

**Coniston Parish Council**  
**Minutes of the meeting of Coniston Parish Council**  
**held in the Reading Room, Coniston Institute, Coniston on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2013**

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

**In attendance:** PCSO L Jackson, PCSO D Wilcock, Mrs E Troughton, Mrs B Todd, Mr A Cameron and 1 member of the public

Minute Number		Action By
305/2012	<p><b>Apologies</b>  <b>RESOLVED:</b> Apologies were received and accepted from the Cllr Coxon.</p>	
306/2012	<p><b>Declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests in respect of Agenda items</b>            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            All Councillors as Trustees of the Coniston Institute and Ruskin Museum</p>	
307/2012	<p><b>Minutes of Meeting 18 February 2013</b>  <b>RESOLVED:</b> that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 18 February 2013 be approved as a true record and signed by the Chair.</p>	
308/2012	<p><b>Public Participation</b></p> <p><u>Police</u>            PCSO Jackson reported there have been 4 crimes in Coniston since the last Parish Council meeting, 2 shoplifting incidents and 2 thefts. There is ongoing work on speed awareness at Haws Bank. The police priority for the High Furness area is everything relating to traffic – including wearing seatbelts, drink driving. There will be police present at the Coniston 14 this weekend.</p> <p><u>Coniston Carers</u>            Mrs Troughton explained the Coniston Carers started in 1995 and is a non-profit organisation. It provides a service to help people remain independent in their own homes, mainly working with those aged over 55. The care provided can be physical or practical (shopping, going out) and also short respite care. Visits can range from 4 times a day to once a week. The area covered is from Torver through to Hawkshead and the east side of the Lake. There are 6 regular carers with 2 bank staff. There is mandatory annual training for the staff.</p> <p>The Parish Council thanked Ms Troughton and Mrs Todd for taking the time to explain the service and emphasised how valuable this unique service is to the community. The Parish Council fully support the service and if they can be of any assistance the Carers can contact them.</p>	
	<p><b>Update on On-going Issues &amp; Actions from Last Meeting</b></p>	

309/2012	<u>Update on Progress of Verge Maintenance</u> The work at the Banks is outstanding. Compliments have been received about the improvement at Far End.	
310/2012	<u>Update on the proposed repair of the ladies toilet at Bridge Toilets</u> The local contractor will be commencing work next week with a view to completing it before Easter.	
311/2012	<u>Parish Council Website and Village Diary</u> Cllr Tarr has received a draft of the website which has been circulated to Councillors. The company will now transfer the documents from the existing website to the new one.	
312/2012	<u>Remedial Work at Playground</u> The new surfaces have been completed and the picnic benches are in place. <b>RESOLVED:</b> Cllr Tarr to contact a local contractor about the entrance gate.	LT
313/2012	<u>Noticeboard at Bridge Toilets</u> A second quote has been received which is lower than the first. A site visit will take place before the noticeboard is erected to confirm the position. <b>RESOLVED:</b> Clerk to establish if the Coniston Sports & Social Club will contribute towards this and also if planning permission is required.	JCC
314/2012	<u>Grit Bins</u> <b>RESOLVED:</b> Clerk to purchase two yellow grit bins for Tent Lodge hill and Hawkshead Old Road.	JCC
315/2012	<u>Problem of water on the road at Old Furness Road / Station Road and the Banks</u> Cllr Tarr is looking into this.	LT
316/2012	<u>Streetlights on Electricity Poles</u> It was confirmed there are 6 streetlights on electricity poles, 4 of them owned by the Parish Council. <b>RESOLVED:</b> Cllrs to await until the work is carried out by Electricity North West before taking any action.	
317/2013	<u>Yewdale Beck – silting up</u> Steve Emmett from the Coniston Flood Forum confirmed he is dialogue with the Environment Agency.	
318/2012	<b>Planning Applications</b> 7/2012/5612 – Land adjacent to 12 Collingwood Close, Coniston – new dwelling with vehicular access <b>RESOLVED:</b> Provided the roof line is kept in-line with number 12, the roof uses local Lakeland slate that matches number 12 and has a local occupancy clause, Cllrs support the application.	
319/2013	7/2013/5131 – 12 Yewdale Road, Coniston – change of use of dwelling house into shop with flat over including external staircase to rear and enlarged window on ground floor of front elevation <b>RESOLVED:</b> Provided the shop front and windows are in-keeping with the other	

	shops on Yewdale Road Councillors support the application.	
<b>320/2012</b>	<p><b>Parish Plan</b>  <u>Better signage for footpaths</u>  Current signs required are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- At Waterhead junction with Pier Cottage</li> <li>- Cumbria Way is generally poorly signposted in the area</li> <li>- The old finger post to the Walna Scar at the top of Station Road requires renovating</li> </ul> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> Cllrs agreed to all collate a list of signs requiring repairing or paths requiring additional signage before the next meeting.</p> <p><u>Improving the Road from Adams Bridge to Ship Inn</u>  Cumbria County Council Highways have suggested a ‘ghost’ pathway in the area.  <b>RESOLVED:</b> Clerk to contact the Highways Department to request a plan of this proposal.</p> <p><u>Potholes and general state of local roads</u>  Cllr Carroll and the Clerk have compiled a list of defects in the area and contacted Highways. Potholes on Devonshire Terrace also need to be reported.</p> <p><u>Landscaping at Dow How</u>  Cllrs agreed the funds from the District Councillor could be put towards this.  <b>RESOLVED:</b> Cllr Stoddart to produce two different low maintenance plans for discussion at the next meeting.</p> <p><u>Village Diary &amp; Website</u>  See minute number 311/2012</p>	<p>ALL</p> <p>JCC</p> <p>JCC</p> <p>JS</p>
<b>321/2012</b>	<p><b>Neighbourhood Plan</b>  <u>Draft Neighbourhood Plan</u>  A Cameron went to a Conference about Neighbourhood Planning and following this the Coniston Neighbourhood Plan needs to be added to to explain how we intend to deliver the points.  <b>RESOLVED:</b> Cllrs agreed A Cameron would draft some wording for this.</p> <p>Cllr Hall explained Becky Willis (Lake District National Park Authority staff &amp; Government Advisor) would like to hold an exhibition in Coniston to promote the use of low energy for businesses and this could be incorporated into the Neighbourhood Plan.</p> <p><u>Informal Consultation</u>  <b>RESOLVED:</b> Cllrs agreed this will be done at the Coniston Community Day on 20 April, an article in the Parish Newsletter and the document made available online.</p> <p><u>Advert for the Neighbourhood Plan</u>  <b>RESOLVED:</b> This will be on the Lake District National Park Authority website, Parish Newsletter and the noticeboard.</p>	
<b>322/2012</b>	<b>Dropped Kerbs</b>	

	<p>Cllrs suggested these were required in the following places:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Outside Barclays Bank</li> <li>- Corner of the Co-op on Yewdale Road</li> <li>- Either end of the Fire Station</li> <li>- Top of Collingwood Close</li> </ul> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> Cllrs agreed the one at Barclays Bank is top priority and to be requested and the others to be looked at and prioritised at the next meeting.</p>	
323/2012	<p><b>Community Governance Review</b></p> <p>Cllrs questioned if the boundary of the Parish required changing but no other changes were required.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> Cllrs to consider this prior to the next meeting.</p>	
324/2012	<p><b>Funds from District Councillor</b></p> <p>See minute number 320/2012</p>	
325/2012	<p><b>Resilience Grant</b></p> <p>Cllr Carroll explained this would be a pilot feasibility study to see if it is possible to set up a mobile telephone system that would work even if all the masts were down in the area in the event of an emergency. It is related to the Emergency Plan and would involve the Mountain Rescue Team.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> Cllrs support this and are willing to talk with researchers.</p>	
326/2012	<p><b>Headstone for Woolgar</b></p> <p>No Cllrs have been contacted by the Rawdon Smith Trust about setting up an appeal.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> Cllrs suggested Mr Ogden put an appeal in the next Parish Newsletter.</p>	JCC
327/2012	<p><b>Consultation about draft Cumbria Minerals &amp; Waste Local Plan</b></p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> Cllrs agreed this to be forwarded to A Cameron for his opinion.</p>	JCC
328/2012	<p><b>Revision of Coniston Parish Council Polices</b></p> <p><u>Effectiveness of the internal control system and internal auditor</u></p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> Cllrs reviewed the effectiveness of the internal contact system and agreed it was adequate with no changes required.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> Cllr Stoddart to contact a potential candidate for the internal auditor.</p> <p><u>Risk Assessments</u></p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> Cllrs reviewed the Risk Assessments and agreed they were adequate with no changes required.</p> <p><u>Asset Register</u></p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> Cllrs reviewed the Risk Assessments and agreed they were adequate with no changes required.</p>	
329/2012	<p><b>Housing Needs Survey</b></p> <p>A Cameron explained this will take place next month, after Easter and before the May holidays.</p>	



	<b>Financial Matters</b>	
<b>333/2012</b>	<u>Receipts</u> <b>RESOLVED:</b> Cllrs noted the following receipts: High Furness Local Area Partnership £700.00 (Development Worker for Coniston Institute) High Furness Local Area Partnership £600.00 (verge maintenance 2013/14) Amenities Fund of Coniston Parish Council £3,276.00	
<b>334/2012</b>	<u>Payments</u> <b>RESOLVED:</b> Cllrs authorised the following payments:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• EON (by direct debit) £69.14</li> <li>• Clerk's Salary £240.00</li> <li>• HMRC £60.00</li> <li>• R J Airey £32.00</li> <li>• EON (Bridge Toilets) £7.68</li> <li>• Coniston Institute (Development Worker) £700.00</li> <li>• Primary Landscapes Ltd (playground works) £3,931.20</li> <li>• VAC (Community Tourism Conference) £10.00 (Neighbourhood Plan Meetings)</li> </ul>	
<b>335/2012</b>	<u>Confirm Money Held</u> <b>RESOLVED:</b> Cllrs noted the following Verge Maintenance (from High Furness Local Area Partnership) £800.00 was received and the balance to spend is £364.00  Shop Front Improvement Scheme (from South Lakeland District Council) £1,200.00 was received and is to be spent.  Broadband Events (from High Furness Local Area Partnership) £2,000.00 was received and has been reallocated: £300.00 is towards the Housing Needs Survey £1,700.00 is for the Broadband Events.  Repairs to Bridge Toilets (from South Lakeland District Council) £2,196.00 was received and is to be spent.  Verge Maintenance (from High Furness Local Area Partnership) £800.00 was received and is to be spent.	
<b>336/2012</b>	<u>Tender for Grass Cutting for Playground in 2013</u> <b>RESOLVED:</b> Clerk to contact 3 local contractors.	JCC
<b>337/2012</b>	<u>Summary of Accounts for 2012/13</u> <b>RESOLVED:</b> Cllrs noted the summary of accounts for 2012/13.	
<b>338/2012</b>	<b>Correspondence</b> Councillors noted the following correspondence:-	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Information Commissioner's Office Confirmation of Renewal</li> <li>- South Lakeland District Council agenda 28 February 2013</li> <li>- Friends of the Lake District Whole Valley Planning Guide for Communities</li> <li>- Clerks &amp; Councils Direct Magazine March 2013</li> <li>- BDO Audit Briefing 2013</li> </ul>	
<b>339/2012</b>	<p><b>Next Meeting</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monday 15 April 2013 7pm in the Reading Room, Institute, Coniston</li> </ul>	

Meeting closed at 9.55pm.