> PCSO Ross sent her apologies with a report. There were 14 calls for service in the Coniston area since the last meeting. These break down as follows:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 Concerns for safety, including Mountain Rescues • 1 Road traffic collision – damage only • 1 Incident of Anti-Social Behaviour • 1 Suspicious incident • 3 Highway disruptions • 1 Theft of cones and fencing recorded as a crime (repeat incident) • 1 Crime of assault – domestic related • 1 Burglary, non-dwelling – unsuccessful attempt made to enter a boathouse. <p>The date for next Police Desk at Coniston Library is Wednesday 19th September 2018 from 10am – 12 noon.</p> <p><u>County Councillor – Matt Brereton</u> County Cllr Brereton confirmed due the time of year there is little to report. The Tour of Britain preparations are underway and he has put money aside from his budget towards the issue of the narrow roadway between Adams Bridge and the Ship.</p>	

	<p>County Cllr Brereton suggested that the parking enforcement team are contacted about parking issues in Coniston, particularly when there is an event on.</p> <p><u>District Councillor – Anne Hall / Tracy Coward / Matt Brereton</u> SLDC are looking at rural transport.</p> <p><u>Coniston & Torver Community Land Trust</u> Cllr Troughton reported that the utilities are currently being put in for the local occupancy houses in the Oak Howe field. These houses will not be built until the affordable ones are started in Church Room Field, hopefully in September.</p> <p>An annual housing need survey can now be carried out based on people listed on Cumbria Choice Based letting.</p> <p>The CLT are doing an up-to-date list of houses not permanently occupied in Coniston, at the last count it was 52%</p> <p>The LDNPA Local Plan including two sites for future housing and employment – Low Gateside Field and near Thwaites.</p> <p><u>Cllrs attending the Institute Committee meeting</u> Meeting for August was cancelled.</p> <p><u>John Moffat – General Manager, South Lakes, National Trust</u> John Moffat sent a report by e-mail:- works have started to deal with the Phytophthora outbreak around Tarn Hows and there are a lot of trees to come down. There will be an impact on access and footpaths while the work is being completed and as far as possible it will be completed by end of September before the trees start to spore again.</p> <p><u>Public Participation</u> There was a question about how sites are put forward to LDNPA for housing and employment for the future.</p>	
254/2018	<p>Ongoing Issues and Actions from the Last Meeting</p> <p><u>To report on progress of Coniston’s events for the Tour of Britain in September Cycle Race</u> Five bikes were obtained from Ambleside tip and some of these have been distributed to businesses for the “Best Dressed Bike Competition”. There are more available if required. Businesses are encouraged to have them on display as soon as possible. There is also a Land Art competition. It was suggested the Monday night youth club could decorate some bike wheels for placing on the route. A cycle challenge event will take place on Campbell Memorial with Evans Cycles. Cllr Troughton will put this on social media before the event. Cllrs will have another meeting to finalise details on Wednesday 29th August at 6pm, venue to be confirmed.</p>	

	<p><u>To update on repairs required to the street lights on Days Bank</u> Cllr Carroll reported he has been unable to contact the local contractor for an update.</p> <p><u>To update on arranging a meeting with the Lake District National Park Authority Planning Department on concerns raised over planning matters</u> The Clerk will contact LDNPA at the end of the summer.</p> <p><u>To receive update on the planned car park at Fell Gate / Walna Scar</u> Clerk just received an e-mail today confirming that the Secretary of State has granted permission. The document will be circulated.</p> <p><u>To receive quote on repairing existing benches in Coniston</u> Cllr Coward confirmed she is awaiting the quote.</p> <p><u>To receive a draft policy for benches in Coniston</u> Cllr Coward is working on this.</p> <p><u>To receive draft guidelines for events held in Coniston</u> Cllr Troughton circulated the draft for comment. Cllrs will consider it and review it at the next meeting. It will also need to be considered how it fits in with the event guidance from Cumbria County Council. It is to be used to make a positive approach for events in the area.</p>	<p>JRC</p> <p>JCC</p> <p>TC</p> <p>TC</p> <p>HT</p>
<p>255/2018</p> <p>256/2018</p> <p>257/2018</p> <p>258/2018</p>	<p>Planning Applications</p> <p>No planning applications.</p> <p>RESOLVED: Cllrs noted the letter withdrawing planning application:- 7/2018/5318 - Proposed new container - Hills Garage, Coniston</p> <p>RESOLVED: Cllrs noted the following Notices of Grant of Planning Permission:- 7/2017/5772 – Fell Side, Little Arrow, Coniston – single storey rear extension & reroofing of annex to front of property 7/2018/5255 – 3 Devonshire Terrace, Coniston – dormer window to front elevation 7/2018/5256 – Park Coppice, Park Gate, Coniston – installation of a wardens welfare pod 7/2018/5231 – Thurston House, Coniston – installation of new PVC bay window to front of house incorporating 4 vertical pre-cast concrete mullions</p> <p>Highways <u>To review the work required to tidy up highways in Coniston and agree who can carry out tasks in the absence of a Lengthsman Agreement</u> Cllr Swyer confirmed the contractor will be clearing more saplings on 11th</p>	

	<p>September.</p> <p><u>To receive a report from Councillors attending the Working Together Engagement Session with Cumbria Highways today</u> Cllrs Carroll and Swyer reported it was a positive meeting. To date there is a combination of different agreements with Parish Councils and lengthsman around the county. There were different organisations came together to discuss progressing this. A framework will be coming out with a full-time project officer with legal help and a budget.</p> <p><u>To update on grants applied for towards new flower planters</u> The Clerk has applied for funding towards new planters for the village and is awaiting a decision.</p> <p><u>To update on other Highways issues in the Parish</u> A tidy up is required at Haws Bank.</p> <p>There has been a tree across the footpath on the way to the lake below the road bridge.</p> <p>There is water on the footpath between Park Coppice to Park Gate with people walking on the higher ground to avoid it. There is also a lot of water coming down from the footpath above Outrake.</p> <p>The water leak on Lake Road has been finally repaired and all the grids cleaned.</p>	
<p>259/2018</p>	<p>Councillor Matters</p> <p>Barclays Bank in Coniston will be closing on Friday 7th December. Barclays are willing to help with the transition and the Post Office will be able to offer some services. It was considered making the building a Community Asset.</p> <p>There is a problem with overgrown vegetation on Devonshire Terrace. The cliff face will be cleared by LDNPA before the end of the year.</p> <p>There have been several occasions where rubbish has been found in Guards Wood and the National Trust need to be made aware.</p> <p>The majority of comments about the recent Lakeland 100 event were positive.</p> <p>SLDC have offered another tree for the Campbell Memorial and if the Parish Council would like the last transferred to them. It was noted the Parish Council would then have to pay for the grass cutting. It was suggested that the existing tree stump be removed.</p> <p>Cllr Coward is working on having a Christmas Tree at the Campbell Memorial and battery powered lights would be required.</p> <p>There are signs in the village indicating the ferry on Windermere and these need to be masked off by Cumbria County Council whilst the ferry is out of action.</p>	

	<p>A parking space has been made at Gould Cottage and there are safety concerns from a highways perspective. In the same area the parking of vehicles immediately outside the chip shop is causing highways issues.</p> <p>Cllr Carroll will be having a meeting to progress the Coniston Round leaflet.</p> <p>Yew Tree Tarn is now full of water again but the fishing club cannot afford to restock it.</p> <p>Other villages have poppy plaques relating to those who lost their lives in World War 1 and it was suggesting having these on the railings at the TIC garden. Further investigation is required.</p> <p>Cllr Carroll has suggested that Coniston could become a pilot through Cumbria Community Foundation for a Second Home Fund Scheme. This would involve people who have second homes or holiday lets donating a weeks income towards local schemes for the benefit of the community. The key would be keeping the money local.</p> <p>Cllr Coward has ordered “No Dogs” signs for the playground.</p> <p>Silhouettes for church – funding for 10. Beacon is at 7pm on 11th November.</p> <p>Due to the number of users at the Bridge Toilets the facilities are not always in the condition the Parish Council would like to see.</p>	
<p>260/2018</p> <p>261/2018</p> <p>262/2018</p>	<p>Financial Matters</p> <p>RESOLVED: Cllrs noted the financial summary from April to June</p> <p><u>To note receipt of the following:-</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bridge Toilets £366.00 <p><u>Payments</u></p> <p>RESOLVED: Cllrs authorised payment of the following:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clerk’s Salary £336.22 • Clerk’s Expenses £2.80 • HMRC £84.20 • Stephen Airey £417.00 • EON – street lighting £157.19 • EON – Bridge Toilets £15.86 • Thomas Graham £79.61 • Thomas Graham £103.10 • St Andrew’s PCC Coniston (VC plaque) £205.00 • Coniston Institute (VC plaque) £50.00 • WaterPlus (Bridge Toilets) £333.69 • Lake District National Park Authority (wayleave) £1.00 • Coniston Mountain Rescue Team (room hire) £45.00 	

263/2018	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>RESOLVED: Cllrs noted the following e-mails:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CALC – CALC Annual General Meeting 2018; CALC Newsletter July edition; Problems opening planning applications at LDNPA; Friday round up; Paperwork for District Association meeting on Thursday 20th September from 7pm at Gilpin Bridge Inn, near Levens; Warning re trees in drought; Call for evidence: Rural Economy; Call to action: Join our Rally Sat 4th August; Notes of June LDNPP meeting – draft; Friday round up; ACT's Cumbrian Ceilidh; Safeguarding information posters • Cumbria CVS - Manual Handling Training; Volunteer Manager Training - Understanding and effecting real change for success in volunteer involvement; Big Advice Day - 16 August 2018; Cumbria CVS - Volunteer Training and next County Volunteering Network Meeting; Working Together for Cumbria; A Funding Discovery Session; Cumbria Action for Health Network news (9 August 2018); Join us on our first Big Advice Day on 16 August 2018; Cumbria CVS Ebulletin • SLDC – Link to SLDC Council Agenda for Meeting on Tuesday, 24 July 2018; Letter from the Solicitor to the Council on behalf of the Independent Remuneration Panel • LDNPA - LDNPA Change to Planning Consultation; Event Notification: Dig Deeper - 21 September 2018 • CCC - Fire Service Consultation event; Positive News : Blueworks Service 11 / X12 / X70 • Torver Parish Council – minutes 7th July • Hawkshead Parish Council – agenda 17th July; minutes 17th July • Lakes Parish Council – minutes 4th July; minutes 18th July; agenda 1st August • WW! Beacons of Light • Lakeland Trails in Coniston 22nd September • National Trust - National Trust press information: Quest for locals who rebuilt Gondola 40 years ago continues at Cumbria Steam Gathering; Phytophthora ramorum and tree felling in the Coniston area • BBC and transport • United Utilities - Hosepipe ban lifted • Torver Country Fair Fell Race - Help Needed • Garden Organic - Cumbria Volunteer Master Composter Scheme <p>RESOLVED: To note the following correspondence received:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Letter from CALC – Membership Subscription Review 2018 • Letter from Tim Farron MP with revised Autumn Surgeries List 2018 	
264/2018	<p>Next Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monday 17th September 2018 7pm at the Reading Room, Coniston Institute 	

Meeting closed at 9.05pm.

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Signed & Approved by (Chair)

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