



ANNUAL REPORT & Accounts

April 2018 – March 2019

Thank You's and Achievements of the Year

The Parish Council would like to thank :-

- Cllr Hall for her hard work, dedication and commitment in fundraising to keep the X12 bus service going between Coniston and Ulverston and beyond.
- PCSO Ross for attendance at the Parish Council meetings with updates on local incidents; ensuring a report is always sent prior to meetings.
- Cumbria County Councillor Matt Brereton for attending our meetings.
- Coniston Christmas Lights Committee for the 2018 display.
- Coniston Sports & Social Centre for organising the village fireworks display.
- Those involved in running and organising the clubs and societies in the village that make the village the vibrant and thriving community it is.
- Helen Glaister, Lesley McCartney and others for organising fabulous musical evenings at Coniston Institute which was enjoyed by all.
- The members of the Coniston Institute committee for their hard work and the staff at the Ruskin Museum. Well done for becoming an accredited Museum.
- The volunteers at Coniston Tourist Information Centre which continues to be volunteer run and is a wealth of local information and products.
- The Lakeland 100 event for donating to Coniston Amenities Fund to benefit local charities.

The Parish Council has supported and achieved the following in the last year:-

- Grounds maintenance for the playground
- Maintenance of the two bus shelters in the village
- Running the Bridge Toilets to keep them open free of charge for the benefit of the community and visitors to the area from Coniston 14 event in March to the end of Records Week in November.
- Reporting numerous potholes, blocked drains, issues on the roads and faulty streetlights to Cumbria County Council
- Appointing contractors to clear verges in the village and appointing a Lengthsman
- Taking charge of the Coniston Christmas Lights and Coniston Fireworks Display
- Acting as Custodian Trustees of the Coniston Institute & Ruskin Museum

Councillors also attend the following meetings:

- Coniston Institute Committee
- Flood Forum
- Coniston & Torver Community Land Trust
- Coniston Business Forum

Chairman's Report 2018– 19

Another year has flown by since I last wrote my Chairs report and it is an opportune time to look back over what has been achieved over the last year.

The Parish Council continues to serve, support and represent the people of Coniston and this annual report highlights the work that has been undertaken.

The Parish Council supports many local amenities, including the provision of some street lighting, maintenance of the children's playing field, maintaining the bridge toilets and clearing verges to name a few. We have also engaged a village 'Lengthsman' who will be able to address jobs quickly to ensure our village looks great for residents and those who visit us. You will have noticed how well the village name posts look, having been repainted – apparently some people visit villages just to see these historic signs, another reason to visit Coniston!

Coniston remains a favourite place for annual events and the Parish Council continues to engage with the organisers to ensure that their impact is a positive one and that any problems can be addressed quickly. This year we were lucky enough to be on the route of the Tour of Britain. The village did itself proud; from decorating bikes to the schools playing music and hundreds of people lining the streets, it was over in a flash but the positive atmosphere lasted a lot longer.

The village remembered those who gave their lives in World War 1 with a fabulous exhibition of photos and a church service in November, with the theme of 'There but Not There' to ensure we never forget the sacrifices that were made for our freedom.

Our Amenities Fund continues to support local groups and charities, and once again we thank the Lakeland 100 for a generous donation of £5,000. This money is distributed to local organisations to the benefit of all generations. A great example of this has been the music events that have been held at the Institute, seeing Coniston residents from 19 to 90 wearing 3D glasses, watching talented musicians playing West Coast Surf Vibes really highlighted a unique community spirit to me!

I personally would like to thank all the councillors that represent Coniston so well, voluntarily giving up their time to support their local community. A special thanks also goes to Janette Carroll who has served the Parish Council so well as clerk for many years, her knowledge has been invaluable and as she has now stood down from the role, she will be greatly missed.

There are so many people in Coniston that deserve thanks, they run clubs and societies, raise money for great causes and put on fantastic events – too many to mention personally, but thank you, your work does not go unnoticed. I would encourage everyone to get involved with these organisations, it helps to keep them alive and supports a diverse range of activities.

It has been a difficult year for a number of our residents with the loss of family and friends, and it makes you focus your thoughts on what is important to us, and there is no doubt that having a strong community around you is a great support. We have also had new babies born and families moving into the area to help keep our community vibrant.

Coniston is a special place to call home, and I am extremely proud to be able to represent the community as Chair of the Parish Council. I look forward to the year ahead, building on the strength of the community we have.

Tracy Coward

Summary of Year 2018 – 19

16th April– 6 Cllrs, County Cllr M Brereton and Carol Last – Community Development Officer, Cumbria County Council, 2 members of the public

- It was agreed to celebrate the VC plaque for James Hewitson by having a projector on the church with a poppy presentation
- Carol Last, Community Development Officer from Cumbria County Council came to discuss what Coniston can do for Tour of Britain Cycle Race.

21st May – Annual Parish Meeting & Annual Coniston Parish Council Meeting – 6 Cllrs, County Cllr M Brereton & John Moffat, General Manager South Lakes – National Trust, PCSO Debbie Ross, 2 members of the public

- Tracy Coward was elected Chair
- Opening of St Andrews Close, new affordable Housing

18th June – 4 Cllrs, Mr P Blackburn – Headteacher John Ruskin School

- Mr P Blackburn – Headteacher of John Ruskin School came to discuss the federation of Coniston's two schools. Councillors agreed to support the idea.
- Cllrs had a Parish Walk around the Campbell Memorial, The Garth and St Andrews Close. They noted jobs that need doing.
- A litter pick was planned in Coniston for the weekend of 7th and 8th July.

17th July – 6 Cllrs, Simon Hill – Commercial Property Manager Lake District National Park Authority (LDNPA), Jackie Ratcliffe – Area Planner LDNPA, County Cllr M Brereton and 3 members of the public

- Talk from LDNPA from guests
- The councillors created a policy for benches in Coniston.
- Street lights on Days Bank should be completed by the end of July 2019

20th August – 6 Cllrs, County Cllr M Brereton and 3 members of the public

- Coniston & Torver Community Land Trust - 7 affordable homes begun, utilities being put in
- Planning of Coniston's events for the Tour of Britain in September Cycle Race
- Councillors to draw up draft guidelines for events held in Coniston

17th September – 6 Cllrs and Phil Blaylock – Lakeland Trails and 6 members of the public

- Phil Blaylock gave a presentation.
- Councillors concerned about the temporary carpark at Sacred Heart Presbytery, Haws Bank, Coniston

15th October – 6 Cllrs and 3 members of the public

- Coniston Lights Committee spoke to the council regarding plans for Christmas 2018 lights
- Cllrs attending the Institute Committee meeting

19th November – 5 Cllrs and 0 members of the public,

- Cllrs attended the World War I Centenary Commemoration Events
- Cllrs discussed the Coniston Christmas Tree/ lights/stand

17th December – 4 Cllrs, 14 members of the public, County Cllr M Brereton & Debbie Shearer of Cumberland Building Society

- Coniston Community Development Centre – Toni Whirity discussed grant
- Cumberland Building Society – Debbie Shearer, Head of Branch Sales discussed viability of opening a branch in Coniston
- Coniston in Bloom – Councillors discussed organising this for 2019

21st January – 7 Cllrs, Mr S Ratcliffe - Director of Planning & Partnership Lake District National Park Authority, Mrs H Glaister – Ruskin Museum and 5 members of the public

- Mr S Ratcliffe - Director of Planning & Partnership Lake District National Park Authority discussed the planning criteria
- Councillors discussed the plans for Ruskin Museum re bicentenary of John Ruskin

18th February – 6 Cllrs, Mr A Workman – Lengthsman, PCSO D Ross and 2 members of the public

- Talk from Mr A Workman – Lengths man
- National Trust Solar scheme at Boon Crag completed for end of March

18th March - 6 Cllrs, County Cllr Brereton 2 members of the public

- Councillors discussed dog fouling problem and how to overcome it
- County Cllr Brereton discussed ongoing issues
- Councillors discussed the outcomes of the Campbell Memorial public comments

Summary of Accounts 2018/19

Receipts	2018/19	2017/18	2016/17	2015/16
SLDC Precept	19,535.53	19,438.46	19,080.91	16,835.76
SLDC Parish Grant	964.47	1,061.54	919.09	1,164.24
LDNPA Neighbourhood Plan				1,032.19
South Lakeland District Councillor		200.00		250.00
Bridge Toilets Collecting Boxes	2,531.24	1,862.36	1,650.97	330.76
LDNPA Bridge Toilets				170.56
VAT Refund	1,920.09	1,076.06	632.57	1,579.81
EON Credit				12.57
Bank interest	37.27	31.02	43.32	33.27
Coniston Sports & Social Club - fireworks	862.50	1,725.00	1,612.50	2,250.00
Coniston Christmas Lights	3,365.00	2,051.04	2,246.50	677.10
South Lakeland District Council (Shop Front Scheme)			500.00	
LDNPA Grant	500.00		250.00	
Other	1,400.00	264.34		
TOTAL	30,116.10	27,709.82	26,935.86	24,336.26

Expenditure	2018/19	2017/18	2016/17	2015/16
Clerk's Salary	5,644.17	5,649.60	5,655.14	4,961.99
Admin	2,085.51	1,793.84	1,269.30	1,491.46
Maintenance (bus shelter cleaning & grass cutting)	1,413.80	1,737.80	1,744.80	1,771.00
Street lighting	1,873.40	1,616.59	1,384.64	2,003.12
s137	40.00	35.00	35.00	35.00
Playground	335.77	-	1,008.97	-
Powers & Duties (grants)	1,200.00	1,700.00	2,100.00	2,250.00
Insurance	994.97	956.45	916.77	878.68
Bridge Toilets	4,123.31	4,103.25	4,836.70	3,438.32
Neighbourhood Plan		-	101.99	1,067.35
Repairs	594.72	-	-	242.00
Coniston Sports & Social Club fireworks	1,035.00	2,075.00	1,935.00	2,700.00
Verge Maintenance	2,049.00	537.56	-	-
Shop Front Grant		750.00	-	-
Coniston Christmas Lights	3,858.00	2,051.04	2,515.80	744.52

Coniston Parish Plan			312.00	
Laptop for Clerk		450.00		
Street light repairs at Brow Steps & Days Bank		2352.00		
Bunting for Tour of Britain	250.00			
VC Celebrations	855.00			
Coniston Christmas Tree	493.97			
Planters	2,400.00			
TOTAL	29,256.82	25,808.13	23,816.11	21,583.44

Bank balance at start of year	8,218.28	6,302.25	3,182.50	429.68
Income for Year	31,116.10	27,709.82	26,935.86	24,336.26
Expenditure for Year	29,256.82	25,808.13	23,816.11	21,583.44
Closing balance for Year	10,077.56	8,218.28	6,3205.25	3,182.50
Allocated funding		500.00	554.50	54.50
Parish Council balance	10,077.56	7,718.28	5,747.75	3,128.00

Precept for 2019/20

The precept for 2019-20 is £20,500.00.

Planning Applications 2018 - 19

The Lake District National Park Authority Planning Department asks Parish Councils for their views on planning applications which have to be given within certain time limits. The Parish Councils views can be:-

- Support
- No objections
- Objection

Reasons, material planning considerations, can be stated for these views. The Coniston Neighbourhood Plan along with the Parish Council's views and LDNPA policies are taken into account when the LDNPA make a planning decision. The LDNPA either delegate the decision for the planning application to a Team Leader in the Planning Department or it goes to the Development Control Committee for the decision to be made.

The Parish Councillors have commented on the following planning applications that are within the Parish of Coniston:-

Planning Application Number & Site	Description	Coniston Parish Council Response	LDNPA Decision
7/2018/5149 - Parrock Quarry, Hodge Close, Smithy Brow, Coniston -	A 5 year temporary permission for the removal of 2700 cubic metres of building stone from part of the existing spoil heap not in accordance with condition nos 2 and 4 previously attached to	Cllrs have no objections. However, they would like a condition to be considered	Approved with Conditions

	planning approval reference 7/2014/5796: relating to numbers of vehicles leaving the site daily and removal of need to have rubber lining to bed of the trailer	that erosion and damage to the banking is repaired and no further erosion takes place.	
7/2018/5231 - Thurston House, Coniston	Installation of new PVC bay window to front of house incorporating 4 vertical pre-cast concrete mullions	No objections	Approved with Conditions
7/2018/5255 - 3, Devonshire Terrace, Coniston - Dormer window to front elevation	Dormer window to front elevation	No objections	Approved with Conditions
7/2018/5256 - Park Coppice, Park Gate, Coniston	Installation of a warden's welfare pod	No objections	Approved with Conditions
7/2018/5088 - Three Shire Stone, Wrynose Pass Summit	Removal of Three Shire Stone and replace with new stone	Support	Approved with Conditions
7/2018/5089 - Three Shire Stone, Wrynose Pass Summit	Removal of Three Shire Stone and replace with new stone	Support	Listed Building Consent Granted
7/2018/5318 - Hills Garage, Coniston	Proposed new container	Cllrs object, they would prefer a more permanent solution that is aesthetically pleasing	Withdrawn
7/2018/5376 - Roseberry Cottage, Lake Road, Coniston Construction of a single garage	Construction of a single garage	Cllrs have no objections provided it is only used as a garage as there are concerns the building could be used for other purposes at a later date.	Granted
7/2018/5320 - Bonsor Upper Mill site at Coniston Coppermines, Coniston	Reinstatement of 3 No. waterwheels	Support	Approved with Conditions
7/2018/5395 - Dixon Ground,	Change of use and	No objections	Approved

Joinery, Coniston	conversion of 2 no. commercial former timber joinery buildings into 3 no.local occupancy houses		with Conditions
7/2018/5484 - Front wall of Barclays Bank Plc, Coniston	Kiosk for measuring river levels	No objections	Withdrawn
7/2018/5476 - Beach adjacent Coniston Boating Centre, Lake Road, Coniston	Regrading slumped beaches between jetties and relocating shingle	No objections	Withdrawn
7/2018/5552 - Tilberthwaite Farm, Coniston	Formation of no flue penetrations and installation of secondary glazing to the farmhouse	Support	Listed Building Consent Granted
7/2018/5636 - Fairsnape, Coniston	Extensions to dwelling, access improvement (Re-application of consent 7/2016/5788)	Cllrs have no comments on the application due to their comments on the previous application.	Approved with Conditions
7/2018/5650 - Waterhead Hotel, Coniston	Proposed extension to hotel providing 18 additional bedrooms (net), internal and external alterations, 27 additional car parking spaces and the construction of an activity equipment store	Support	Approved with Conditions
7/2018/5660 - Land near Hills Garage, Broughton Road, Coniston	Kiosk for measuring river levels	Support	Approved with Conditions
7/2018/5570 - Coniston Institute, 15, Yewdale Road, Coniston	Extend existing toilet block to create additional female toilets	Support	Approved with Conditions
7/2018/5721 - Land to West of A593, opposite Coniston	Residential Development of Local Occupancy Housing including part Affordable Housing	Object	Withdrawn
Support - National Trust, Forestry Co Ordinator, Boon Crag, Coniston	Installation of solar photovoltaic panels of roof of building	Support	Approved with Conditions
7/2018/5784 - 30, Bank Terrace, Coniston	Single & two storey rear extensions	No objections	Approved with Conditions
7/2018/5767 - Gatesgarth, Coniston	Demolition of existing building and replace with	No objections	Approved with

	contemporary four bedroom home not in accordance with condition no. 4 previously attached to planning permission ref. 7/2017/5566 (roofing materials)		Conditions
7/2018/5811 - Fell Side, Little Arrow, Coniston	Variation of condition 2 (plans) on planning application 7/2017/5772 - Single storey rear extension and reroofing of annex to front of property	No objections	Approved with Conditions
7/2018/5671 - Land off Yewdale Road, Coniston -	Seven affordable housing units not in accordance with condition no. 16 previously attached to planning permission reference 7/2016/5661: (amended design)	No objections	Withdrawn
7/2019/5066 - 3 Tilberthwaite Avenue,	Change of use from retail shop (Class A1) to a cafe (Class A3) with take away and hot food (Class A5) including small flat roof extension to provide new wc	No objections	Approved with Conditions
7/2018/5789 - 11, The Garth, Coniston	Single storey rear extension to end of terrace property	Support	Refused

Your Councillors are:-

Tracy Coward

Jeff Carroll

Anne Hall

Ken Batty

Heather Troughton

Maria Swyer

Adrian Thompson

Chair

Vice Chair

Councillor since June 2015 (appointed uncontested)

Councillor since May 2016 (appointed uncontested)

Councillor since June 1987 (appointed uncontested)

Councillor since May 2012 (appointed uncontested)

Councillor since Feb 2015 (appointed uncontested)

Councillor since May 2016 (appointed uncontested)

Councillors since October 2017 (co-opted)

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If you would like to receive the agendas, minutes etc of meetings or have any ideas or suggestions for the Parish Council please contact us.

Please remember that all Parish Council meetings are public meetings and you are welcome to come along. The dates of future meetings are either on our website or on the noticeboard by the Co-op.

Relevant Information

Coniston Parish Council website (including Parish Diary with events) - www.coniston.info

Cumbria County Council – www.cumbria.gov.uk

Reporting Highways Issues (including potholes, road markings, street lights and blocked drains - <https://www.cumbria.gov.uk/roads-transport/highways-pavements/reporting-problem-on-highway/WDM/default.asp>

Highways Hotline Tel: 0300 303 2992 (answer phone service evenings, weekends and public holidays)

South Lakeland District Council – www.southlakeland.gov.uk

Reporting Dog fouling - <https://www.southlakeland.gov.uk/your-environment/dogs/dog-fouling/>

Cumbria Choice Based Letting

To register for re-housing with Cumbria Choice (includes Council and Housing Association Properties Locally)

on the <https://www.cumbriachoice.org.uk/Data/ASPPages/1/30.aspx>

Breaches of Planning (including local occupancy clauses)

Most breaches of planning should be reported to Lake District National Park Authority (planning@lakedistrict.gov.uk or Tel: 01539 724 555. Some local occupancy clauses are dealt with by South Lakeland District Council Legal Department (customer.services@southlakeland.gov.uk or Tel: 01539 733 333)

Non-emergency Police number – 101

For reporting all non-emergency issues, including illegal off-road driving and cars parked causing obstruction.