



ANNUAL REPORT

April 2010 – March 2011

Your Councillors are:-

David Coxon, Chairman

- Parish Councillor since May 2000
- Member of Fireworks Committee
- Tel: 015934 41726 / 0797607088

Peter Hill, Deputy Chairman

- Parish Councillor since July 2003
- Responsible for street lighting
- Member of Fireworks Committee
- Tel: 07967015566

Anne Hall

- Parish Councillor since June 1987
- District Councillor since May 2000
- Chairman of Institute & Museum Committee
- Responsible for housing
- Tel: 015394 41558

John Stoddart

- Parish Councillor since April 2001
- Responsible for village maintenance
- Tel: 015394 41394

Lee Tarr

- Parish Councillor since June 2004
- Responsible for highways and playground development
- Member of Fireworks Committee
- Tel: 015394 49513

Caroline Langdon

- Parish Councillor since February 2010
- Responsible for environment
- Tel: 015394 41462

Elaine Kelly

- Parish Councillor June 2004 – July 2010

Jeff Carroll

- Parish Councillor since March 2011
- Tel: 015394 41713

Chairman's Report 2010 – 11

Coniston Parish Council has had an exciting year with lots happening both in council meetings and throughout the village. I would like to thank both Elaine Kelly and Charles Sargeant for the hard work they did for the council during their time on and working for it. The council would also like to remember and thank Rosemary Hext for her work with the council.

Over the past 12 months we have seen; improvements to the playground, new local housing, flood forums set up and working well.

Within the village there is a thriving band of people who put on the many events and activities for both locals and visitors without these people Coniston wouldn't be what it is.

The Junior School has seen some great changes and its future is a bright one, this combined with a thriving village child care and fantastic secondary school are just a few of the many things that make being part of this village great.

I would like to thank all the councillors for their time and commitment which they continue to give freely and to the clerk for putting up with us.

Mostly I would like to thank the parishioners who tell us what they want and why, especially to those who attend our meetings.

Best wishes for the next 12 months

David Coxon

Summary of Year

April 2010

- 5 Councillors and 12 members of the public
- Speaker Alastair Cameron, Coniston & Torver Housing Group and Andy Lloyd, Cumbria Rural Housing Trust

May 2010 (including Annual Parish Meeting & Annual Meeting of Coniston Parish Council)

- 5 Councillors and 8 member of the public
- Speaker Keith Masser, Acting Area Engineer for South Lakeland, Cumbria Highways

June 2010

- 4 Councillors and 4 members of the public
- Speaker Judith Derbyshire, Cumbria Rural Housing Trust

July 2010

- 6 Councillors and 2 members of the public
- Resignation of Councillor Elaine Kelly
- Resignation of Clerk Charles Sargeant

August 2010 (including an extraordinary meeting)

- 6 Councillors and 3 members of the public
- Speaker Steve Ratcliffe, Director of Planning, Lake District National Park Authority, Dave Switzer, Access & Recreation Developer Lake District National Park Authority and John Moffat, South Lakes General Manager, National Trust

September 2010

- 4 Councillors and 8 members of the public
- Speaker Alastair Cameron, Coniston & Torver Housing Group

October 2010

- 6 Councillors and 3 members of the public
- Speaker Bekka Close, Cumbria Freshwater Invasive Non-Native Species Co-ordinator, South Cumbria Rivers Trust

November 2010 (including an extraordinary meeting)

- 4 Councillors and 3 members of the public

December 2010

- 4 Councillors and 1 member of the public

January 2011

- 5 Councillors and 6 members of the public

February 2011

- 6 Councillors and 3 Police Officers
- Speaker Julia Wilson from Action with Communities in Cumbria

March 2011

- 6 Councillors and 3 members of the public

Thank You's and Achievements of the Year

The Parish Council would like to thank:-

- Flood Forum – Steve Emmett for his work on the flood forum and related works that have been carried out
- Housing Group – Alastair Cameron for his work with the housing group for Coniston and Torver and the recent completion of the Church Fields and John Hext House developments
- PCSO Kayleigh Largue for regular attendance at the Parish Council meetings with updates on local incidents
- Former Councillor Elaine Kelly for her dedicated work on highways during her time as Parish Councillor
- Former Clerk Charles Sargeant for all the time, effort and dedication he gave to the Parish and the Councillors in the many years he served as Clerk.

The Parish Council has achieved the following in the last year:-

- All play equipment in the playground has now been installed with new benches and footpaths to be completed in Spring 2011.
- Paying for six street lights in addition to those provided by Cumbria County Council
- Grounds maintenance for the playground
- Maintenance of the two bus shelters in the village
- Grants of £550 each for Coniston Parochial Church Council, Coniston Institute and Ruskin Museum
- Contribution towards upkeep of Bridge Toilets
- Sub-committee organising annual fireworks display
- Acts as Custodian Trustees of the Coniston Institute & Ruskin Museum

Plans for 2011 – 12

In the next year the Parish Councillors will be looking to update the Parish Plan, apply for Quality Parish status, produce a Community Emergency Plan and take over the running of the Bridge Toilets.

Summary of Accounts 2010 – 11

Income

Precept	14,600.00
VAT Refunds	4,043.27
Interest	2.13
Christmas Lights	1,954.38
Other	1,996.55
Playground	11,059.29
<i>Total</i>	<i>33,655.62</i>

Expenditure

Clerk's Salary	3,300.00
Admin	1,561.43
Maintenance	1,043.38
Misc	10,035.72
Street Lighting	1,583.57
S137	1,975.00
Transfers	2,253.79
Playground	10,354.69
<i>Total</i>	<i>32,107.58</i>

Precept for 2011 – 12

This has increased by £500.00 to £15,100.00 to take into account the overall rise in costs.

Planning Applications 2010 – 11

The Parish Councillors have commented on the following planning applications that are within the Parish of Coniston:-

7/2010/5137	Parrock Quarry, Coniston
7/2010/5172	Monk Coniston Hall
7/2010/5175	Shepherds Villa Guest House
7/2010/5184	Low Bank Ground
7/2010/5302	Barn House
7/2010/5316	Shepherds Villa Guest House
7/2010/5415	Bridge House
7/2010/5422	The Blue Bird Café
7/2010/5459	Field to south of Holme Ground House
7/2010/5514	3 Church Beck Close
7/2010/5519	John Ruskin School
7/2010/5520	Black Bull Hotel
7/2010/5535	Thurston
7/2010/5541	Coniston Institute
7/2010/5589	Beck Side Cottage
7/2011/5024	Powder Magazine
7/2011/5029	Fairfield House
7/2011/5066	Thwaite Yard
T/2010/0081	Sun Hotel

Future Meetings for 2011

Coniston Parish Council meets in the Library at 7pm every third Monday of each month (unless circumstances dictate a change):-

Monday 18th April
Monday 16th May
Monday 20th June
Monday 18th July
Monday 15th August
Monday 19th September
Monday 17th October
Monday 21st November
Monday 19th December

Surgeries

The Parish Council will hold six drop-in sessions per year for you to talk to councillors about issues that concern you. Dates will be published in the quarterly newsletter in the Parish magazine and on the noticeboard.

Contact Details

All Parish Councillors can be contacted by telephone as in the report or via the Clerk:-

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If you would like to receive the agendas, minutes etc of meetings or have any ideas or suggestions for the Parish Council please contact us.

Useful Contacts

Cumbria County Council	01228 606060
South Lakeland District Council	0845 050 4434
Lake District National Park Authority	01539 724555
Highways Hotline	0845 609 6609
National Trust (Boon Crag office)	015394 41197
Police (PCSO Kayleigh Lague)	0845 33 00 247