

**Coniston Parish Council**  
**Minutes of the meeting of Coniston Parish Council**  
**held in the Reading Room, Coniston Institute, Coniston on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2013**

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

**In attendance:** 3 members of the public

Minute Number		Action By
259/2012	<p><b>Apologies</b>  <b>RESOLVED:</b> Apologies were received and accepted from the Police, Mr Adams and County Cllr Salisbury</p>	
260/2012	<p><b>Declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests in respect of Agenda items</b>            Cllr Carroll – matters relating to Clerk’s salary            Cllr Coxon – matters relating to Lake District National Park Authority &amp; Coniston Ground Care            Cllr Hall - matters relating to planning            All Councillors as Trustees of the Coniston Institute and Ruskin Museum</p>	
261/2012	<p><b>Minutes of Meeting 17 December 2012</b>  <b>RESOLVED:</b> that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 17 December 2012 be approved as a true record and signed by the Chair.</p>	
262/2012	<p><b>Public Participation</b></p> <p><u>Police Report</u>            E-mail report to follow.</p> <p><u>Cllr Attending High Furness Local Area Partnership (HF LAP) meeting</u>            A talk was given at this meeting by Go Lakes Travel on their plans for the area. Further information at <a href="http://www.golakes.co.uk/travel">www.golakes.co.uk/travel</a>.            Funding was agreed with £650 going to each Parish in the HF LAP towards maintenance. Amongst the projects receiving money £1,000 was given towards a project worker for the Coniston Institute and £300 towards a Housing Survey in Coniston.</p> <p><u>Coniston Sports &amp; Social Centre (CSSC)</u>            Cllr Carroll attended the CSSC committee meeting in January and assisted in providing information on possible further funding for projects. The CSSC have agreed to fund 50% of the cost of a new noticeboard in the village in return for space to advertise their events.</p> <p><u>Coniston &amp; Torver Community Land Trust</u>            A Housing Needs Survey is planned for April after the recent new homes that have been built in the village to establish current need. Assistance is requested from the Parish Council in handing out the questionnaires.</p>	

	<p><b>RESOLVED:</b> Cllrs agreed to assist in handing out the surveys.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Cllr Tarr arrived at 7.25pm</i></p> <p><u>Public Participation</u> It is still not know who owns the streetlight at Cat Bank. <b>RESOLVED:</b> Cllr Coxon to ask a Contractor to assess what is required to fix it and report back to the Council. Consideration is also to be given to looking at obtaining quotes for the maintenance of street lights owned by the Parish Council.</p>	<p>ALL</p> <p>DC</p>
	<p><b>Update on On-going Issues &amp; Actions from Last Meeting</b></p>	
263/2012	<p><u>Update on Progress of Verge Maintenance</u> Cllr Coxon reported part of this work has been completed. There was not enough money to pay for more hours to carry out further work to cut back the verges. <b>RESOLVED:</b> Clerk to write to Manager of the Youth Hostel at Far End to request the hedges are cut back.</p>	JCC
264/2012	<p><u>Update on the proposed repair of the ladies toilet at Bridge Toilets</u> A local contractor has been instructed to carry out this work.</p>	
265/2012	<p><u>Parish Council Website and Village Diary</u> Cllr Tarr reported the company had been awaiting new software and a draft website should be available next week. The current website domain expires on 15<sup>th</sup> March and it is optimistic the new one will be ready in time.</p>	
266/2012	<p><u>Remedial Work at Playground</u> No update to report.</p>	
267/2012	<p><u>Noticeboard at Bridge Toilets</u> Quotes are awaited from local joiners.</p>	
268/2012	<p><u>Waterhead &amp; Outrake Path</u> Work has been carried out on the Waterhead path. The problem of water on the Outrake path has been reported to the Lake District National Park Authority. <b>RESOLVED:</b> Clerk to contact Highways about the drain by the bus stop at Adams Bridge where overflow water from the Outrake path tends to pool.</p>	JCC
269/2012	<p><u>Dog Foul Issues &amp; Bin Collections</u> Cllr Carroll reported back following a recent meeting with some South Lakeland District Council staff. It has been agreed in this Parish an initial warning letter will be sent at anyone who is reported as not having collected their dog foul followed up by a visit. The signage is also to be looked at.</p> <p>Recycling bins at Kirkbeck Lane cannot currently be collected due to the vehicles being unable to get down the lane. It has been suggested if the hedges are cut down another assessment of the lane will be carried out. The collections at the Banks are also to be reassessed.</p>	
270/2012	<p><u>Repairs to damaged wall at Bridge Toilets</u></p>	

<p><b>271/2012</b></p> <p><b>272/2012</b></p>	<p>This has been completed.</p> <p><u>Additional Grit Bin at Tent Lodge</u> Highways have no funding for further grit bins. However, if the Parish purchases one it will be filled. <b>RESOLVED:</b> Clerk to investigate cost of grit bins.</p> <p><u>Update on Problem of Water at Old Furness Road / Station Road and the Banks</u> No update to report on this. Water is also running across the road at Dow How. <b>RESOLVED:</b> Clerk to write to landowner at Dow How.</p>	<p>JCC</p> <p>JCC</p>
<p><b>273/2012</b></p>	<p><b>Planning Applications</b> None received.</p>	
<p><b>274/2012</b></p>	<p><b>Parish Plan</b> Cllrs went through the Parish Plan and picked out 5 action points they could currently achieve:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Better signage for footpaths</li> <li>2. Improving the road from Adams Bridge to Ship Inn. It was suggested painting a path on the road in this area could assist with the problem.</li> <li>3. Potholes and general state of local roads</li> <li>4. Landscaping at Dow How</li> <li>5. Village Diary &amp; Website</li> </ol> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> Clerk to contact Cumbria County Council and the County Councillor about a path from Adams Bridge to Ship Inn.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> Clerk to contact Coniston Carers and invite them to the March meeting.</p>	<p>JCC</p> <p>JCC</p>
<p><b>275/2012</b></p>	<p><b>Neighbourhood Plan</b> A meeting was held before the Parish Council meeting unfortunately the Lake District National Park Authority representative was unable to attend due to the weather. Work is continuing on a draft version of the Neighbourhood Plan and the next meeting will be on 4<sup>th</sup> February.</p>	
<p><b>276/2012</b></p>	<p><b>Lake District National Park Allocations of Land (Local Plan Two) and Minerals Safeguarding Areas (Local Plan Part Three)</b> It was proposed the Coniston &amp; Torver Community Land Trust would like to make changes to the Allocations of Land document. <b>RESOLVED:</b> The Housing Group are to discuss these documents and an extension for comments is to be requested from Lake District National Park Authority.</p>	
<p><b>277/2012</b></p>	<p><b>Councillor Matters</b> Cllr Stoddart again requested the re-siting of a grit bin to provide one at Haws Bank <b>RESOLVED:</b> Clerk to investigate cost of 2 x Grit bins</p> <p>Cllr Stoddart questioned if the Parish Council had been informed of the Planning Inspectorate decision on the agricultural workers dwelling at Haws Bank</p>	<p>JCC</p>

	<p><b>RESOLVED:</b> Clerk to investigate.</p> <p>Cllr Hall explained South Lakeland District Council is having a consultation about the parishes to establish if there is good representation, if the current boundaries are correct and to consider merging parishes with less than 150 electors.</p> <p>Cllr Hall reported drains on Yewdale Road are overflowing. <b>RESOLVED:</b> Clerk to report to Highways.</p> <p>Cllr Hall reported on the good work carried out by the Road Sweeper from South Lakeland District Council.</p> <p>Cllr Hall explained the South Lakeland District Council are looking into having a textile bank at the schools and both of them would need to take part to make it viable.</p> <p>Cllr Hall reported there has been a meeting to promote Coniston at the Festival of the Lakes in Italy.</p> <p>Cllr Tarr reported he had attended a recent meeting on the Crake Valley website. They are looking to update the website, possibly change the name and include more links. A cheque, as previously agreed, is now required for the Coniston Parish Council's donation towards the website of £15.</p>	<p>JCC</p> <p>JCC</p>																						
<p><b>278/2012</b></p> <p><b>279/2012</b></p> <p><b>280/2012</b></p>	<p><b>Financial Matters</b></p> <p><u>Grant Application</u> <b>RESOLVED:</b> Cllrs noted the following receipts: Bridge Toilets Collection Box      £20.69 Bridge Toilets Weighing Scales      £20.08</p> <p><u>Payments</u> <b>RESOLVED:</b> Cllrs authorised the following payments:-</p> <table data-bbox="284 1429 1324 1854"> <tr><td>• Coniston Ground Care</td><td>£254.40</td></tr> <tr><td>• EON (by direct debit)</td><td>£75.11</td></tr> <tr><td>• Clerk's Salary</td><td>£240.00</td></tr> <tr><td>• Clerk's Expenses</td><td>£88.08</td></tr> <tr><td>• HMRC</td><td>£60.00</td></tr> <tr><td>• R J Airey</td><td>£60.00</td></tr> <tr><td>• EON (Bridge Toilets)</td><td>£8.95</td></tr> <tr><td>• Torver Parish Council (CALC Training)</td><td>£8.00</td></tr> <tr><td>• Room Hire (Housing Association)</td><td>£15.00</td></tr> <tr><td>• Room Hire (Flood Forum)</td><td>£15.00</td></tr> <tr><td>• Room Hire (Parish Council)</td><td>£60.00</td></tr> </table> <p><u>Review the precept for the Parish Council for 2013/14 following recent changes to the calculation of the tax base</u> <b>RESOLVED:</b> Cllrs agreed to maintain the precept at £16,500 and signed the relevant form.</p>	• Coniston Ground Care	£254.40	• EON (by direct debit)	£75.11	• Clerk's Salary	£240.00	• Clerk's Expenses	£88.08	• HMRC	£60.00	• R J Airey	£60.00	• EON (Bridge Toilets)	£8.95	• Torver Parish Council (CALC Training)	£8.00	• Room Hire (Housing Association)	£15.00	• Room Hire (Flood Forum)	£15.00	• Room Hire (Parish Council)	£60.00	
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<b>281/2012</b>	<p><b>Correspondence</b></p> <p>Councillors noted the following correspondence:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Letter from Coniston Institute &amp; Ruskin Museum thanking for grant</li> <li>- South Lakeland District Council agenda 18 December 2012</li> <li>- South Lake District Council Parish Remuneration Panel report</li> <li>- Letter of thanks from Coniston Institute and Ruskin Museum</li> </ul>	
<b>282/2012</b>	<p><b>Next Meeting</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monday 18 February 2013 7pm in the Reading Room, Institute, Coniston</li> </ul>	

Meeting closed at 8.50pm.