

Coniston Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of Coniston Parish Council held in the Reading Room, Coniston Institute at 7.00pm on Monday 16th June 2014

Present: Cllr J R Carroll (Chair)
Cllrs –A Hall, A Kelly, D Sharp and J Stoddart
Mrs J C Carroll - Clerk

In attendance: 6 members of the public

Minute Number		Action By
247/2014	<p>Apologies RESOLVED: Cllr Coxon as pre-arranged (see minute number 241/2014) & apologies received and accepted from Cllr Batty</p>	
248/2014	<p>Requests for Dispensations No requests received.</p>	
249/2014	<p>Declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests in respect of Agenda items 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 Custodian Trustees of the Coniston Institute and Ruskin Museum.</p>	
250/2014	<p>Minutes of Meetings 19 May 2014 RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 19 May 2014 be approved as a true record and signed by the Chair.</p>	
251/2014	<p>Public Participation</p> <p><u>Police</u> PCSO Forrester sent through an e-mail report. 4 crimes (1 theft, 2 burglaries and 1 shoplifting crime) and have been reported since the last meeting. Fourteen non-crime matters have also been reported. People are encouraged to register on Cumbria Community Messaging and to follow @ulvandlakescops on Twitter or Cumbria Constabulary on Facebook and Twitter for up-to-date crime alerts and information.</p> <p><u>Cumbria County Councillor D Fletcher</u> County Cllr Fletcher did not attend the Parish Council meeting and no apologies were received.</p> <p><u>South Lakeland District Councillor A Hall</u> Cllr Hall recently attended an Overview and Scrutiny Committee as part of her role as District Cllr. She continues to attend other local Parish Council meetings.</p> <p><u>Coniston & Torver Community Land Trust</u> Mr A Cameron forwarded a report by e-mail and gave his apologies for not</p>	

	<p>attending his meeting. The Barratts Croft mini-scheme has had delays and the completion date has been put back to the end of February. The Diocese are currently looking at converting the St Andrews Youth Centre into affordable housing with 8 affordable homes and 3 local needs houses on the site. Mr Cameron has been carrying out work on the Coniston Neighbourhood Plan following consultation and review from an independent consultant and the draft is now completed. A campaign will be started to emphasise the need for Local Need homes in Lakeland villages using Coniston and Torver as examples.</p> <p><u>Councillor attending the Lake District National Park Authority Development Control Committee meeting on 4 June with reference to planning application 7/2014/5177 Cricket Pavilion, Yewdale Road, Coniston</u> No report received.</p> <p><u>Public Participation</u> There was discussion about the planning application for the cricket pavilion being unsupported by Coniston Parish Council and declined by Lake District National Park Authority at their Development Control Committee. The Cricket Club would like to get the Parish Council's approval for the plans. RESOLVED: Parish Council will meet representatives at Cricket Club on 30th June at 7pm to have a site visit and discuss the application further.</p>	
252/2014	<p>Ongoing Issues and Actions from the Last Meeting</p> <p><u>To receive update from Highways on arranging a site meeting for the blocked drain near Tent Lodge</u> RESOLVED: Cllr Batty to contact Highways representative to progress.</p> <p><u>To update on progress of installing planters with cycle stands in the playground on Lake Road</u> Cllr Stoddart went to Coniston Boating Centre to view the cycle stands that are currently stored there, however he was unable to view them at the time but will try again.</p> <p><u>To update on the problem with rubbish on near the footpath from Old Furness Road towards the old railway bridge</u> Clerk has received an e-mail from Lake District National Park Authority who is assessing the situation.</p> <p><u>To update on a timescale for the works to be carried out to install new dropped kerbs by Cumbria County Council following the signing of a private works agreement</u> No update has been received from Cumbria County Council despite many requests for an update.</p> <p><u>To receive update on potential World War 1 commemorative events in the village</u> It was suggested putting some poppies at Dow How. RESOLVED: Cllr Hall to contact the Vicar about commemorative events. RESOLVED: Cllr Stoddart to assess the situation at Dow How with a volunteer from the public who has offered to assist.</p>	

253/2014	<p>Planning Applications No planning applications received.</p>	
254/2014	<p>RESOLVED: Cllrs noted the following Notice of Grant of Planning Permission:-</p> <p>7/2014/5091 – Land to west of Howe Farm, Days Bank, Coniston LA21 8HA – Change of use of land from agricultural to a mixed use of agriculture and the keeping of horses, use of stone barn as a tack room without change to the external appearance and siting of temporary field shelter in a permanent level screened location</p> <p>7/2014/5113 – Dixon Ground Barn, Dixon Ground Farm, Coniston – retrospective change of use to mixed use for storage, workshop and agriculture with associated internal alterations</p>	
255/2014	<p>Parish Plan Suggestions for subjects to work on:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cumbria Way Signage RESOLVED: Clerk to contact Lake District National Park Authority for an update. • Dog Muck Signs Suggested additional signs along the Old Railway line, Devonshire Terrace, Thurston Bank • Rubbish from car parks It was noted the increased amounts of rubbish from local car parks, which in particular is a problem at The Garth • Coach parking It was suggested looking at sites outside the village, possibly the Far End Saw Mill or requesting Lake District National Park Authority if coach parking could be made at Monk Coniston when the spaces at Ruskin Avenue are full. • Litter generally It was suggested additional bins could be beneficial to the village. RESOLVED: Cllr Hall to investigate the costs. • White lining on the Bridge near Barclays Bank It was noted the additional white lining that used to be on the Bridge would be beneficial to be reinstated especially given the recent accident in the area and number of near misses. • Street lights Some of the street lamps on Old Furness Road owned by the Parish Council are in a poor state of repair and it may be beneficial to upgrade to LED lights. • Benches Some of the benches in the village are in need of some minor repair work and paint work. RESOLVED: Cllr Stoddart to investigate and report back at the next meeting. • Village Maintenance Go Lakes Travel do have a specific fund for projects and there was discussion about free electric charging for vehicles including motorhomes 	

	<p>on car parks within the village and on the east side of the lake.</p> <p>RESOLVED: Clerk to contact Go Lakes Travel to investigate what assistance is available.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youth Looking at how the Parish Council can assist the youth of the area to stay in the area and benefit from the area. <p><u>GP Surgery</u> Cllr Carroll explained he has been asked to attend a meeting with the Friends of Coniston Medical Practice who have Dr Geddes from the NHS Commissioning Board attending about how to retain the surgery within the village.</p>	
256/2014	<p>Neighbourhood Plan Cllr Carroll explained his recent communications with Dave McGowan and Steve Ratcliffe from Lake District National Park Authority (LDNPA) regarding planning and the future of the Coniston Neighbourhood Plan.</p> <p>It was suggested arranging a meeting with some Cllrs and representatives from the LDNPA Planning Department to generally discuss Parish Council responses to planning applications.</p> <p>It was suggested the draft Coniston Neighbourhood Plan that Mr Cameron has completed be forwarded to Paula Allen at LDNPA for their comments.</p> <p>It was noted a meeting is also to be arranged with Coniston Business Forum to incorporate their suggestions into the Coniston Neighbourhood Plan.</p>	
257/2014	<p>Parish Walk RESOLVED: Date agreed of 30th June at 7pm to include Cricket Club and meeting at the Cricket Pavilion</p> <p>.</p>	ALL
258/2014	<p>Councillor Matters There is a continuing ongoing issue of flooding at the bus shelter at Haws Bank and the Highways Department need to investigate the root cause of the issue.</p> <p>It was confirmed to Cllr Sharp his responsibilities with regard to the playground.</p> <p>The Highways Department need to be informed the wall has crumbled at Dow How and appears to have been hit by a lorry.</p> <p>Cllr Hall will be contacting other Parish Councils on the route of the proposed X12 and X11 bus service with a view to them giving a small subsidiary towards the cost. It was suggested Go Lakes Travel about possible funding as well.</p> <p>Cllr Hall explained as a District Council member she has been given an allowance for her area and may split between the parishes unless there was something that would benefit the whole area.</p> <p>The Highways Department need to be informed the bridge at Lake Road has been damaged by coaches.</p>	

	<p>It was noted the road surface from the bottom of Station Hill to John Ruskin School is in a bad state of repair and requires remedial work.</p> <p>There are gates on footpaths that will not fasten, two at Park Coppice caravan site and two at Townfield.</p> <p>The road surface around Bank Terrace and Devonshire Terrace is in a bad state of repair and requires remedial work.</p> <p>Shepherds Bridge is currently in bad state of repair and it was noted repair work was due to be carried out through Lake District National Park Authority.</p>	
259/2014	<p>Financial Matters <u>Bank Signatories</u> RESOLVED: To confirm the signatories are:- Cllr Coxon, Kelly and Stoddart.</p>	
260/2014	<p><u>Payments</u> RESOLVED: Cllrs authorised payment of the following:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clerk's Salary £317.35 • Clerk's Expenses £21.26 • HMRC £79.20 • EON (Streetlights - May) – direct debit £73.12 • EON (Streetlights – June) – direct debit £75.11 • The Flower Basket – bus stop planters £200.00 (Go Lakes Travel Bus Stop Funding) • Lake District National Park Authority £103.68 (HCS Sanitary Service – Bridge Toilets) • EON (Bridge Toilets) £13.73 • Stephen Airey £300.00 	
261/2014	<p>Correspondence RESOLVED: Cllrs noted the following correspondence:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lakeland Trails Marathon 6 July 2014 - South Lakeland District Council agenda of meeting on 10 June 2014 	
262/2014	<p>Next Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monday 14 July 2014 7pm 	

Meeting closed at 9.30pm.