

Coniston Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of Coniston Parish Council held in the Reading Room, Coniston Institute at 7.00pm on Monday 20th April 2015

Present: Cllr D Coxon (Chair)
Cllrs –A Hall, A Kelly, and H Troughton
Mrs J C Carroll - Clerk

In attendance: 5 members of the public, County Cllr D Fletcher and J Moffat - National Trust
General Manager South Lakes

Minute Number		Action By
178/2015	<p>Apologies RESOLVED: Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Stoddart and Batty</p>	
179/2015	<p>Requests for Dispensations No requests received.</p>	
180/2015	<p>Declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests in respect of Agenda items Cllr Coxon - matters relating to Lake District National Park Authority (including car park management & Coniston Boating Centre) and events including planning application 7/2015/5049 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.</p>	
181/2015	<p>Minutes of Meetings 16 March and 10 April 2015 RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the Meetings held on 16 March and 10 April 2015 be approved as a true record and signed by the Chair.</p>	
182/2015	<p>Public Participation</p> <p><u>Police</u> No report received.</p> <p><u>National Trust General Update – J Moffat, General Manager South Lakes Property</u> Mr Moffat gave a general update. There are no voids in housing with some changes over the last few months. Work has been completed on a new access path at the top of Hawkshead hill. There are currently no other major access works planned in the parish. Gondola is back on the water but has had a few problems so will be off for a few days getting fixed. Over the next 6 months the National Trust intends to work with all events companies for a consistent approach for small and large scale events. Next year is the 150th anniversary of the birth of Beatrix Potter and special events in the local community will be looked at.</p>	

	<p>A recent consultation has taken place on the Gondola to ensure visitors views are listened to.</p> <p>It was noted there has been an incident of pedestrians coming into conflict with cycle riders on a local bridleway. Mr Moffat stated this was the first incident he was aware of.</p> <p>There was a request from the public for additional signage at certain paths, for example, Glen Mary. There was a complaint about rubbish being left by contractors used by the National Trust and Mr Moffat will feed this back.</p> <p><u>Cumbria County Councillor – D Fletcher</u> County Cllr Fletcher explained he has been in contact with the Highways Department about additional ‘Residents Only’ signs for Old Furness Road and The Garth and it would be towards the end of the summer before they would be in place even with him providing the funding. He has suggested contacting the Housing Association instead and he will follow this up.</p> <p>Some streetlights have been repaired but have gone again and the advice is to continue reporting them.</p> <p><u>South Lakeland District Councillor – A Hall</u> District Cllr Hall will be attending the Overview and Scrutiny meeting this and will be discussing Community Assets and Dog Control Orders and if anyone has any other issues to let her know.</p> <p><u>Coniston & Torver Community Land Trust</u> A report from the Coniston & Torver Community Land Trust was e-mailed to Councillors prior to the meeting.</p> <p><u>Councillor attending the Coniston Water Association meeting</u> Cllr Troughton attended the brief meeting and explained the charitable body previously looking to purchase Blea Brows from Lake District National Park Authority have pulled out of the sale. There are concerns about public access, rights of way and car parking but these will remain the same. The Chillswim is on 5th September. There will be a lifejacket clinic starting soon.</p> <p><u>Public Participation</u> No comments.</p>	
183/2015	<p>Ongoing Issues and Actions from the Last Meeting</p> <p><u>To note when a meeting will take place for local people interested in self-build with the Planning Department of Lake District National Park Authority</u> Cllr Hall explained this is on hold until another planner is appointed by the Lake District National Park Authority.</p> <p><u>To update on request for additional ‘Residents Only’ parking signs at The Garth / Ruskin Avenue and Old Furness Road</u> See minute number 182/2015.</p>	AH

	<p><u>To receive update on the arrangements for a village litter pick</u> RESOLVED: Cllr Kelly will pick a date and advertise the event.</p>	
184/2015	<p>Planning Applications</p> <p><u>7/2013/5142 - High Bank Ground Farm, Coniston - Erect new timber jetty, adjacent existing boathouse</u> RESOLVED: Cllrs agreed to support the application.</p> <p><u>7/2015/5206 - 15 Beck Yeat, Coniston - Proposed conservatory to front elevation</u> RESOLVED: Cllrs agreed they have no objections to the application.</p> <p><u>7/2014/5783 - Lawson Park, Coniston - Extension to hostel living room and food under store</u> RESOLVED: Cllrs agreed they object to the application on the grounds it is out of keeping with the rest of the building and surroundings and has a flat roof.</p> <p><u>7/2015/5172 - Thurston Outdoor Centre, Coniston - Installation of a micro hydro system on Knipe Wood Beck, including the provision of an intake weir at GR SD3161196399 and a turbine house at GR SD3139196364</u> RESOLVED: Cllrs agreed they have no objections to the application.</p>	
185/2015	<p>RESOLVED: Cllrs noted the following Notices of Grants of Planning Permission:-</p> <p>7/2014/5752 – Out Rake, Park Gate, Coniston – Demolition of existing porch and kitchen. Extension to ground and part of first floor including dormer windows</p> <p>7/2014/5796 – Parrock Quarry, Hodge Close, Smithy Brow, Coniston – 5 year temporary permission for the removal of 2700 cubic metres of building stone from part of the existing spoil heap</p>	
186/2015	<p>Resignation of Cllr Coxon Cllr Coxon has confirmed his intention to resign from the Parish Council with immediate effect. RESOLVED: Clerk to commence process for a Casual Vacancy RESOLVED: Cllrs thanked Cllr Coxon for all his work on the Council over the last 15 years.</p>	
187/2015	<p>Casual Vacancy Two applications have been received for the Casual Vacancy. RESOLVED: Deferred until the next meeting.</p>	
188/2015	<p>Parish Plan RESOLVED: Cllrs agreed to have a meeting Tuesday 5 May at 7pm at Coniston Sports & Social Centre.</p>	
189/2015	<p>Neighbourhood Plan The Clerk explained the Neighbourhood Plan was forwarded to the Lake District National Park Authority and an Independent Examiner is currently being chosen. The document is available on the Coniston Parish Council website (www.coniston.info) and there are a limited number of paper copies available from</p>	

	<p>the Clerk. Cllrs thanks Alastair Cameron and the Clerk for their hard work on the document.</p>	
190/2015	<p>70th Anniversary VE Day Beacons The event is to take place on Friday 8th May. RESOLVED: Clerk to apply for a gas burner. RESOLVED: Cllr Kelly & Troughton to arrange the event.</p>	
191/2015	<p>New Wind Farm on Kirkby Moor RESOLVED: Cllrs support the local parishes and a letter of objection is to be written to South Lakeland District Council.</p>	
192/2015	<p>Revision of Coniston Parish Council Policies <u>Internal Control System & Appointment of Internal Auditor</u> RESOLVED: It was agreed the internal control systems are adequate. RESOLVED: It was agreed to appoint Fiona Todd as Internal Auditor.</p> <p><u>Risk Assessments</u> RESOLVED: Cllrs agreed there were no amendments required to the Risk Assessments.</p> <p><u>Asset Register</u> RESOLVED: Cllrs agreed the noticeboard at Bridge Toilets is to be added and there were no additional amendments required to the Asset Register.</p> <p><u>Financial Regulations</u> RESOLVED: Cllrs approved and adopted the amended Financial Regulations.</p>	
193/2015	<p>Coniston Parish Council Annual Report 2014/15 RESOLVED: Cllrs approved the Coniston Parish Council Annual Report 2014/15.</p>	
194/2015	<p>Tree at Playground It was noted another report on the tree is not required until May 2016.</p>	
195/2015	<p>Crake Website Steering Group Representative RESOLVED: Cllr Troughton agreed to be the Coniston Parish Council representative for the Crake Website Steering Group Representative. RESOLVED: Cllrs agreed to contribute £15 to the website.</p>	
196/2015	<p>Great Lakeland 3Day Challenge RESOLVED: Cllrs noted the event taking place on 2-4 May.</p>	
197/2015	<p>Annual Coniston Parish Council Meeting 2015 RESOLVED: Cllrs agreed no additional reports are required for the Annual Coniston Parish Council meeting in May. The local schools are both to be invited to the meeting in July to provide an update.</p>	
198/2015	<p>LDNPA South Distinctive Area Meeting RESOLVED: Cllr Hall will be attending.</p>	
199/2015	<p>Parish Walk</p>	

	RESOLVED: Cllrs agreed to have a Parish Walk on Tuesday 2 June at 6pm concentrating on Haws Bank	
200/2015	Coniston Parish Directory RESOLVED: Cllrs agreed to look at revising the Coniston Parish Directory with the Parish Plan and to see if Coniston Business Forum would like to be involved.	
201/2015	Councillor Matters It was noted that up to 90% of reinstatement work carried out by BT is unsuitable or sub-standard. Cllr Kelly has been painting the bus shelter at Haws Bank.	
202/2015	Financial Matters <u>Parish Council accounts for 2014/15</u> RESOLVED: Cllrs approved the accounts for 2014/15.	
203/2015	<u>To authorise the Chair to sign the Accounting Statement and Annual Governance Statement (sections 1 and 2) in the Annual Audit from BDO</u> RESOLVED: Cllrs authorised the Chair to sign the Accounting Statement and Annual Governance Statement (sections 1 and 2) in the Annual Audit from BDO	
204/2015	<u>New Audit Regime and Transparency Requirements</u> Clerk explained the new requirements from 1 st April 2015 which included publishing more information on the website including agendas. RESOLVED: Cllrs noted the new requirements	
205/2015	<u>South Lakeland District Council Non-Domestic Rate Bill 2015/16 for Bridge Toilets</u> RESOLVED: Cllrs noted no payment is required.	
206/2015	<u>Finance Group</u> RESOLVED: Deferred until the next meeting.	
207/2015	<u>Paying by Direct Debit to EON for electricity for the Bridge Toilets and street lighting</u> RESOLVED: Cllrs agreed to carry on paying the EON invoices for electricity by direct debit.	
208/2015	<u>Receipts</u> RESOLVED: Cllrs noted the following receipt:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lake District National Park Authority £538.19 • Bridge Toilets Collecting boxes £34.66 	
209/2015	<u>Payments</u> RESOLVED: Cllrs authorised payment of the following:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clerk's Salary £323.40 • HMRC £80.85 • Stephen Airey £369.50 • EON – street lighting (direct debit) £62.77 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EON – Bridge toilets (direct debit) - March £23.55 • EON – Bridge Toilets (direct debit) - April £14.85 • Printdigital £228.90 • Coniston Mountain Rescue Team £30.00 (hire of room for Neighbourhood Plan) • Alastair Cameron (Neighbourhood Plan) £140.69 	
210/2015	Correspondence RESOLVED: Cllrs noted the following correspondence:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Newsletter from Came & Company - Agenda for South Lakeland District Council meeting 30 March 2015 	
211/2015	Next Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monday 18 May 2015 7pm 	

Meeting closed at 8.50 pm.

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Signed (Chair)