

Coniston Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of Coniston Parish Council held in the Reading Room, Coniston Institute, Coniston at 7.00pm on Monday 21st September 2015

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

In attendance: S Spicer – Area Ranger South, Lake District National Park Authority and 5 members of the public

Minute Number		Action By
317/2015	Apologies RESOLVED: Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Batty (holiday).	
318/2015	Requests for Dispensations No requests received.	
319/2015	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. All Councillors as Custodian Trustees of the Coniston Institute and Ruskin Museum.	
320/2015	Minutes of Meetings 1 September 2015 RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 1 September 2015 be approved as a true record and signed by the Chair.	
321/2015	Public Participation A member of the public gave their views of objection against planning application 7/2015/5509 as they felt the size, proximity, restriction of access to neighbouring property would have an adverse impact on scale and character of the jetty. <u>Police</u> PCSO Forrester gave her apologies and sent a report by e-mail. 6 crimes have been reported to the Police since the last meeting including theft, burglary of a building other than a dwelling, criminal damage and theft from car park meters. In addition 13 non-crime matters were reported including a suspicious male, road traffic collisions, mountain rescue incidents and anti-social behaviour. <u>Mrs S Spicer, Area Ranger South, Lake District National Park Authority</u> Mrs S Spicer is the Area Ranger covering from the west of Windermere, Coniston to the Duddon and Broughton-in-Furness. The Lake District National Park Authority (LDNPA) are working to improve communication locally and she can be contacted for any queries in relation to LDNPA.	

Locally work has been carried out on footpaths – Cat Bank and Monk Coniston. Volunteer days are held to assist in this work and if members of the community would like to assist this could be arranged. Cllrs reported the footpath from Park Gate uphill towards the Old Man requires drainage work and stones removed where walls have fallen down.

The Go Lakes Travel project over the last 3-5 years included improving cycle networks which also benefits people with pushchairs and limited mobility in partnership with Cumbria County Council. New cycle routes are available from Coniston to Hawkshead and from Coniston to Elterwater and to Grasmere / Langdale. A new path has recently been finished from Coniston to Hawkshead Hill. Next work will commence on improving interpretation panels. Information on the cycle routes is available on the website and through apps.

Cllrs questioned about where a barrier could be put at the bottom of the cycleway where it meets the road of the one way system from Tarn Hows. Mrs Spicer explained a chicane is being looked at.

Cllrs reported that near the dog kennels on the Cumbria Way footpath off Shepherds Bridge the wicket gate is small and has awkward stones underneath. It was suggested moving it 2-3 yards to ease this. Mrs Spicer explained this may not be possible but she would discuss it with the local Rangers.

Cllrs questioned if any assistance could be provided in opening up the old railway tunnel at Park Gate to move pedestrians off the road. Mrs Spicer said the LDNPA was unlikely to be able to assist in terms of funding.

Cllrs stated they would like local footpath signs to be painted white so the destination stands out. Mrs Spicer explained this was not done to prevent a maintenance problem and wooden signs are used instead of metallic ones as they are more inkeeping and natural.

The LDNPA does work with South Cumbria Rivers Trust to assist in eradicating invasive species. Locally, the Coniston & Crake Catchment Partnership runs sessions.

The LDNPA has a Community Fund available for local community groups.

There are more and more large scale events in the area, for example cycling events, Chill Swim and Guide Dogs. The LDNPA usually get notified through Cumbria County Council and Mrs Spicer will endeavour to forward these on to the Parish Council. Cllrs noted there are some events where the noise levels are night are unacceptable but generally the events are positive providing an income for the school as the venue and local businesses.

The LDNPA run annual distinctive area tours to enable Parish Councils to meet each other, other people from LDNPA and the local community. Cllrs reported few of them would be able to attend an event during the day.

It was questioned if LDNPA can assist with the removal of overhead power posts

	<p>and Mrs Spicer explained they could assist in lobbying but had no funding to carry out the work.</p> <p><u>Community Land Trust</u> Mr A Cameron gave an update on the two proposed housing schemes – Oak Howe and St Andrews Youth Centre. Oak Howe is awaiting paperwork from Lake District National Park Authority before work commences on 3 affordable homes and 3 local needs. The architect is currently working on designs for St Andrews Youth Centre.</p> <p>A Housing Needs Survey is due next year.</p> <p>Cllr Kelly reported there is still outstanding work required at the new builds at Barratt Croft. It was suggested a list of outstanding matters is put together and forwarded to Mr Cameron.</p> <p><u>County Councillor D Fletcher</u> No apologies and no report received.</p> <p><u>District Councillor A Hall</u> District Cllr Hall recently attended a crime and disorder partnership meeting and was pleased with the way agencies are working together to get more work done.</p> <p><u>Public Participation</u> It was reported that the recycling centre at Lake Road is untidy, cardboard boxes are not being flattened before they are put in and the skips are being placed too close together.</p> <p>At the playground by the wooden gate a puddle builds up and more stones are required to eliminate this.</p> <p>The car park at Monk Coniston has no litter bin and dog waste is being put in a hollow tree.</p> <p>Dow How needs strimming.</p>	
322/2015	<p>Ongoing Issues and Actions from the Last Meeting</p> <p><u>To update on progress of contacting the Highway Steward</u> Cllr Troughton reported she has spoken to the Highway Steward and e-mailed a list of reported problems in the area but has subsequently been unable to contact him.</p> <p><u>To update on the Environmental Health Department's view of no running water in the Bridge Toilets</u> A reply is awaited from the Environment Health Department.</p> <p><u>To consider quote from local contractor on removing saplings in the area</u> RESOLVED: Cllrs agreed the quote of £350.00 for the work near Yewdale Bridge and from John Hext House towards Tilberthwaite Road end. £250.00 of</p>	

	the money will come from District Cllr A Hall.	
323/2015	<p>Planning Applications</p> <p>7/2015/5509 - Lane Head, Coniston - Erect new timber jetty from boathouse into Coniston Water RESOLVED: A site visit is to be planned.</p> <p>7/2015/5406 - 12, Ruskin Avenue, Coniston - Single storey rear extension RESOLVED: Supported as it is inkeeping.</p> <p>7/2015/5516 - Low Bank Ground, Coniston - Window replacement RESOLVED: Supported although wooden framed windows would be preferred.</p>	
324/2015	<p>Neighbourhood Plan</p> <p><u>Decision Statement issued by Lake District National Park Authority</u> RESOLVED: Cllrs noted the Decision Statement issued by the Lake District National Park Authority which recommends proceeding with a referendum.</p> <p><u>Modifications to the Neighbourhood Plan document</u> The Neighbourhood Plan Team had a meeting with Paula Allen, Strategy Planner, Lake District National Park Authority and agreed final changes to the document. The changes have not been finalised and will be brought to the October meeting.</p>	
325/2015	<p>Lake District World Heritage Bid - Talk</p> <p>Despite a low turnout for the talk with Steve Ratcliffe, Director of Sustainable Development from Lake District National Park Authority on the Lake District World Heritage Bid those that attended found it informative. It was recommended businesses in the area should be considering what if any involvement they want to have should the Lake District gain World Heritage Status and Mr Ratcliffe is more than willing to speak to them. Further information can be found at www.lakesworldheritage.co.uk or on Twitter #lakedistrictbid.</p>	
326/2015	<p>Highways Issues in the Parish</p> <p>No further updates on highways issues or additional ones to report.</p> <p>A member of the public asked for guidance when cars are parked blocking access to a public bridleway. Cllrs suggested reporting this to the Police on 101.</p>	
327/2015	<p>Play Area Inspection</p> <p>Cllr Coward has looked through the recent playground inspection report and there are no immediate problems. She will continue to monitor the playground regularly.</p>	
328/2015	<p>Coniston Institute</p> <p>A letter has been received from Coniston Institute Committee requiring information for the Charity Commission from Coniston Parish Councillors as Coniston Parish Council is the Custodian Trustee of the Institute. RESOLVED: Cllrs provided the information for the Clerk to pass on.</p>	

329/2015	<p>Dispensation for Precept RESOLVED: Cllrs signed a Dispensation to enable discussion about the precept at October's meeting.</p>					
330/2015	<p>Local Area Partnership Meeting 6 October <u>To discuss top 2 priorities for Coniston Parish Council</u> RESOLVED: The top two priorities are highways issues (particularly the lack of white lining) and high speed fibre broadband.</p> <p><u>To agree if a Councillor is going to attend the meeting</u> RESOLVED: Cllr Troughton agreed to attend the next LAP meeting.</p>					
331/2015	<p>October and November Coniston Parish Council Meetings RESOLVED: Cllrs agreed to invite the South Lakes Citizen Advice Bureau Partnership Co-ordinator to the October meeting. RESOLVED: Cllrs agreed to invite the New Mechanics Youth Club for a debate prior to the November meeting.</p>					
332/2015	<p>Councillor Matters</p> <p>There is still a problem with the lights at the top of Brow Steps.</p> <p>There is a drainage problem at the Banks which results in a large puddle at Cat Bank where people park their cars and now means the road needs re-tarmacking.</p> <p>The X12bus service is planning a celebratory event on 20th October involving people travelling to and from Rampside. Between the X11 and X12 by October they will have carried 28,000 people and the Ramblers had an inaugural walk using the X112 route.</p> <p>Olivia from Grizedale Arts has obtained funding from the Arts Council for food production events in the Institute in October / November.</p> <p>It was noted water is coming down Dow How again due to a neighbouring landowners drain problem.</p> <p>There are a lot of weeds growing down Yewdale Road pavement and it some of the down spouts are blocked so water cannot drain correctly causing problems.</p> <p>It was noted that a proposed article about the merger between Hawkshead and Ambleside Medical Practice was not in the local Parish Newsletter to enable those parishioners who are registered at Hawkshead Surgery.</p>					
333/2015	<p>Financial Matters</p> <p><u>Receipts</u> RESOLVED: Cllrs acknowledged receipt of the following:-</p> <table border="0" data-bbox="279 1937 1300 2009"> <tr> <td>Bridge Toilets Collecting Boxes</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£63.34</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Lake District National Park Authority (Neighbourhood Plan)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£494.00</td> </tr> </table>	Bridge Toilets Collecting Boxes	£63.34	Lake District National Park Authority (Neighbourhood Plan)	£494.00	
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334/2015	<p><u>Payments</u></p> <p>RESOLVED: Cllrs authorised payment of the following:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EON – streetlights (by direct debit) £108.89 • Clerk’s Salary £363.42 • Clerk’s Overtime (Neighbourhood Plan) £184.80 • Clerk’s Expenses (Neighbourhood Plan) £32.00 • Clerk’s Expenses £64.19 • HMRC £137.08 • Atom Fireworks £900.00 • Coniston Sports & Social Club (room hire) £22.50 • EON – Bridge Toilets (by direct debit) £10.19 • Stephen Airey £388.50 • Playsafety Limited (playground inspection) £96.00 	
335/2015	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>RESOLVED: Cllrs noted the following e-mails:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LDNPA – Notes of meeting of Oxenholme to Grasmere Travel 24 July • SLDC – Parish Remuneration Panel; Statement of Gambling Licensing Policy; Invitation to Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting; LAP / Highways meeting dates; LAP meeting 6 October • Cumbria County Council – Mobile Library Van; South Lakeland Community Energy Support Project; • CALC - County Training Partnership Newsletter August; September 2015 Circular; Friday Round Up; LDNPA Parish Forum 12 October; JSNA for consultation - Healthy Living & Lifestyles; Clerks Forum South Lakes • Came & Company - Council Matters Autumn 2015 • Cumbria Way Ultra Trail Running Event • Blawith & Subberthwaite Parish Council – minutes 13th July 2015 and agenda 14th September 2015 • Sportive Lakes – Cycling Event 13th September • District Association paperwork – meeting on 17th September <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hawkshead Parish Council agenda 15th September <p>To note the following correspondence has been received since the last meeting:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cumbria Police & Crime Commissioner – Recruitment to Kendal Independent Custody Visiting Panel • Alzheimer’s Society – Side by Side Service • Clerk & Councils Direct – September 2015 • South Lakeland District Council agenda 24 September 2015 	
336/2015	<p>Next Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monday 19th October 2015 7pm 	

Meeting closed at 9.30pm.

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Signed & Approved by (Chair)