

Coniston Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of Coniston Parish Council held in the Reading Room, Coniston Institute at 7.00pm on Monday 19th January 2015

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

In attendance: 5 members of the public and M Robinson & R Watson of Carter Jonas

Minute Number		Action By
100/2015	Apologies RESOLVED: No apologies received.	
101/2015	Requests for Dispensations No requests received.	
102/2015	Declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests in respect of Agenda items Cllr Carroll – matters relating to Clerk’s salary 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 Kelly – items in relation to Coniston Sports & Social Centre All Councillors as Custodian Trustees of the Coniston Institute and Ruskin Museum.	
103/2015	Minutes of Meetings 15 December 2014 RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 15 December 2014 be approved as a true record and signed by the Chair.	
104/2015	Public Participation <u>Police</u> PCSO Forrester sent a report by e-mail. Two crimes have been reported since the last meeting, one of criminal damage and one theft in Torver and 17 non-crime matters dealt with by the police. Recently several home dwelling burglaries in South Lakeland have taken place where houses have been unoccupied for a period of time. Quad bikes, trailers and tools continue to be stolen from outbuildings and sheds. <u>Rydal Estate – Morgan Robinson & Rachel Watson of Carter Jonas – Litte Arrow Moor (Walna Scar Car Park)</u> Morgan Robinson from Carter Jonas showed Councillors a plan of the proposal of the car park at Walna Scar. The work dates back to 2012 when a meeting took place with several different agencies to look at the current way vehicles park at Walna Scar park. Carter Jonas work on behalf of Rydal Estates and were approached by Lake District National Park Authority (LDNPA) to incorporate a solution to parking and anti-social off-roading. The planned solution is to	

formalize the parking at the fell gate and the view of Coniston Parish Council are sought. The original proposals started at 120 space car park and a proposal of 76 spaces has been agreed with LDNPA although in busy days there can be approximately 300 vehicles currently in that area.

Councillors agreed the proposals are a solution of sorts but have concerns at the number of spaces and 120 spaces would be better. Further information on the reasons for LDNPA limiting it to 76 spaces is to be sought.

Morgan Robinson explained it will be a pay & display car park but charges have not been set and there is the possibility of local resident's rates. Councillors suggested some of the car park charge could go towards the local mountain rescue teams or some local charity.

Councillors thanked Morgan Robinson & Rachel Watson for attending the meeting.

Coniston Sports & Social Club potential planning application - possible increase in number of days camping on the field

Helen Lace from Coniston Sports & Social Centre explained she has had further discussions with Lake District National Park Authority Planning Department about extending the 28 day rule for camping on the site. The Planning Department has advised Coniston Sports & Social Centre to go for permission for camping on the whole pitch rather the Parish Councillors previous proposals of just the perimeter.

After discussion about the application for the whole pitch Councillors raised concerns about the site potentially having permanent permission for camping on the whole pitch with no timescale on the restrictions.

It was suggested Helen Lace should speak to the Planning Department about planning permission for the outskirts of the field with clarity for 28 days on the pitch and 10 caravan pitches on the hard standing giving reasons for sustainability for the Sports Centre. Clarification was also sought by Councillors on what the trustees can and cannot do in terms of the land for the future.

Friends of Coniston Medical Practice with an update

Mr Gee attended a Local Area Partnership meeting recently on behalf of the Coniston Parish Council and circulated information on where the Coniston group are up to in terms of retaining the Coniston Medical Practice. The problem has been round the Care Commissioning Group, NHS England, Health Minister with no formal solution. Tim Farron MP has organized a debate in parliament and has put down a presentation bill on 9 March requesting funding.

Councillors thanked Rob Gee for all his efforts. Rob explained they are now looking for ideas as to the next move.

Cumbria County Councillor – D Fletcher

No report or apologies received.

South Lakeland District Councillor – A Hall

District Councillor Hall explained she has been asked to host the Police

	<p>Commissioner in Coniston and is contacting the local schools to involve young people.</p> <p><u>Coniston & Torver Community Land Trust</u> Alastair Cameron sent a report by e-mail. Barratt Croft is progressing well with advertising likely to commence at the end of January and allocations in March.</p> <p>A separate project between the Community Land Trust, Lake District National Park Authority, South Lakeland District Council and Home Group has been started to update Coniston's housing needs.</p> <p>Lands Field is still progressing with discussions currently taking place between United Utilities and Two Castles Housing Association.</p> <p>The tenders are now out with potential developers for St Andrews Youth Centre.</p> <p><u>Public Participation</u> A member of the public explained the Highways Department will do some work on the drain at bottom of Tent Lodge hill within the next 3-4 months which will involve closing the road.</p>	
105/2015	<p>Ongoing Issues and Actions from the Last Meeting</p> <p><u>To explain background to the road signs at the head of the lake</u> It was noted the Clerk had previously e-mailed details of the sign when it was proposed by Cumbria County Council and Councillors had the opportunity then to have an opinion. RESOLVED: Clerk to contact Cumbria County Council and request if the sign can state Monk Coniston Car Park rather than just Monk Coniston and if it could be moved 5 foot to the left of its current position.</p> <p><u>To receive update on progress of brown tourist signs for Coniston</u> Cllr Coxon is in discussions with Cumbria County Council about this.</p> <p><u>To confirm if a speaker will be attending a future meeting to give information on the World Heritage Status bid for the Lake District National Park</u> Cllr Hall is progressing this.</p>	<p>JCC</p> <p>DC</p> <p>AH</p>
106/2015	<p>Planning Applications</p> <p>7/2014/5796 - Parrock Quarry, Hodge Close, Smithy Brow, Coniston - A 5 year temporary permission for the removal of 2700 cubic metres of building stone from part of the existing spoil heap RESOLVED: Cllrs support the application</p> <p>7/2014/5799 - High Cross, Hawkshead Hill, Hawkshead - Create 2.5m bridleway starting at High Cross SD 33234/98663 and finishing in the wood near Warton Tarn SD 33029/98826. The proposed route also includes a 1.5m wide wicket gate in the wall near the tarn and will link with the bridleway from Boon Crag RESOLVED: Cllrs support the application and request chicanes are put in to</p>	

<p>107/2015</p>	<p>reduce the speed of cyclists coming down the hill.</p> <p>RESOLVED: Cllrs noted the following Notices of Grant of Planning Permissions:-</p> <p>7/2014/5582 – Coniston Boating Centre, Lake Road, Coniston – change the use of the existing car park to mixed use 50 per cent cars and 50 per cent boats between 1 November and 31 March</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</p> <p>7/2014/5712 – Little Langdale Quarries, Little Langdale – Interpretation panel</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</p> <p>7/2014/5551 – Coniston Sailing Club, Coniston Hall, Haws Bank, Coniston – replacement extension to provide changing and showering facilities, new disabled access</p>	
<p>108/2015</p>	<p>RESOLVED: Cllrs noted the following two letters from Lake District National Park Authority in relation to planning applications:-</p> <p>7/2014/5760 – Underwood, Little Arrow, Coniston – letter dated 18 December 2014</p> <p>7/2014/5702 – Land adjacent to Barratt Croft, Coniston – letter dated 7 January 2015</p>	
<p>109/2015</p>	<p>Parish Plan Councillors briefly went through the parish plan:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was suggested the Parish Diary could be highlighted through the weekly CDC e-mail • The wooden signs directing people to the car park on Old Furness Road need refurbishing. • The car park spaces by the Bluebird Café remain free • The recycling centre needs tidying up and it was noted they are being filled with rubbish rather than recycling. • If any litter or blocked drains are seen at Ruskin Avenue or Monk Coniston pictures should be sent to Lake District National Park Authority. • It was noted the iron railings by Whins Wood still need to be repaired or replaced. <p>RESOLVED: Cllr Coxon agreed to update progress on the Parish Plan before the next meeting.</p>	
<p>110/2015</p>	<p>Neighbourhood Plan Cllr Carroll explained the Coniston Neighbourhood Plan has been updated and amended by Alastair Cameron and will be going for another review by an external</p>	

	agency. RESOLVED: Cllrs agreed to have a meeting on 2 February at 5.30pm to update on where we are up to.	
111/2015	Meeting for People Interested in Self-Build with Lake District National Park Authority RESOLVED: Cllr Hall is to contact Lake District National Park Authority Planning Department to arrange for suitable date for a meeting.	
112/2015	Casual Vacancy for Councillor Two applications were received for the position of Councillor. A blind vote took place. RESOLVED: Cllrs invited Heather Troughton to be co-opted onto the Council. The other applicant is to be thanked for their interest.	
113/2015	Torver Neighbourhood Plan RESOLVED: Cllrs agreed to respond explaining they are pleased Torver Parish Council have taken the initiative to do a Neighbourhood Plan and wish them all the best.	
114/2015	Meeting Dates for February and July 2015 RESOLVED: Cllrs agreed to change the dates of meetings to 9 February and 13 July	
115/2015	World Heritage Status RESOLVED: Cllrs deferred this until next month.	
116/2015	Buckingham Palace Garden Party Nominations RESOLVED: Cllrs agreed the current Chair and Clerk are to be nominated.	
117/2015	Institute Committee Rota 2015 RESOLVED: Cllrs noted the rota for attending the Institute Committee meetings.	
118/2015	Land at Little Moss / Barratt Croft – possible sale by South Lakeland District Council RESOLVED: Cllrs have no comments.	
119/2015	Local Council Award Scheme RESOLVED: Cllrs postponed this until after completion of the Neighbourhood Plan.	
120/2015	Local Area Partnership Meeting 3 February RESOLVED: Cllr Stoddart will attend the meeting.	
121/2015	Councillor Matters Cllr Hall gave a brief overview of how the X12 service has been running from October to December. Cllr Hall recently attended a meeting on transport and Coniston is the best place for cycling in the area. Cllr Hall explained there will be a speaker on Broadband at a Lake District	

	<p>National Park Authority meeting.</p> <p>Cllr Hall explained she had received a letter from Coniston Business Forum with questions about Bluebird and when it is coming back to Coniston. Cllr Hall suggested they look on the website and come back to her with any further queries.</p> <p>It was noted the footpath from Parkgate to Park Coppice is waterlogged.</p> <p>The Honesty shop at Coniston Institute is currently closed due to thefts, however, it is understood this has not been reported to the police, from whom advice could be sought.</p> <p>The steps from Little Moss leading into the Primary School need cleaning and so does the footbridge near the workshop units on Lake Road.</p> <p>It was noted there are signs on the Coppermines Road saying Lake District National Park Authority (LDNPA) however it is thought the LDNPA did not put them there.</p> <p>Anthony Robinson received a MBE in the New Years Honours list.</p> <p>It was noted a list of events to be held at John Ruskin School in 2015 has been received and circulated. Miriam Baily, current Headteacher will be resigning at the summer term.</p> <p>Jeff Carroll stated his intention to resign as Councillor with immediate effect. Cllrs thanked him for his help and Chairmanship.</p>	
122/2015	<p>Financial Matters <u>Precept</u> RESOLVED: Cllrs agreed the precept is to remain at £18,000 with no increase.</p>	
123/2015	<p><u>Receipts</u> RESOLVED: Cllrs noted the following receipt:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bridge Toilets collecting boxes £10.89 	
124/2015	<p><u>Payments</u> RESOLVED: Cllrs authorised payment of the following:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clerk's Salary £317.15 • HMRC £79.40 • EON (Streetlights) – direct debit £62.77 • EON (Bridge Toilets) – direct debit £10.43 • Stephen Airey £28.00 	
125/2015	<p>Correspondence RESOLVED: Cllrs noted the following correspondence:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Tim Farron MP Advice Surgeries Early 2015 - Clerks & Councils Direct January 2015 	
126/2015	Next Meeting	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Monday 9 February 2015 7pm	
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Meeting closed at 10.25pm.