

Coniston Parish Council

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

Present: Cllr T Coward (Chair)
Cllrs – A Hall, A Kelly (for planning only) and J Stoddart
Clerk – J C Carroll

In attendance: 3 members of the public & Ollie Flitcroft (Partnership Co-ordinator, Citizens Advice Bureau)

Minute Number		Action By
337/2015	<p>Apologies RESOLVED: Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Troughton (holiday) and Cllr Metcalfe (ill health).</p>	
338/2015	<p>Requests for Dispensations No requests received.</p>	
339/2015	<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. All Councillors as Custodian Trustees of the Coniston Institute and Ruskin Museum.</p>	
340/2015	<p>Minutes of Meetings 21 September 2015 RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 21 September 2015 be approved as a true record and signed by the Chair.</p>	
341/2015	<p>Public Participation</p> <p><u>Police</u> No report received.</p> <p><u>Ollie Flitcroft – Partnership Co-ordinator, South Lakes Citizen Advice</u> Mr Flitcroft explained the Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB) is carrying out a strategic review of how and where their services are. Currently, in Coniston there is no face-to-face services and he would like to check the needs of the local community are being met.</p> <p>It was noted the CAB do have information in the Parish Newsletter, a telephone service is available along with a useful website and an e-mail service will be soon in place.</p> <p><u>Community Land Trust</u> Mr A Cameron sent an update by e-mail. The Oak Howe development has been approved by LDNPA Planning Committee and is awaiting section 106 agreement being drafted by LDNPA. Mr Cameron recently attended a Torver Parish Council</p>	

	<p>meeting and noted they have concerns about policy CS09 from the LDNPA Local Plan.</p> <p><u>County Councillor D Fletcher</u> No apologies and no report received.</p> <p><u>District Councillor A Hall</u> No updates specific to Coniston.</p> <p><u>Cllr attending the Local Area Partnership meeting on 6th October</u> Cllr Troughton was to attend an update will be requested at the next meeting.</p> <p><u>Public Participation</u> Mr I Findley, a representative from Tiger Aspect explained that the company would like to film some scenes for a drama in Coniston on Friday 23 October. In return a donation will be made to Coniston Amenities Fund for the benefit of the village. The drama is likely to be shown next spring, depending on scheduling.</p>	
<p>342/2015</p>	<p>Ongoing Issues and Actions from the Last Meeting</p> <p><u>To update on progress of contacting the Highway Steward</u> Deferred to the next meeting.</p> <p>A member of the public suggested ‘Residents Only’ could be painted on the road at The Garth at the exit of the car on Ruskin Avenue.</p> <p><u>To update on the Environmental Health Department’s view of no running water in the Bridge Toilets</u> A reply is still awaited from the Environment Health Department.</p> <p><u>To report on site visit for planning application 7/2015/5509 – Lane Head, Coniston – new jetty</u> RESOLVED: Cllrs who attended the site visit no objections to the proposed jetty but would, if possible, like a note or recommendation that the existing jetty owned by the applicant be removed once the new jetty is in place.</p>	
<p>343/2015</p> <p>344/2015</p>	<p>Planning Applications</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Cllr Kelly arrived</i></p> <p>7/2015/5591 – Monk Coniston Hall, Coniston – Alterations at The Cottage to provide en-suite facilities to existing bedrooms RESOLVED: Cllrs support the application.</p> <p>RESOLVED: Cllrs noted receipt of a Notice of Intention for information only in respect of:- 7/2015/5592 – Bank Ground Farm, Coniston – steel portal framed mono-pitched agricultural shed</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Cllr Kelly left the meeting.</i></p>	

345/2015	<p>Neighbourhood Plan</p> <p><u>Modifications to the Neighbourhood Plan document</u> RESOLVED: Cllrs approved the modifications to the Neighbourhood Plan document following the Independent Examination.</p> <p>South Lakeland District Council will now arrange for the referendum and if a majority of at least 50% of the electorate who vote at the referendum agree to adopt the Neighbourhood Plan it will be taken into account by the Lake District National Park Authority when decisions are made on future planning applications.</p>	
346/2015	<p>Charging at Bridge Toilets</p> <p>It was noted the cost of keeping the Bridge Toilets open was £4,000.00 from the Parish Council's precept and it was suggested a lengthsman may be of more value but that the public needs to be consulted on their views. Improving the signage in the Bridge Toilets may result in an increase in donations to assist in covering the cost of the toilets.</p> <p>RESOLVED: Cllr Coward will contact LDNPA for information and figures on installing turnstiles for charging in toilets.</p> <p>RESOLVED: Clerk will contact Parish Council responsible for the toilets at Bardsea to establish how they fund them.</p>	
347/2015	<p>Highways Issues in the Parish</p> <p>No new issues to report.</p>	
348/2015	<p>Signage</p> <p>A request was received to improve the signage through the Lake Road development to ensure pedestrians do not go over the road bridge.</p> <p>RESOLVED: Cllrs do not perceive this as a safety issue.</p>	
349/2015	<p>Councillor Matters</p> <p>Streetlights 56 and 58 at the bottom of Station Road are out and need to be reported.</p> <p>Work is being carried out at Timley Knott, Haws Bank and there was a planning application for a Juliet balcony and windows to patio doors discussed at the Parish Council meeting on 1st September 2015 which Cllrs supported.</p> <p>Coniston will be getting one of only 100 VC plaques in April 2018 and it has been suggested a military weekend could take place in celebration of it. A meeting will be called later this year to establish interest.</p> <p>Coniston PCC have been requested to consider what Coniston could do to assist refugees.</p> <p>It was noted the roadsweeper has not been in Coniston recently and a request has been put in for a visit before the filming on Friday.</p> <p>A Cllr has been and cleared weeds along Yewdale Road and noted some of the</p>	

	<p>drains need clearing out.</p> <p>The Awards Evening at JRS was a worthwhile event and congratulations were given to the students.</p> <p>Cllr Coward has reviewed the recent RoSPA playground report. There is no high risks but some medium and low. She will get quotes for the work required. It was suggested getting a work party together for the painting of the benches.</p> <p>A letter has been received in complaint about the ongoing problem of the streetlights not working at Days Bank.</p> <p>In principle the Parish Council would support the idea of a Youth Council.</p> <p>There is a drain on Ruskin Avenue car park packed solid with soil that causes flooding into Ruskin Avenue.</p> <p>Tomorrow is the first anniversary of the X12 bus service.</p> <p>There is an urgent recruitment taking place for firefighters in Coniston. 12 firefighters are needed who live or work within 5 minutes of the station but currently only 6 are employed. This results in times when the crew are unable to respond which is what happened on 5th October with a car fire in Little Moss. An appliance came from Ambleside in 23 minutes. Additional firefighters in Coniston could have reduced this time by approximately 75%. If you are interested please contact William Watson (Crew Manager) on Monday 7-9pm at the station or Jon Griffiths / Paul Milburn on 01229 583049.</p>											
<p>350/2015</p>	<p>Financial Matters</p> <p><u>Grant Applications</u> RESOLVED: Cllrs approved the following grants:-</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>• Coniston Parochial Church Council</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£500.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>• Coniston Institute</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£500.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>• Ruskin Museum</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£500.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>• Coniston Development Centre</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£300.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>• Coniston Sports & Social Club (Fireworks)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£400.00</td> </tr> </table>	• Coniston Parochial Church Council	£500.00	• Coniston Institute	£500.00	• Ruskin Museum	£500.00	• Coniston Development Centre	£300.00	• Coniston Sports & Social Club (Fireworks)	£400.00	
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<p>351/2015</p>	<p><u>Budget 2016/17</u> Cllrs briefly went over the budget noting the biggest outgoings are the street lights and Bridge Toilets. There was consideration of having a lengthsman. A final decision will be made after public consultation.</p>											
<p>352/2015</p>	<p><u>Receipts</u> RESOLVED: Cllrs acknowledged receipt of the following:-</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Bridge Toilets Collecting Boxes</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£40.94</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Coniston Sports & Social Club (Fireworks)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£750.00</td> </tr> </table>	Bridge Toilets Collecting Boxes	£40.94	Coniston Sports & Social Club (Fireworks)	£750.00							
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<p>353/2015</p>	<p><u>Payments</u> RESOLVED: Cllrs authorised payment of the following:-</p>											

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EON – streetlights (by direct debit) £105.38 • Clerk’s Salary £323.45 • Clerk’s Overtime (Neighbourhood Plan) £183.96 • HMRC £127.84 • Darren Woolcock Stone Walling Limited £120.00 • EON – Bridge Toilets (by direct debit) £11.38 • Stephen Airey £326.00 • Poppy Wreath £35.00 	
354/2015	<p>Correspondence RESOLVED: Cllrs noted the following e-mails:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LDNPA – Event Notification: Lakeland 100 - 29-31 July 2016; September news from the See More programme; • SLDC – Live Cabinet in South Lakeland; High Furness LAP meeting agenda 6th October; • Cumbria County Council – Next Furness Listening Event; Live Cabinet in Kirkby Lonsdale; Live Cabinet in Ambleside, Live Cabinet in Ulverston, Live Cabinet in Grange over Sands; Live Cabinet Newby Bridge; New live cabinet in Ambleside; Connecting Cumbria September 2015; • CALC – Friday Round Up; LDNPA Parish Forum 12th October; Response to Kendal court consultation; Notes from Clerks' Forum in July 2015; Community Energy Projects; Invite to AGM 14th November; October Circular; New tourism development funding for rural Cumbria businesses; Community Buildings Event - 17th October 2015; Cumbria CVS Annual General Meeting 2015; Consultation Response on Closure Kendal Courts • Coniston & Crake Catchment Partnership – Conserving Coniston & Crake HLF Project • Torver Parish Council – draft minutes 3 September 2015; agenda 1 October 2015 • Hawkshead Parish Council – minutes 15 September 2015; • Friends of Coniston Medical Practice – minutes 2 September 2015; • Lakes Parish Council – minutes 2 September 2015, plans minutes 23 September 2015; agenda 7 October 2015 • Blawith & Subberthwaite Parish Council – minutes 14 September 2015; agenda 12 October 2015 • Grizedale Arts - The Village Table: Pop-up hub for food, art and community workshops <p>To note the following correspondence has been received since the last meeting:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • South Lakeland District Council Standards Committee papers – 22 September 2015 	
355/2015	<p>Next Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monday 16th November 2015 7pm 	

Meeting closed at 9pm.

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Signed & Approved by (Chair)