

Coniston Parish Council
Minutes of the meeting of Coniston Parish Council
held in the Reading Room, Coniston Institute, Coniston on Monday 18th February 2013

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

In attendance: Mr P Loftus, PCSO L Jackson, County Cllr C Salisbury & 2 members of the public

Minute Number		Action By
283/2012	<p>Apologies RESOLVED: Apologies were received and accepted from the Cllrs Hall & Tarr</p>	
284/2012	<p>Declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests in respect of Agenda items Cllr Carroll – matters relating to Clerk’s salary Cllr Coxon – matters relating to Lake District National Park Authority & Coniston Ground Care All Councillors as Trustees of the Coniston Institute and Ruskin Museum</p>	
285/2012	<p>Minutes of Meeting 21 January 2013 RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 21 January 2013 be approved as a true record and signed by the Chair.</p>	
286/2012	<p>Public Participation</p> <p><u>Mr P Loftus, organiser of Fred Whitton Challenge</u> Concerns had been expressed at parking problems during the last Fred Whitton Challenge registration day. Last year they were more people registering on the day than expected and the recent wet weather meant the field normally used to hold the cars was not able to be used.</p> <p>Following discussion with Mr Loftus it was agreed this year the yellow line parking restrictions, the loan of cones from the police, improved conditions on the football pitch for parking and better weather should keep any problems to a minimum.</p> <p>It was also suggested sending a map to participants with the locations of parking and information. RESOLVED: Cllr Coxon to send Mr Loftus a map.</p> <p>Councillors agreed they want to encourage events like these and for them to have a low impact with the organisers working with the Parish Council.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Cllr Coxon arrived 7.15</i></p> <p><u>Police Report</u> PCSO L Jackson explained she is currently covering Coniston and Hawkshead but mainly covers Ambleside and Grasmere. There has been one crime in the area, at Torver since the last Parish Council meeting with 11 incident logs recorded.</p>	DC

	<p><u>County Councillor C Salisbury</u> County Cllr Salisbury reported the Community Gritting Scheme based at Hawkshead is up and running over small routes in that area. It is possible in the future that Coniston could join this scheme or set up one of it's own.</p> <p>There is currently another staffing restructure in the Highways Department and staff are under pressure.</p> <p>Cllr Carroll explained the difficulties in getting reports back from the Highways Department on what work has been carried out following reported defects. RESOLVED: Cllr Carroll and the Clerk to go through the spreadsheet received from Highways with comments and updates and when e-mailing it back to copy County Cllr Salisbury in.</p> <p>If any highway defects are reported by e-mail or telephone, it is important to get the reference number as then this can be followed up.</p> <p>The potential coloured footpath on the road from Adams Bridge to Ship Inn was likely to be unsuitable as the colour fades after a few years. Victoria Upton from Cumbria County Council has suggested some alternative ideas.</p> <p>Streelights that are on power poles are being removed by Electricity North West. RESOLVED: Cllr Kelly to confirm which streetlights will be affected.</p> <p><u>Cllr attending the Community Governance Review</u> Cllr Carroll and the Clerk attended this briefing which is an overdue review of the community governance systems and structures and establish if any boundaries or councils need altering. The notes from the meeting are in the correspondence folder for Cllrs to review.</p> <p><u>Public Participation</u> The problem of water on the road at Devonshire Terrace / Old Furness Road was discussed. RESOLVED: Cllr Tarr is looking into this.</p>	<p>JRC & JCC</p> <p>AK</p> <p>LT</p>
<p>287/2012</p> <p>288/2012</p> <p>2892012</p>	<p>Update on On-going Issues & Actions from Last Meeting</p> <p><u>Update on Progress of Verge Maintenance</u> The work on Far End has been completed and the work at the Banks is to be carried out. It was commented that Dow How looks better and an annual cut back at an approximate cost of £150 is required. The Manager of the Youth Hostel at Far End has confirmed a company has been requested to cut back the hedges.</p> <p><u>Update on the proposed repair of the ladies toilet at Bridge Toilets</u> The local contractor estimates this work will be carried out before Easter.</p> <p><u>Parish Council Website and Village Diary</u> Cllr Tarr is still awaiting to hear from the company on the draft website. In the meantime, the current website domain has been renewed for 2 years.</p>	

290/2012	<u>Remedial Work at Playground</u> A quote has been received to install a play surface under the spinner, bars and for the picnic benches. RESOLVED: To go ahead with the required work.	DC
291/2012	<u>Noticeboard at Bridge Toilets</u> One quote has been received from a local contractor. RESOLVED: To establish how much the CSSC will pay towards a new noticeboard.	JCC
292/2012	<u>Outrake Path</u> The Lake District National Park Authority has confirmed they will be carrying out work over the next few weeks on the Outrake path to improve drainage.	
293/2012	<u>Grit Bins</u> RESOLVED: Clerk to obtain costings for new grit bins.	JCC
294/2012	<u>Problem of water on the road at Old Furness Road / Station Road and the Banks</u> This was discussed earlier in the meeting.	
295/2012	<u>Update on potential repairs to streetlight at Cat Bank</u> This was discussed earlier in the meeting.	
296/2012	Planning Applications 7/2013/5056 – 3 Low Yewdale Cottages, Coniston -iInstall underground LPG storage tank in the garden RESOLVED: Cllrs support the application. Planning Inspectorate decision on the agricultural farm workers dwelling at Haws Bank RESOLVED: Cllrs noted the decision to refuse the appeal. Notice of Grant of Planning Permission RESOLVED: Cllrs noted receipt of the following Notice of Grant of Planning Permission:- 7/2012/5616 – Thurston Outdoor Activities Centre, Coniston – removal existing timber window, increase opening to ground level and install timber door and frame to match existing doors on the elevation	
297/2012	Parish Plan RESOLVED: Cllrs agreed to defer this item for the next agenda.	
298/2012	Neighbourhood Plan Cllr Carroll explained a lot of progress has been made on the draft Neighbourhood Plan and Cllrs are encouraged to suggest additions or amendments. RESOLVED: Clerk to e-mail latest draft to Cllrs and details of the next meeting.	JCC
299/2012	Dropped Kerbs RESOLVED: Cllrs agreed to defer this item for the next agenda.	
300/2012	Councillor Matters Cllr Batty has received a complaint from a resident near Yewdale Bridge that the	

	<p>Yewdale Beck silting up problems are still unresolved and this is of concern following the 2009 floods where this may have made the situation worse. RESOLVED: Clerk to contact the Flood Forum.</p> <p>Cllr Stoddart raised the problem of dog fouling on the path from the village towards the head of the Lake. A letter of complaint to the Parish Council has also been received about this. RESOLVED: Clerk to contact South Lakeland District Council to establish what work has been carried out to reduce the problem since a meeting in January.</p> <p>Cllr Stoddart reported a Coniston Community Group day event is being planned for 20 April and would the Parish Council contribute towards to cost of hiring the Institute. All groups working in the village will be invited to enable people in the village to see what is on offer. RESOLVED: Clerk to contact the Institute Committee to establish the cost. RESOLVED: Cllrs would like to be involved in the day and have a stand.</p> <p>Cllr Kelly reported a streetlight that was unable to be repaired at Vale View along the Brow Steps as there was no access by a cherry picker. RESOLVED: Cllr Coxon to request a contractor to investigate.</p>	<p>JCC</p> <p>JCC</p> <p>JCC ALL</p> <p>DC</p>																								
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	<p>Councillors noted the following correspondence:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Letter from Malcolm Wilson Rally – date 2nd March 2013 - Clerks & Councils Direct January 2013 - Letter from Tim Farron – advice surgeries spring 2013 - South Lakeland District Council Standards Committee papers 5 February 2013 	
304/2012	<p>Next Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monday 18 March 2013 7pm in the Reading Room, Institute, Coniston 	

Meeting closed at 9.06pm.