

Coniston Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of Coniston Parish Council held in the Reading Room, Coniston Institute at 7.00pm on Monday 18th August 2014

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

In attendance: 3 members of the public

Cllr Carroll congratulated Cllr Sharp and his family on the birth of his son.

Minute Number		Action By
280/2014	<p>Apologies RESOLVED: Cllr Coxon as pre-arranged (see minute number 241/2014)</p>	
281/2014	<p>Requests for Dispensations No requests received.</p>	
282/2014	<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 Cllr Kelly – matters relating to planning application 7/2014/5487 Dow Crag House All Councillors as Custodian Trustees of the Coniston Institute and Ruskin Museum.</p>	
283/2014	<p>Minutes of Meetings 14 July 2014 RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 14 July 2014 be approved as a true record and signed by the Chair.</p>	
284/2014	<p>Public Participation</p> <p><u>Police</u> PCSO Forrester sent in a report by e-mail – there have been 7 crimes since the last meeting and 11 non-crime related matters. Arrests have been made following the recent burglaries. PSCO Forrester has requested the speed detection device on the A593 and will report back further in due course.</p> <p><u>Cumbria County Councillor D Fletcher</u> No report or apologies received. Cllrs expressed concerns at the lack of input from County Cllr Fletcher.</p> <p>Cllr Carroll explained his communications with Cumbria County Council (CCC) and that despite a specific request the Chief Executive of CCC will not attend Parish Council meetings. However, a meeting is being arranged with the CCC Area Support Manager (South) and some Parish Councillors to discuss issues within the parish that would come under the directorate of CCC.</p>	

South Lakeland District Councillor A Hall

Cllr Hall explained there have been a few meetings lately, some looking at health matters although she has been unable to attend due to other meetings at the same time.

Coniston & Torver Community Land Trust

The completion date at Barratt Croft is 27th February 2015 and people need to ensure their details on choice based letting are up to date if they wish to apply. The block work has started on the 3 homes unit. Sharon Hodgson is producing a newsletter every month and the Community Land Trust are delivering these to houses around the area.

St Andrews Youth Centre is open for groups until October. The Diocese are requesting expressions of interest from housing associations in particular one with experience of affordable and local needs.

Mr Cameron explained he has been thinking about whether or not another Housing Needs Survey is required. However, after discussions following a reallocation in Church Fields Close the current need of 32 is likely to be accurate.

Mr Cameron gave an explanation of the background to the EU funding for a schemes for cutting down on grazing on the fells with animals and how this is being applied locally with the potential of developing the Penny Rigg Coppermill and Coppermines Valley.

Councillor attending Local Area Partnership meeting

Mr Raymond from the Cumbria County Council Highways Department will be invited to the next Local Area Partnership meeting to enable Parishes to discuss their concerns. Each Parish Council to bring their top highways priorities to the meeting. Cllrs noted there continues to be a problem with flooding at Haws Bank bus shelter.

The Lake District National Park Authority gave a presentation on electronic mapping and the uses within Parish Councils like marking items on benches, drains, street lights, etc. It was noted the Clerk is unlikely to currently have the time for this.

There is a gazebo bought through the Local Area Partnership available for use by any community.

There was no update on high speed broadband.

Ulverston and Low Furness are producing a leaflet on how to be more Dementia Friendly and will be having a training day in October.

Councillor attending meeting about the future of the X12 service

Cumbria County Council recently had a meeting about the future of the X12 service and discussions with the interested party are continuing.

	<p><u>Councillors attending meeting with Lake District National Park Authority Planning Department about recent planning applications</u> Cllr Carroll explained the background to this meeting of how Cllrs felt their opinions were not being heard and no feedback was given from the Lake District National Park Authority when there was a difference of opinion. It was discovered during the meeting that the Parish Council are not receiving a copy of the planning report that is prepared by Lake District National Park Authority to enable Cllrs to learn and understand more about the background to the application.</p> <p>Cllrs felt it was a very constructive meeting and there is better communication with the Planning Department with Planners taking away some actions.</p> <p>It is proposed to hold a meeting with local people who are interested in self build in the area with the planners and Community Land Trust. This is to be discussed further at September's Parish Council meeting.</p> <p><u>Public Participation</u> There was further discussion about the problem of flooding at Haws Bank bus shelter, where the drains are and potential solutions. This continued problem is to be reported to Highways again.</p>	
285/2014	<p>Ongoing Issues and Actions from the Last Meeting</p> <p><u>To update on the problem with rubbish on near the footpath from Old Furness Road towards the old railway bridge</u> The previous rubbish has been cleared away but there is now a mirror in the bracken. It was noted that some of the vegetation in the area has been cleared.</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> The last e-mail received by the Clerk from Highways Department stated that a provisional work start date was 28 July. It was noted there are markings on the dropped kerbs but no work has commenced. RESOLVED: Clerk to contact Highways for an update.</p> <p><u>To receive update on potential funding from Go Lakes Travel towards the refurbishment of Haws Bank bus shelter</u> Cllrs Sharp and Stoddart meet with Miss Moody from Go Lakes Travel and there is now agreement that funding of up to £2,500 could be given with certain conditions. RESOLVED: Clerk to confirm if planning permission would be required. RESOLVED: Cllrs agreed to progress this project with the aim of refurbishing the bus shelter. RESOLVED: Cllr Sharp to do a specification and Clerk to advertise this locally.</p> <p><u>To receive update from Highways on clearing of verges at Far End</u> Highways Department have confirmed the Area Team will be requested to clear the overgrown verge at Far End and Shepherds Bridge Line to expose the grate tops.</p>	<p>JCC</p> <p>JCC</p> <p>DS</p>

	<p><u>To receive update on progress of work required at Shepherds Bridge</u> The Clerk has been in contact with Lake District National Park Authority (LDNPA) and National Trust about progressing this matter. The LDNPA are prepared to put some money towards it as they have to maintain a footway but the National Trust will not take up the remainder of the shortfall required to repair the bridge.</p> <p>RESOLVED: Cllrs expressed their concerns over the current state of the bridge and requested the Clerk contact the Lake LDNPA to request they work with the National Trust and local land owner to resolve the situation.</p>	
286/2014	<p>Planning Applications 7/2014/5481 – Land adjacent to Barratt Croft, Coniston – amend condition no 6 of planning approval ref 7/2013/5610 to allow Burlington blue slate instead of green RESOLVED: Cllrs support the application.</p> <p>7/2041/5487 – Dow Crag House, Park Gate, Coniston – extension and alteration of annexed accommodation, replacement of flat garage roof with pitched roof RESOLVED: Cllrs support the application.</p>	
287/2014	<p>RESOLVED: Cllrs noted the following Notices of Grant of Planning Permission:-</p> <p>7/2014/5248 – Dixon Ground Farm, Coniston – roofing over existing machinery storage area (retrospective)</p> <p>7/2014/5269 – Rosecroft, Lake Road, Coniston – loft conversion with dormers and roof lights to front and rear and with window at second floor level to east elevation</p> <p>7/2014/5140 – Waterhead Hotel, Coniston – install 2 biomass boilers in existing detached stone built building</p>	
288/2014	<p>RESOLVED: Cllrs noted the following Notice of Refusal of Planning Permission:-</p> <p>7/2014/5177 – Recreation Ground, Yewdale Road, Coniston – replacement of cricket pavilion including provision of holiday letting accommodation</p>	
289/2014	<p><i>Cllr Carroll stepped down as chair to enable Cllr Kelly to take the Chair for the remainder of the meeting</i></p> <p>Parish Plan <u>Dog Muck Signs</u> The Clerk did e-mail the Coniston Business Forum about if they would be interested in sponsoring bins and no response has been received to date.</p> <p><u>Rubbish from Car Parks</u> The Lake District National Park Authority confirmed a conscious decision to remove litter bins from car parks was made over 5 years ago, this was done to reduce costs but also found that litter bins attracted fly tipping and discouraged recycling. The Property Team do carry out litter picks but are aware of issues at</p>	

	<p>Monk Coniston so will increase the number of litter picks there and add it to the toilet cleaning contract so it should get doubly covered.</p> <p><u>Coach Parking</u> A response is still awaited from Highways Department about the potential of coach parking at Far End Saw Mill.</p> <p><u>Litter</u> Cllr Hall explained the cost of a new bin is £450 with £100 to install and £3.30 each time to empty the bins. It was noted the inside of the bin outside the Bridge Toilets requires replacing. RESOLVED: Clerk to find out prices of bins from other companies. RESOLVED: Cllr Stoddart to carry out an audit of bins.</p> <p><u>White lining on Bridge near Barclays Bank</u> A response is still awaited from Highways Department about reinstating the white lines.</p> <p><u>Street Lights</u> The wayleave under the Financial Transactions paid to Lake District National Park Authority was questioned. RESOLVED: Clerk to obtain more details about this invoice. RESOLVED: Cllr Kelly to do an audit of all streetlamps in the area.</p> <p><u>Benches</u> It was noted the benches in the playground require work. RESOLVED: Cllr Carroll to take this further. Cllr Stoddart has done an audit of the benches in the village. It was noted work has started on refurbishing some of the benches and suggested getting a local contractor RESOLVED: Cllr Kelly to assist in making a list of work required on benches and streetlights.</p>	<p>JCC JS</p> <p>JCC AK</p> <p>JRC</p> <p>AK</p>
290/2014	<p>Neighbourhood Plan A meeting was held on 31 July with Paula Allen, Policy Planner, Lake District National Park Authority and the Coniston Neighbourhood Plan Team. A lot of progress was made and a further formal public consultation is planned in early October.</p>	
291/2014	<p>Proposals to Create Bridleways between Boon Crag and High Cross, Coniston RESOLVED: Cllrs approve in principal the proposals but have concerns over the steepness of the bridleways, particularly the junction that joins Tarn Hows road.</p>	
292/2014	<p>Coniston Emergency Plan Cllr Carroll will have this updated and completed for the next meeting.</p>	
293/2014	<p>Applying for Vodafone 3G Coverage in the Area RESOLVED: Cllr Carroll and Clerk to investigate further and progress.</p>	<p>JRC & JCC</p>
294/2014	<p>Standing Orders RESOLVED: Cllrs accepted and approved the revised Standing Orders.</p>	

<p>295/2014</p>	<p>Councillor Matters</p> <p>Cllr Batty has had a meeting with Highways about the problem with the drain at Tent Lodge and a report is going to be prepared by the Highways Department.</p> <p>Cllr Sharp has the part required to fix the swing in the playground and will go through the recent ROSPA report received to check if there are any further actions are required to be carried out.</p> <p>Cllr Stoddart explained the cycle planters are currently stored at Coniston Boating Centre and he will progress this further at the end of the summer.</p> <p>It was noted the Cumbria Way signage has been described as inadequate at the edge of the parish boundary.</p> <p>It was confirmed the Parish Council safe from the Institute has been disposed of.</p> <p>Dame Kathleen Ollerenshaw has recently passed away who used to live in the area.</p> <p>It was noted the parking at Gateside is causing problems and concerns.</p> <p>The Parish Directory requires updating and it was suggested involving the Coniston Business Forum in organising an update.</p> <p>It was noted a Parishioner is interested in starting a litter pick group and it was suggested getting litter pickers and high visible jackets from the Parish Council to assist with this.</p> <p>The Montane 50 and 100 events recently were a success in the village and the organisers are to be thanked.</p> <p>The recycling centre at Lake Road is looking untidy again and needs to be reported.</p> <p>Concerns were expressed about broken glass seen on the lakeshore near the Coniston Boating Centre and Bluebird Café.</p> <p>There will be a meeting on 22nd September with a few Cllrs and Cumbria County Council to discuss issues within the Parish.</p> <p>It has been noticed the wall at the Bridge Toilets by garage has been damaged.</p> <p>Cllr Carroll and the Clerk met with the owners of the Yewdale Hotel about their potential plans for the brewery to invest in the hotel which would produce more jobs. It was discussed the lack of accommodation in the village for people moving to the parish for employment. It was suggested if planning applications do come before the Council it would be helpful if they attend to answer questions.</p>	
	<p>Financial Matters</p>	

296/2014	<u>Receipts</u> RESOLVED: Cllrs confirmed receipt of the following:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bridge Toilets Collecting Boxes £54.78 • South Lakeland District Council £1,500.00 (part funding towards dropped kerbs) 	
297/2014	<u>Payments</u> RESOLVED: Cllrs authorised payment of the following:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clerk’s Salary £317.35 • HMRC£79.20 • EON (Streetlights) – direct debit £62.77 • Stephen Airey £375.00 • Hygiene Cleaning Supplies £62.78 • Hygiene Cleaning Supplies £61.34 • Amb-IT Solutions (website hosting) £55.00 • Coniston Institute – room hire £60.00 • Coniston Institute – room hire housing trust £15.00 • EON (Bridge Toilets June) – direct debit £14.81 • EON (Bridge Toilets July) – direct debit £8.52 • Lake District National Park Authority £1.00 (annual wayleave Old Station Coniston street lamps)	
298/2014	Correspondence RESOLVED: Cllrs noted the following correspondence:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Clerks & Councils Direct Magazine July 2014 - Tim Farron MP Advice Surgeries poster Autumn 2014 - South Lakeland District Council agenda of meeting 28 July 2014 - Letter from Lakeland Trails re 4th & 5th October 2014 	
299/2014	Next Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monday 15 September 2014 7pm 	

Meeting closed at 9.58pm.