

Coniston Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of Coniston Parish Council held in the Reading Room, Coniston Institute at 7.00pm on Monday 17th November 2014

Present: Cllr J R Carroll (Chair)
Cllrs – K Batty, D Coxon (until 8.10pm), A Hall and J Stoddart
Mrs J C Carroll - Clerk

In attendance: PCSO Forrester, Cumbria County Cllr D Fletcher and 3 members of the public

Minute Number		Action By
354/2014	<p>Apologies RESOLVED: Apologies received and accepted for Cllr Kelly</p>	
355/2014	<p>Requests for Dispensations No requests received.</p>	
356/2014	<p>Declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests in respect of Agenda items Cllr Carroll – matters relating to Clerk’s salary and Coniston & Torver District Angling Association Cllr Coxon – matters relating to Lake District National Park Authority (including car park management & Coniston Boating Centre) and events Cllr Hall – declared an interest in matters relating to planning and will take no part in planning discussions Cllr Batty – in relation to planning item 7/2014/5669 Lane Head, Coniston – change of use to two dwellings, one of which is to be used as a holiday let All Councillors as Custodian Trustees of the Coniston Institute and Ruskin Museum.</p>	
357/2014	<p>Minutes of Meetings 20 October 2014 RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the Meetings held on 20 October 2014 be approved as a true record and signed by the Chair.</p>	
358/2014	<p>Public Participation</p> <p><u>Police</u> PCSO Forrester reported that since the last meeting there have been 6 crimes in the area (2 thefts, 3 burglaries of a building other than a dwelling and one report of violence against a person) and 15 non-crime matters dealt with by the Police. Speed enforcement has been taking place at Haws Bank with one person caught exceeding the speed limit. Further enforcement will be carried out soon.</p> <p><u>Cumbria County Councillor – D Fletcher</u> Cumbria County Cllr Fletcher explained the Cumbria County Council consultation document for their budget has been published and advised people to read and comment on it.</p> <p>Cllrs expressed their concerns over Highways matters and lack of communication</p>	

	<p>from that department.</p> <p><u>South Lakeland District Councillor – A Hall</u> South Lakeland District Cllr Hall informed people of a Draftbusters scheme where eligible households can get £250 per property and she has leaflets available.</p> <p><u>Coniston & Torver Community Land Trust</u> Mr Cameron sent a report by e-mail. The Barratt Croft new development is progressing and there are more than sufficient potential eligible applicants. The potential development on Lands Field would be supported by the Community Land Trust as they believe the loss of any view is not as important as the 7 new homes for Coniston families. There has been little progress to date on the St Andrews Youth Centre project. The project for funding the historic interpretation of Coppermines and Penny Rigg is progressing.</p> <p><u>Councillor attending the Local Area Partnership meeting</u> Cllr Hall explained it was agreed at the Local Area Partnership meeting to split the remaining funds equally between parishes for verge maintenance. £96.00 is available to each Parish and copy invoices have to be submitted by 27th February 2015. Other issues that were discussed at the meeting were health issues, rural GPs, travel issues and broadband.</p> <p><u>Public Participation</u> Comments about planning application 7/2014/5669 were noted.</p>	
359/2014	<p>Ongoing Issues and Actions from the Last Meeting</p> <p><u>To update on the progress of new dropped kerbs by Barclays Bank and on Old Furness Road by Cumbria County Council</u> Cumbria County Council has carried out a consultation with local residents and is currently in the process of contacting the land owner of the permissive path to seek their views. Once all the comments have been received Cumbria County Council will make an informed decision as to whether or not the dropped kerb should be installed.</p> <p>The Clerk has requested an invoice for the two dropped kerbs already in place outside Barclays Bank and the Yewdale Hotel.</p> <p><u>To update on the progress of matters discussed with Cumbria County Council and some Councillors at the meeting in September 2014</u> The dropped kerbs issue is slowly progressing. County Cllr Fletcher needs to be contacted for an update on the streetlights on Old Furness Road. The areas for saplings to be removed from the verges are the road to Hawkshead Hill and the A593 from Yew Tree Tarn to Little Arrow.</p> <p><u>To receive information from Cllr Carroll on applying for Vodafone 3G coverage in the area.</u> Cllr Carroll has been unable to get a response from Vodafone despite numerous attempts.</p> <p><u>To receive confirmation if any further work is required at the playground</u></p>	

	<p><u>following the recent ROSPA report</u> Cllr Sharp has sorted this with Playdale.</p> <p><u>To update on the land at Little Moss and the agreement with South Lakeland District Council</u> It was noted the three months notice of termination of agreement has been given in respect of the land at Little Moss and the land must be left in a neat and tidy condition.</p>	
360/2014	<p>Planning Applications</p> <p>7/2014/5712 Little Langdale Quarries, Little Langdale – interpretation panel RESOLVED: Cllrs support the application.</p> <p>7/2014/5669 Lane Head, Coniston – change of use to two dwellings, one of which is to be used as a holiday let RESOLVED: Cllrs agreed to seek clarification on exactly what the application is for as there is no mention of the outbuilding or office in the proposal on the form. Also Cllrs to seek clarification on letters of objection received by the Parish Council. Another meeting is to be arranged for 25 November 2014.</p> <p>7/2014/5700 3 Oak Howe Cottages, Yewdale Road, Coniston – remove bay window and replace with sash window and reinstatement of stonework around windows RESOLVED: Cllrs support the application.</p> <p>7/2014/5673 Land to rear of Kirkdale House, Tilberthwaite Avenue, Coniston – variation of condition no 2 of planning approval 7/2003/5317 to allow minor alterations to windows and rooflights and solar hot water panels to roof RESOLVED: Cllrs have no objections.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Cllr Coxon left the meeting.</i></p>	
361/2014	<p>Parish Plan RESOLVED: Cllrs deferred this until next month.</p>	
362/2014	<p>Neighbourhood Plan The consultation online has now finished and 59 responses have been received. The results will now be analysed. A meeting will be held in late November or early December to discuss the next steps. In early November a meeting was held with the Coniston Business Forum and some slight amendments were made.</p>	
363/2014	<p>Lake District National Park Partnership’s Plan for 2015 – 2020 (Management Plan for the English Lake District a National Park and proposed World Heritage Site) – Consultation Draft November 2014 RESOLVED: Cllr Stoddart agreed to have a look through it and formulate some comments.</p>	JS
364/2014	<p>Meeting re Self Build 8 December 2014 Cllr Hall will publicise this through the Parish Newsletter and weekly CDC e-mail. The meeting is to be supported by the Coniston & Torver Community Land Trust</p>	

	and Coniston Parish Council.	
365/2014	<p>Resignation of Councillor Sharp RESOLVED: Cllrs noted and accepted the resignation of Cllr Sharp. A letter of thanks is to be sent to him and the Clerk is to start the process of a casual vacancy.</p>	
366/2014	<p>Coniston Christmas Lights Committee There was brief discussion about how the Parish Council can support the Coniston Christmas Lights Committee. RESOLVED: Cllrs requested a member of the committee be asked to attend the next meeting to answer questions they have.</p>	
367/2014	<p>Brown Tourist Signs for Coniston It was noted there have been previous attempts to get brown tourist signs in the area for Coniston and that Cllr Coxon is currently working on this.</p>	
368/2014	<p>World Heritage Status Cllrs had a brief discussion about the positive and negative potential impacts of the proposed World Heritage Status. Cllr Hall to request the attendance of the consultant acting as one of the Leads for this project at a subsequent Parish Council meeting.</p>	
369/2014	<p>Councillor Matters</p> <p>Cllr Hall explained about the Heritage bid for the Coppermines and initially £150,000 has been awarded. The people involved are looking to do community engagement with a view to providing interpretation in the village and other sites, developing a website and train up to 15 local people to be guides. There may also be an annual mine weekend with potential underground tours. The schools will be involved in this engagement and a steering group would like to have representatives from the Business Forum and Parish Council. A talk about the project is to be arranged for a future Parish Council meeting.</p> <p>The X12 service is continuing and should be able to provide an early morning bus to enable pupils to get to school and colleges en-route. Cllr Hall has organised a coffee morning Friday 5th December to raise money for X12 service.</p> <p>It was noted the over 70's Christmas party have received funding for the room hire at Coniston Institute this year.</p> <p>There are ongoing problems with streetlights at Haws Bank and the Brow Steps footpath despite them being reported several times to the Highways Department.</p> <p>Cllr Stoddart requested help and assistance to finding top soil to complete and site the planters from Go Lakes Travel.</p> <p>Cllr Carroll explained he has ordered a new trophy for the Coniston & Torver District Angling Association.</p> <p>Cllr Carroll recently wrote a letter of support for the Coniston & Crake Partnership on behalf of the Parish Council to assist in them obtaining funding.</p>	

	<p>Cllr Carroll explained he had also applied on behalf of Coniston Amenities Fund to the Rawdon Smith Trust for funding towards the bus shelter. The application is currently pending.</p> <p>The Clerk has received a request to provide an article on Coniston for the Explore website through South Lakeland District Council.</p> <p>Concerns have been expressed that Councillors have not been attending meetings outside of the monthly Parish Council meeting. It was noted some of these meetings are during the day when some Councillors are in their paid employment.</p>	
370/2014	<p>Financial Matters <u>Receipts</u> RESOLVED: Cllrs confirmed receipt of the following:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lake District National Park Authority (Neighbourhood Plan expenses) £437.60 • Bridge Toilets Collecting Boxes £21.30 	
371/2014	<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 Overtime (Neighbourhood Plan) £181.20 • Clerk's Expenses £24.00 • HMRC £124.60 • EON (Streetlights) – direct debit £62.77 • Stephen Airey £269.00 • Coniston Institute £42.00 • Alastair Cameron (Neighbourhood Plan) £32.50 • Ingham Garden Services £217.50 • Coniston Ground Care £211.20 • United Utilities (Bridge Toilets) £271.23 	
372/2014	<p>Correspondence RESOLVED: Cllrs noted the following correspondence:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cumbria Association of Local Councils Notice of Annual General Meeting 2014 - Leaflet from Cumbria County Council on X11 and X12 bus service - E-mail from Coniston Christmas Lights Committee thanking for grant - Letter from Great North Air Ambulance thanking for grant - Letter from Coniston Sports & Social Centre thanking for grant towards fireworks - Letter from Friends of Coniston Medical Practice thanking for grant - Letter from Coniston PCC thanking for grant - Letter from Coniston Institute and Ruskin Museum thanking for grant - Clerks & Councils Direct November 2014 	
373/2014	<p>Next Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tuesday 25 November 2014 7pm • Monday 15 December 2014 7pm 	

Meeting closed at 10.15pm.