

Coniston Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of Coniston Parish Council held in the Coniston Sports & Social Club, Shepherds Bridge Lane, Coniston at 7.00pm on Tuesday 1st September 2015

Present: Cllr A Kelly (Chair)
Cllrs – K Batty, T Coward, A Hall, J Stoddart and H Troughton
Clerk - J C Carroll

In attendance: PCSO E Forrester

Minute Number		Action By
293/2015	<p>Apologies RESOLVED: Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Metcalfe.</p>	
294/2015	<p>Requests for Dispensations No requests received.</p>	
295/2015	<p>Declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests in respect of Agenda items Cllr Hall – declared an interest in matters relating to planning and will take no part in planning discussions. Cllr Batty – declared an interest in planning application 7/2015/5473 – 5 Ruskin Avenue and will take no part in that planning discussion. All Councillors as Custodian Trustees of the Coniston Institute and Ruskin Museum.</p>	
296/2015	<p>Minutes of Meetings 13 July 2015 RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 13 July 2015 be approved as a true record and signed by the Chair. It was noted the meeting on 17th August 2015 was cancelled as inquorate.</p>	
297/2015	<p>Public Participation</p> <p><u>Police</u> PCSO E Forrester gave a report from 23 July to 1 September 2015. There have been two crimes – a theft from a motor vehicle and criminal damage. In addition there have been 27 non-crime matters including anti-social behaviour, road traffic collisions, mountain rescue incidents, suspicious people and domestic disputes.</p> <p>On 5th October 2015 the policing boundary is changing, PCSO Forrester will remain covering Coniston and the Sergeant for the area will be Ruport Johnston who will be based in Ulverston. From 5th October Police Officers will be coming from Barrow in Furness and there should be no impact on service.</p> <p>Cllrs made a request for a speed camera at Haws Bank and PCSO Forrester will look into this. There are also concerned about the speed of vehicles on Lake Road and suggested a 20's plenty sign but this is a Cumbria County Council issue.</p>	

	<p>RESOLVED: Cllrs agreed they support the application.</p> <p>7/2015/5448 - Coniston Hall Farm, Coniston - Extension of existing cattle shed over midden</p> <p>RESOLVED: Cllrs agreed they support the application.</p> <p>7/2015/5473 – 5 Ruskin Avenue, Coniston - Erect single storey extension to rear elevation</p> <p>RESOLVED: Cllrs agreed they support the application.</p>	
300/2015	<p>RESOLVED: Cllrs noted the following Notices of Grant of Planning Permission:-</p> <p>7/2015/5278 – 17 Collingwood Close, Coniston – Proposed rear conservatory</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</p> <p>7/2015/5246 – Unit 4a Lake Road, Coniston – Change of use from workshop (B1C) to mixed use of workshop (B1C) and retail (A1)</p>	
301/2015	<p>RESOLVED: Cllrs noted the following Notice of Express Consent Subject to Conditions:-</p> <p>7/2015/5249 – Yewdale Hotel, 2 Yewdale Road, Coniston – Erection of illuminated and non illuminated signs to the exterior of the building</p>	
302/2015	<p>RESOLVED: Cllrs noted the following Certificate of Lawful Use or Development</p> <p>7/2015/5245 – Units 1A & 1B Lake Road Estate, Coniston – mixed use comprising B8 storage and distribution and A1 retail</p> <p>7/2015/5250 – Sunny Brae & Sunny Brae Cottage, Haws Bank, Coniston – use of Sunny Brae as one full time dwelling and use of Sunny Brae Cottage as a dwelling let for holiday purposes and occasional occupation by a co-owner and her family</p>	
303/2015	<p>Parish Plan</p> <p>The main issues arising from the event on 5th July were:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A lack of pavement opposite the Crown Hotel towards Barclays Bank • Speeding on Lake Road • The narrow road at Bowmanstead and pedestrians using the area • Dog muck. <p>Cllrs agreed no major revision of the Parish Plan is required at the moment.</p>	
304/2015	<p>Neighbourhood Plan</p> <p><u>Independent Examiner’s report and recommendations</u></p> <p>RESOLVED: Cllrs noted the Independent Examiner’s report and agreed with the</p>	

	<p>recommendations. The Neighbourhood Plan Team have made the recommended amendments to the document but afterwards the Lake District National Park Authority (LDNPA) confirmed they would do this. The LDNPA are currently going through the document and the Examiner's report will go to Park Strategy and Vision Committee on 8th September after which a Decision Statement will be issued by LDNPA.</p> <p>An updated version of the document incorporating the recommendations has been e-mailed to all Cllrs for information.</p> <p><u>Referendum</u> RESOLVED: Cllrs agreed to proceed to referendum with the Neighbourhood Plan and to publicise the event as much as possible.</p>	
305/2015	<p>Complaint about Bridge Toilets</p> <p>A complaint was received from a member of the public concerning lack of cleaning at the Bridge Toilets and lack of running water which was referred to the Environmental Health Department at South Lakeland District Council.</p> <p>RESOLVED: Cllr Hall will try to make contact with the Environmental Health to establish the situation and the Bridge Toilets will be reopened regardless by the weekend.</p> <p>There was discussion about the costs of running the toilets from the precept and whether or not to charge. It was noted charging for the toilets would involve the cost of installing machines, collecting & banking money and dealing with any ongoing issues with the toilets. It was suggested in the interim to establish what is required if anything to bring the toilets up to a required standard.</p>	AH
306/2015	<p>Highways Issues in the Parish</p> <p>The yellow hatchings in the Lake Road workshop car park by the path to the footbridge have faded and need reinstating.</p> <p>The edge of the wall of the footpath on Church Bridge has been knocked down and there are loose stones.</p> <p>A streetlight at the Fire Station has remained stuck on for over a month.</p> <p>There are many potholes at Old Furness Road where it meets the old railway bridge.</p> <p>Cllr Stoddart reported back on the meeting he had with Dave Huck from Cumbria Highways. The water running down to the bus shelter at Haws Bank stems from an old railway tunnel further up the road and it is up to the owner of the land to address the issue. Some work has been done at Dow How but the 4 inch pipe put in is inadequate for the amount of water.</p> <p>It was noted there are still no barriers coming down the bridleway from Tarn Hows to Monk Coniston.</p>	

307/2015	<p>Drains at Haws Bank See minute number 297/2015.</p>					
308/2015	<p>Christmas Lights RESOLVED: Cllrs agreed they would take over the running of the event.</p>					
309/2015	<p>Twinning with Coniston, Ontario RESOLVED: Cllrs agreed a letter should be sent back explaining Coniston is already twinned with 2 villages but links would like to be maintained.</p> <p>Cllr Hall requested if any Parish Councillors are available this weekend to attend local Twinning events.</p>					
310/2015	<p>Councillor Matters</p> <p>The old railway line footpath has become overgrown from the railway bridge towards the Ship Inn.</p> <p>The Facebook page is up and running but requires further publicity. There was a comment on there that people are going down The Garth looking for the lake, however, this has been the situation for a long time.</p> <p>A Coniston photos event is taking place on Saturday 10th October and photos of Coniston can be taken along and scanned in.</p> <p>The new sign at Church Field Close has had a letter picked off.</p> <p>The letters on the signs at Little Moss Close and Lake Road have worn off.</p> <p>It was questioned if the piece of land near Little Moss Close is still up for sale and the sign advertising it is broken and lying on the ground.</p> <p>Cllr Kelly stated his intention to resign.</p>					
311/2015	<p>Financial Matters</p> <p><u>Quarterly Financial Statement</u> RESOLVED: Cllrs noted the quarterly financial statement from April to June.</p> <p>312/2015 <u>Annual Audit from BDO</u> RESOLVED: Cllrs approved and accepted the Annual Return from BDO and noted there were no issues arising.</p> <p>313/2015 <u>Receipts</u> RESOLVED: Cllrs acknowledged receipt of the following:-</p> <table data-bbox="277 1832 1369 1908"> <tr> <td>Bridge Toilets Collecting Boxes</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£42.04</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Coniston Sports & Social Club (fireworks)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£750.00</td> </tr> </table> <p>314/2015 <u>Payments</u> RESOLVED: Cllrs authorised payment of the following:-</p>	Bridge Toilets Collecting Boxes	£42.04	Coniston Sports & Social Club (fireworks)	£750.00	
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315/2015	<p>Correspondence RESOLVED: Cllrs noted the following e-mails:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - SLDC –PARISH/TOWN COUNCIL BRIEFING: Bin collection day changes; Parish councils consultation - draft Empty Homes Strategy and Action Plan; Declaration of Interests Forms - Annual Review; Made You Look Workshops; Electoral Registration Canvass 2015; Changes to Local Bin Collections Days - Cumbria County Council - Temporary Speed Limit Restrictions A6 near Huck's Bridge North Kendal and A593 Yew Tree Farm, near Coniston; Funding opportunity - The Bay Radio Summer of Difference promotion; South Lakeland Community Energy Support Project - LDNPA - Lifejacket Clinic 18 & 19 July 2015; Oxenholme to Grasmere Corridor Travel Plan meeting; Planning Correspondence invitation to Development Control Committee 7/2015/5125 at Land off Yewdale Road, Coniston; Sky Rides in your area; Creation, Diversion and Extinguishment of public paths between Tarns Road (East of Boon Crag) and High Cross, Coniston and Hawkshead Parishes; August news from the See More programme; Consultation - Rights of Way Issue - 1410.003.164 Grizedale Stages and Malcom Wilson Rallies 2015-16 - Vintage / Classic Cycling Event July 12 2015 - Reservoir Safety - United Utilities - 2015 campaign - Hawkshead Parish Council - Agenda for 21 July 2015; Minutes of 21 July 2015 - Lakes Parish Council - Plans Agenda 22nd July - CALC - South Lakeland District Association Meeting, Thursday 17th September 2015; CALC Annual General Meeting 14 November 2015; Friday Round Up; Lake District National Park Parish Forum; Transparency Code - Government Support Fund; Casual Vacancy on CALC Executive Committee; Connecting Cumbria Deployment Map; Cumbria Action for Sustainability - Community energy projects - Cumbria CVS – South Lakeland Community Newsletter 28 July 2015; South Lakeland Community Newsletter 24 August 2015 - Invitation to meeting at Water Yeat re Blea Brow 30th July - Lakes Parish Council – Agenda for 12 August 2015; Minutes for 12 August 2015; Agenda for 2 September 2015 - Public Consultation about Coniston Institute 20th August 2015 - Coniston & Torver Community Land Trust - 8th Report on Loss of Village Homes, Lake District villages - Invitation to AGE UK South Lakeland 11 September 2015 <p>To note the following correspondence has been received since the last meeting:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - South Lakeland District Council agenda 28 July 2015 - Lakeland Trails letter re event on 3 October 2015 - Tim Farron MP – Summer Surgery Tour 2015 - X12 Bus Timetables - Tim Farron MP – Autumn Surgery Tour 2015 	

316/2015	Next Meeting	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monday 21st September 2015 7pm 	

Meeting closed at 8.30pm.

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Signed & Approved by (Chair)