

Coniston Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of Coniston Parish Council held in the Reading Room, Coniston Institute, Coniston at 6.00pm on Friday 8th September 2017

Present: Cllr T Coward (Chair)
Cllrs – K Batty, J Carroll, H Troughton, M Swyer
Clerk – J C Carroll

In attendance: 24 members of the public, Mr P Johnston – Director of Coniston Coppermines Ltd
and Mr H Tony - Steven Abbott Associates

Minute Number		Action By
263/2017	Apologies RESOLVED: Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Hall.	
264/2017	Requests for Dispensations No requests received.	
265/2017	Declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests in respect of Agenda items All Councillors as Custodian Trustees of the Coniston Institute and Ruskin Museum.	
266/2017	Minutes of Meeting 21st August 2017 RESOLVED: that the approval of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 21 st August 2017 be deferred until the next parish council meeting on 18th September 2017	
267/2017	Public Participation The Chair announced there is a vacancy on the Parish Council if anyone is interested in applying.	
268/2017	Planning Applications 7/2017/5535 - Lands Field, Yewdale Road, Coniston - Creation of coach and car park, and erection of facilities building and mixed use restaurant and shop (A3/A1) on ground floor Mr Johnston gave a presentation about the proposed car park of 94 car park spaces, 6 disabled car park spaces and 7 coach spaces. Mr Tonge explained the relevant planning policies in relation to the application. Members of the public were given the opportunity to ask Mr Johnston questions about the planning application. There will be a barrier system to enter and exit the car park with six people employed at the site. A local business owner measured their own café and it is half the size of the proposed building. There were concerns raised about the local infrastructure and the leylandii currently in the field encroaching on neighbouring fields. It was suggested that coaches will come to Coniston if there is space for them but concerns were raised about the large	

	<p>number of people being dropped off in a concentrated area. The car park spaces at the Coniston Sports & Social Centre were not included in the application. Concerns were expressed about drainage issues.</p> <p>Cllrs asked questions of the applicant after which Mr Johnston and Mr Tonge left the meeting at 7pm. The Chair encouraged members of the public to make their own representations direct to LDNPA and the plans are available at Coniston TIC to view.</p> <p>Members of the public expressed their views and concerns about the application including drainage, lack of pavements for the number of people from the car park, impact of the building which is out of character and the impact on the traffic flow on Yewdale Road</p> <p>Coniston Business Forum met last night about the planning application. The majority of businesses are in favour of the car and coach park although some businesses are reserved about the building's size, the retail / café aspect and would prefer a smaller car park.</p> <p>The Chair requested a quick show of hands to see the level of support or objection to the planning application as it currently stands. It was an almost unanimous objection.</p> <p>RESOLVED: All Cllrs object to the planning application:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are concerns about the size, scale and building orientation in the car park and that it could block light and access views for the Ruskin Museum and Deanos. There is no particular need for another café. The materials of the building are not in keeping. • The building is wooden which is out of character. • Coniston TIC could have a drop in footfall if this car park is at the other end of the village and it is a vital volunteer-led service for locals and visitors. • The existing view from Yewdale Road is to the Old Man and this visual amenity and green space in the centre of the village should remain. • The infrastructure will be unable to cope with the additional footfall of coaches. • The data is incorrect and does not include the car par spaces at Coniston Sports & Social Centre as required by Coniston Neighbourhood Plan section 7. • There is no guarantee that Bluebird is returning to Coniston. • Concerns over drainage and sewerage. • The loss of dry stone walls. 	
269/2017	<p>Next Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monday 18th September 2017 7pm 	

Meeting closed at 7.45pm.

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Signed & Approved by (Chair)

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