



ANNUAL REPORT & Accounts

April 2011 – March 2012

Your Councillors are:-

David Coxon, Chairman

- Parish Councillor since May 2000
- Portfolio: playground and Bridge Toilets
- Member of Housing Group
- Tel: 015934 41726 / 0797607088

Peter Hill, Deputy Chairman

- Parish Councillor since July 2003
- Portfolio: bus shelters, street lighting
- Tel: 07967015566

Anne Hall

- Parish Councillor since June 1987
- District Councillor since May 2000
- Chair of Institute & Museum Committee
- Portfolio: housing
- Member of Housing Group
- Tel: 015394 41558

John Stoddart

- Parish Councillors since April 2001
- Portfolio: bus shelters, village maintenance and Bridge Toilets
- Tel: 015394 41394

Lee Tarr

- Parish Councillor since June 2004
- Portfolio: highways & playground
- Tel: 015394 49513

Caroline Langdon

- Parish Councillor since February 2010
- Portfolio: environment, Community Emergency Plan
- Tel: 015394 41462

Jeff Carroll

- Parish Councillor since March 2011
- Portfolio: playground and Bridge Toilets
- Tel: 015394 41713

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 and Helen Dodd for their work with the housing group for Coniston and Torver and creating a Community Land Trust
- Local Police Officers for regular attendance at the Parish Council meetings with updates on local incidents
- Those involved in running and organising the clubs and societies in the village that make the village the vibrant and thriving community it is

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

- 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
- Grant of £300 for Coniston Development Centre
- Grant of £250 to Coniston First Responders
- Grants of £550 each for Coniston Parochial Church Council, Coniston Institute and Ruskin Museum
- Grant of £160 to a joint community project between Coniston Constabulary and the Coniston Primary School
- Donation of £300 to the Coniston Fireworks display
- Running the Bridge Toilets to keep them open for the benefit of the community
- Producing and distributing a Parish Directory
- Producing a Community Emergency Plan
- Commencing revision of the Coniston Parish Plan
- Acting as Custodian Trustees of the Coniston Institute & Ruskin Museum

Chairman's Report 2011 - 12

Coniston Parish Council the village and our neighbouring parishes have seen some changes over the last 12 months.

The completion and letting of Church Fields Close in Coniston, an 11 house scheme which, in my opinion, has improved the village and made a huge contribution towards helping with the housing shortages in the village. Torver too whilst not in the parish, has seen the completion of Butcher Moss and it's nice to see so many familiar faces back in the area.

The completion and multi-agency run through of the Coniston Emergency Plan was a huge success and has been held up as an example of Localism in Action as well as the demand for the author to talk on this subject at other Parish Councils throughout Cumbria. Thanks to Caroline for her hard work on that.

Aside from the Parish Council there are many committees and groups in the village who take on and lead so many things with such positive outcomes and whilst the list is too long to start and name them my thanks go out to our emergency services, our carers, the flood forum, the housing group, Tourist Information Centre and many others.

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.

I would like to thank all the Councillors for their time and commitment which they continue to give freely not just at the monthly meetings but for our proactive representation on many other bodies including High Furness Neighbourhood LAP, Coniston and Crake Partnership, the local Broadband group, Coniston Water Association, Coniston Jubilee Celebration, again the list goes on. None of this would be possible without our Clerk who has continued to work patiently with us and for that I am grateful.

Mostly I would like to thank the Parishioners who tell us what they want and why, especially to those who attend our meetings. I would like to think we try to listen and where we can, do something to help or advise.

In May this year the Parish Council elections will take place and there are some new faces likely to be seen on the Council. I would like to thank those Councillors who have decided not to stand for the hard work and effort of the last few exciting years.

A very sincere best wishes for the next 12 months.

David Coxon
Chairman Coniston Parish Council

Summary of Accounts 2011 – 12

Balance b/f 3,213.88

Income

Precept	15,100.00
VAT Refunds	741.47
Interest	4.34
Donation from Coppermines & Lakes Cottages (towards upkeep of Bridge Toilets)	500.00
Bridge Toilets	191.84
Fireworks	300.00
SLDC Refund (business rates)	271.57
Local Area Partnership funding (verge maintenance)	800.00
Transfer from Amenities Fund	500.00
Local Area Partnership funding (broadband events)	2,000.00
SLDC Shop Front Improvement Scheme	1,200.00

Total Income 21,609.22

Expenditure

Clerk's Salary	3,850.00
Admin	2,220.24
Powers & Duties	2,131.00
Maintenance	1,957.71
Insurance	1,839.83
Christmas Lights	875.00
Street Lighting	1,645.98
Grants	625.00
Bridge Toilets	3,982.23
Transfer – Grant to John Ruskin Swimming Pool	500.00
Parish Plan	397.92

Total Expenditure 20,024.91

C/f to 2012/13 4,798.19

Of c/f allocated:-

Local Area Partnership funding (verge maintenance)	800.00
Local Area Partnership funding (broadband events)	2,000.00
SLDC Shop Front Improvement Scheme	1,200.00

Balance 798.19

Precept for 2012 - 13

This has increased to £16,210.00 to take into account the cost of running the Bridge Toilets.

Plans for 2012 - 13

In the next year the Parish Councillors will be looking to implement the Action Plan created through the revision of the Parish Plan. New priorities may arise with an election for new Councillors in May 2012.

Planning Applications 2011 - 12

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

7/2011/5184	Hollin Brow
7/2011/5232	Sun Hotel
7/2011/5215	Black Beck Cottage
7/2011/5217	Orchard Cottage, 18 Yewdale Road
7/2011/5259	Land at Haws Bank
7/2011/5404	Brantwood
7/2011/5485	Low Brandy Crag Quarry
7/2011/5486	The Blue Bird Café
7/2011/5460	Beckthwaite, Lake Road
7/2011/5524	Out Rake, Park Gate
7/2011/5648	Meadowdore Café, Hawkshead Old Road
7/2011/5585	22a Yewdale Road
7/2011/5667	near Lane Head
7/2012/5253	Tarn Hows Cottage
7/2012/5029	Low Bank Ground

Contact Details

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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.