

Coniston Parish Council
Minutes of the meeting of Coniston Parish Council
held in the Reading Room, Coniston Institute, Coniston on Monday 15th April 2013

Present: Cllr J R Carroll (Chair)
 Cllrs –K Batty, D Coxon, A Hall, J Stoddart and L Tarr
 Clerk – J C Carroll

In attendance: County Cllr C Salisbury, 4 members of the public

Minute Number		Action By
340/2012	<p>Apologies RESOLVED: Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Kelly.</p>	
341/2012	<p>Requests for Dispensations No requests received.</p>	
342/2012	<p>Declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests in respect of Agenda items All Cllrs were asked to note the document from South Lakeland District Council – Openness and transparency on personal interests – a guide for councillors regarding personal interests</p> <p>Cllr Carroll – matters relating to Clerk’s salary Cllr Hall – declared an interest in matters relating to planning and will take no part in planning discussions Cllr Batty – declared an interest in planning application 7/2013/5142 All Councillors as Trustees of the Coniston Institute and Ruskin Museum</p>	
343/2012	<p>Minutes of Meeting 18 March 2013 RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 18 March 2013 be approved as a true record and signed by the Chair.</p>	
344/2012	<p>Public Participation</p> <p><u>Police</u> PCSO Jackson e-mailed a report detailing 3 crimes and 14 incidents. Reminder to the community to secure any valuables and put them out of sight.</p> <p>It was noted the Honesty Shop has had their money stolen twice in the last month.</p> <p><u>County Cllr Salisbury</u> County Cllr Salisbury explained she will not be standing for re-election on 2nd May, thanked us for our support and wished us the best for the future. She will be available for ongoing matters. Jane Muncaster was introduced as the person who is standing for election.</p> <p>Cllrs expressed their thanks to County Cllr Salisbury for all her assistance and work.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Cllr Coxon arrived at 7.30pm</i></p>	

	<p><u>Housing Needs Survey</u> The majority of the surveys have been delivered to homes throughout Coniston and replies have been received at Cumbria Rural Housing Trust. Mr Cameron has arranged for an independent person to input the data.</p> <p>Cllrs were asked to note the date of the Community Land Trust Annual General Meeting, Tuesday 28 May at 6.30pm in the Reading Room, Coniston Institute.</p> <p><u>Local Area Partnership meeting</u> Cllr Coxon explained he gave a presentation on the Coniston Neighbourhood Plan and Parish Plan. The minutes from the meeting will be circulated shortly.</p> <p><u>Public Participation</u> It was questioned if the Neighbourhood Plan for Coniston would mean the Parish Council would approve planning applications. Cllrs explained this was not the case, all planning applications would follow the same process. The Neighbourhood Plan will give the community more of a say in how the area is developed and will be in addition to the Core Strategy planning document.</p>	
	<p>Update on On-going Issues & Actions from Last Meeting</p>	
345/2012	<p><u>Update on Progress of Verge Maintenance</u> The work on the Banks area is to be carried out. Work has been carried out on clearing the cliff face at Old Furness Road by Lake District National Park Authority and will be repeated in 5 years. RESOLVED: Cllr Coxon to request a quote from contractor for clearing the Brow Steps. RESOLVED: Cllrs agreed to allow £200 in the precept annually for maintenance work at Dow How.</p>	
346/2012	<p><u>Update on the proposed repair of the ladies toilet at Bridge Toilets</u> The work has been successfully completed.</p>	
347/2012	<p><u>Parish Council Website and Village Diary</u> Cllr Tarr is awaiting the company transferring the documents from the existing website to the new one.</p>	
348/2012	<p><u>Remedial Work at Playground entrance</u> Cllr Tarr is awaiting quotes from local contractors.</p>	LT
349/2012	<p><u>Noticeboard at Bridge Toilets</u> The noticeboard will be made shortly and a site visit will be arranged to establish the location at the Bridge Toilets.</p>	JCC
350/2012	<p><u>Grit Bins</u> The two new grit bins are ready to be put in place at Tent Lodge hill and Hawkshead Old Road. RESOLVED: Cllrs Coxon and Tarr to arrange.</p>	JCC
351/2012	<p><u>Problem of water on the road at Old Furness Road / Station Road and the Banks</u> Cllr Tarr is looking into this.</p>	LT

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<p>358/2013</p> <p>359/2012</p> <p>360/2013</p> <p>361/2013</p>	<p>Planning Applications</p> <p><u>Planning checklist</u> RESOLVED: Cllrs agreed to use the revised planning checklist.</p> <p>7/2013/5120 – Railway track from Torver to Little Arrow – change of use of railway track bed from A5804, Torver to A593, Little Arrow from agricultural and private use to a public bridleway RESOLVED: Cllrs support the application.</p> <p><i>Cllrs Batty & Hall left the room for discussion on the following application</i></p> <p>7/2013/5142 – High Bank Ground Farm, Coniston – erect new timber jetty adjacent existing boathouse RESOLVED: Cllrs to have a site visit on 22 April.</p> <p>Cllrs noted the following:-</p> <p>Notice of Listed Building Consent - 7/2012/5652 – Brantwood, Coniston – internal & external alterations to refurbish existing retail and associated accommodation</p> <p>Enforcement notice appeal in respect of application 7/2011/5232 Sun Hotel, Coniston</p> <p>Withdrawal of planning application 7/2012/5612 new dwelling including new</p>	

	vehicular access land adjacent 12 Collingwood Close Coniston	
362/2012	<p>Parish Plan <u>Better signage for footpaths</u> Cllrs noted:- - the signs at Park Gate for the footpath along the old railway line cannot be seen from the opposite site of the road. - on wooden signs the wording blends in with the posts and cannot easily be seen - the path to Waterhead and along Yewdale Fell need to clearly signed as cycleways. RESOLVED: Clerk to contact Lake District National Park Authority about the old finger post to the Walna Scar and the possibility of restoring it.</p> <p><u>Improving the Road from Adams Bridge to Ship Inn</u> RESOLVED: Cllrs approved the proposed plan from the Highways Department for this stretch of road. Clerk to confirm if Highways have funding and the timescale.</p> <p><u>Potholes and general state of local roads</u> Ongoing.</p> <p><u>Landscaping at Dow How</u> See minute number 352/2012</p> <p><u>Village Diary & Website</u> See minute number 347/2012</p>	<p>ALL</p> <p>JCC</p> <p>JCC</p> <p>JS</p>
363/2012	<p>Neighbourhood Plan The draft will be available for comments from the public at the Community Day on 20th April.</p>	
364/2012	<p>Dropped Kerbs A request was made for 3 dropped kerbs on Old Furness Road. RESOLVED: Clerk to contact Cumbria County Council about these requirements, establish if funding is available and timescales involved.</p>	
365/2012	<p>Community Governance Review RESOLVED: Cllrs do not wish to make any changes to the Coniston Parish Council under the Community Governance Review.</p>	
366/2012	<p>Coniston Community Day RESOLVED: Clerk to e-mail a rota to Cllrs for the day</p>	
367/2012	<p>Coniston Parish Council Annual Meeting arrangements RESOLVED: Clerk to request updates from organisations who were given a grant from Coniston Parish Council in the last financial year. The local schools to be invited to submit a report.</p>	
368/2012	<p>Parish Walk RESOLVED: Cllrs to have a Parish Walk on Wednesday 1 May at 6pm to look at the following areas:- - Bridge Toilets, Brow Steps, Days Bank, footpath at old railway line, Dixon</p>	JCC

	Ground, Sun Hotel and Shop Front Improvement Scheme.	
369/2012	Coniston Community Worker / Volunteer of the Year Scheme RESOLVED: Cllrs to receive nominations at the Annual Meeting and a letter of recognition will be sent.	JCC
370/2012	Revision of Coniston Parish Council Standing Orders RESOLVED: Cllrs agreed the amendments.	
371/2012	Residents Parking at The Garth Cllrs noted the recent letter residents at The Garth informing them no work will be carried out to increase the parking at The Garth.	
372/2012	John Ruskin School Car Parking Cllr Coxon explained he is in discussions with John Ruskin School to maximise the existing car park.	
373/2012	Councillor Matters Cllr Hall would like to encourage the schools and village to do a litter pick. RESOLVED: Clerk to write to both schools enquiring if they would be willing to organise a litter pick as part of a community project and put a note in the parish newsletter for a litter pick during week commencing 3 June 2013. Cllr Stoddart is making enquiries to put the poles at the land from Waterhead to Pier cottage underground. Cllr Carroll informed the Council the date of the January meeting will need to be moved due to holiday commitments.	
374/2012	Financial Matters <u>Grant Applications</u> Coniston Arts & Crafts Society RESOLVED: Cllrs agreed to award £200. Coniston International Twinning Association RESOLVED: Cllrs agreed to award £130.	
375/2012	<u>Payments</u> RESOLVED: Cllrs authorised the following payments:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EON (by direct debit) £75.11 • Clerk's Salary £308.00 • Clerk's expenses £53.45 • HMRC £77.00 • R J Airey £48.00 • EON (Bridge Toilets) £8.69 • Hygiene Cleaning Supplies Ltd £136.46 • Glasdon UK Ltd (grit bins) £429.86 • South Lakeland District Council £0.00 (National Non-Domestic Rate Bill 2013/14)	

<p>376/2012</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BHA Trees Ltd £144.00 • D Sharp Ltd (Bridge Toilet Repairs) £996.00 • Cumbria Rural Housing Trust £138.00 (from LAP money held for Housing Needs Survey) • Alastair Cameron (reimbursement for Print Digital) £66.00 (from LAP money held for Housing Needs Survey) <p><u>Tender for Grass Cutting for Playground in 2013</u> RESOLVED: Cllrs discussed the tenders received and unanimously agreed to appoint Coniston Ground Care.</p>	
<p>377/2012</p>	<p>Correspondence Councillors noted the following correspondence:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lake District National Park Authority Submission of Allocations of Lane (Local Plan Part Two) and Minerals Safeguarding Areas (Local Plan Part Three) - South Lakeland District Council Standards Committee agenda 9 April - South Lakeland District Council Notice of Election 2 May 2013 - South Lakeland District Council agenda 26 March 2013 - Came & Company Parish Council Insurance magazine Sprint 2013 - Go Cumbria Bus Timetable Guide 	
<p>378/2012</p>	<p>Next Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monday 20 May 2013 7pm in the Reading Room, Institute, Coniston 	

Meeting closed at 9.30pm.