

Coniston Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Coniston Parish Council held in the Reading Room, Coniston Institute, Coniston at 7.00pm on Monday 16th December 2019

Present: Councillor T Coward (Chair)
Councillors: K Batty, J R Carroll, A Hall, H Troughton, and J Airey
Clerk: M Dearnley

In attendance: 1 member of the public

Minute Number		Action
347/2019	<p>Apologies</p> <p>RESOLVED: Councillor A Thompson</p>	
348/2019	<p>Requests for Dispensations</p> <p>No requests received.</p>	
349/2019	<p>Declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests in respect of Agenda items</p> <p>All Councillors as Custodian Trustees of the Coniston Institute and Ruskin Museum.</p>	
350/2019	<p>Minutes of Meeting 18th November 2019</p> <p>RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 18th November 2019 were approved as a true record and signed by the Chair.</p>	
351/2019	<p>Public Participation</p> <p><u>Police Service</u> PCSO D Ross submitted a written report for the period 18th November to 12th December 2019. During this period there were 3 calls for service in the Coniston area. These break down as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One report of illegal fox hunting, no trace on police arrival • One highway disruption, injured deer • One road traffic collision, damage only <p>Following a spate of rural thefts, the police service would like to remind people of the need to take reasonable precautions against theft, to remain vigilant and to report any suspicious activity.</p> <p><u>County Councillor</u> No report from Councillor Brereton.</p> <p><u>Coniston & Torver Community Land Trust</u> Alastair Cameron sent an update by e-mail. The Community Land Trust will be changing status in the new year to become a Community Housing Trust.</p>	

	<p><u>District Councillors</u> No update other than to note that District Council reorganisation is continuing.</p> <p>The parish council recognises that the three District Councillors who represent Broughton and Coniston Ward support eleven parish councils. Councillor Wharton is to be invited to attend a future meeting of Coniston Parish Council.</p> <p><u>Councillors attending the Institute Committee meeting</u> Tracy Hodgson has been appointed as a full-time employee with the Coniston Institute for the next year in the first instance. She will focus on seeking further funding opportunities to support the work of the Institute and Museum. Two new Institute trustees are required.</p> <p><u>Public Participation</u> None.</p>	
<p>352/2019</p> <p>353/2019</p> <p>354/2019</p>	<p>Ongoing Issues and Actions from the Last Meeting</p> <p>Letters of appreciation and congratulation had been sent to Izzy Dodds, Willy Watson and to Brian Raven.</p> <p>The feasibility of developing a Coniston Village Map is deferred to the next meeting until Councillor Thompson is in attendance.</p> <p>Cllr Coward is to discuss the issue of sheep grazing on overhanging rhododendron with Mr G Duclos, Holly How Youth Hostel.</p>	
<p>355/2019</p> <p>356/2019</p> <p>357/2019</p> <p>358/2019</p> <p>359/2019</p>	<p>Planning Applications</p> <p><u>7/2019/5745</u> – Monk Coniston Hall, Coniston, LA21 8AQ Remedial work to south elevation window lintels and associated making-good works.</p> <p>RESOLVED: Support</p> <p><u>7/2019/5719</u> – 1 Sunbeam Cottages, Coniston, LA21 8AS Double storey side extension to provide ground floor store and first floor en-suite.</p> <p>RESOLVED: No objections</p> <p>The Councillors considered appeal against planning enforcement: <u>E/2018/0172</u> – Land at the site of the Church of the Sacred Heart, Hawes Bank.</p> <p>RESOLVED: To write in support of the planning authority’s objection to the development of the land on the grounds that it constitutes a serious road safety concern.</p> <p>The Councillors noted the following Notice of Grant of Planning Permission:</p> <p>7/2019/5448 Black Bull Hotel, 1, Yewdale Road, Coniston, LA21 8DU Conversion of four letting bedrooms comprising separate accommodation block into one self-catering cottage with alteration to roof of hotel extension</p>	

<p>360/2019</p> <p>361/2019</p> <p>362/2019</p> <p>363/2019</p>	<p>7/2019/5516 5, The Forge, Coniston, LA21 8HL Extension to existing house, new front porch</p> <p>7/2019/5642 Barn House, Silver Bank, Coniston, LA21 8HW Refurbish carport to form garage</p> <p>7/2019/5643 Coniston Old Hall Farm, Coniston Hall Camp Site, Haws Bank, Coniston, LA21 8AS Installation of secondary glazing and stove flues, chimney and roof timber repairs, sundry works to improve fire precautions</p> <p>7/2019/5746 Walna Scar Car Park, Coniston Approval of details reserved by conditions on planning application 7/2016/5577 as part of a proposal to provide a 58 bay pay-and-display public car park</p>	
<p>364/2019</p> <p>365/2019</p> <p>366/2019</p> <p>367/2019</p> <p>368/2019</p>	<p>Highways and Coniston Lengthsman</p> <p>The clerk reported that Mr Workman had worked to clear the lane leading up to Holly How Youth Hostel. He uncovered 11 hidden drains and cut back the verges to allow water to run into them. It was noted that this work has already made a significant impact to drainage along the lane. The council noted that Mr Workman would need additional support in order to complete the much larger task of removing saplings and debris along the side of the path. Councillor Coward will discuss with Glen Duclos whether the Youth Hostel might be able to organise a working party in the future to support this work.</p> <p>NOTED: The Council noted that tasks which need to be addressed urgently include the painting the brow steps and the repair of broken flags by the Institute.</p> <p><u>Other issues raised during the meeting included:</u></p> <p>Footpaths - following the recent bad weather the condition of a number of footpaths around the village has become a concern. In particular, the footpath near Pier Cottage and the footbridges in Yewdale Wood.</p> <p>RESOLVED: To raise the issue with the appropriate authorities.</p> <p>The white road-markings, which have been in need of reinstatement for two years, are a road safety concern which needs to be addressed.</p> <p>RESOLVED: To raise the issue with the appropriate authorities.</p> <p>Blocked drains, potholes and streetlights – parishioners are to be encouraged to report faults on the Cumbria County Council portal.</p> <p>RESOLVED: To promote the use of the Cumbria County Council Portal via the Council’s social media presence.</p> <p>Gritting – Barry Woodend will be asked if he is prepared to continue the excellent gritting service he provided last year.</p> <p>RESOLVED: To confirm whether Mr Woodend will continue this service.</p>	

<p>369/2019</p> <p>370/2019</p> <p>371/2019</p>	<p>To review to the condition of Jones' Seat above Dow Hall.</p> <p>RESOLVED: To approach Mr Sam Clarke.</p> <p>Yewdale Bridge – the damage to Yewdale Bridge was discussed. An application has been submitted to the Environment Agency to enable Cumbria County Council to erect scaffolding in the Yewdale Beck in order to effect repair.</p> <p>NOTED: The Council noted the update.</p> <p>Streetlights maintained by Coniston Parish Council. The Council had been made aware that a streetlight was out of commission.</p> <p>RESOLVED: To arrange for inspection of the streetlights and to report back to the next meeting.</p>	
<p>372/2019</p>	<p>Meeting Dates</p> <p>A schedule of proposed meeting dates was submitted.</p> <p>RESOLVED: To alter the date of the January meeting from the 20th to the 27th of the month, and to adopt the proposed dates.</p>	
<p>373/2019</p>	<p>Tilberthwaite Partnership Management Group</p> <p>The Council welcome the opportunity to make comment on the future management of the green lanes, but holding meetings during the working day does not enable councillors to attend.</p> <p>RESOLVED: To write to the Group asking that agendas and papers are circulated in advance of meetings to enable the Parish Council to make a contribution.</p>	
<p>374/2019</p>	<p>Tarn Hows Path Consultation</p> <p>RESOLVED: To respond to the consultation recognising the necessity of temporarily closing the footpath around Tarn Hows.</p>	
<p>375/2019</p>	<p>Personnel Sub Committee</p> <p>RESOLVED: To amended the clerk's contact as agreed, and to hold a review six months from the date of the original contract i.e. 19th August 2019.</p>	
<p>376/2019</p>	<p>Councillor Matters</p> <p><u>Councillor Troughton</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A meeting with Mr D Ferrier will be arranged to examine the streetlights which are not working and to identify possible options to arrange these to be repaired without causing any disturbance to parishioners. <p><u>Councillor Coward</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Community Star award was presented to Mr Graham Hill; this will become an annual award to celebrate those who make a contribution to the life of the parish. 	

	<p><u>Councillor Hall</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr Marc Laithwaite, Lakeland 100, was able to collect over 250 gifts to be distributed over the Christmas period to children in need in Blackpool by the Salvation Army. This collection had been organised locally by Mrs Helen Glaister, Coniston Institute. The Parish Council will write to thank Mrs Glaister for all her efforts. <p><u>Councillor Carroll</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Home Housing is letting down its tenants through its poor record of property maintenance. There were numerous examples of poorly maintained properties including heating systems, roofs. The company will be contacted to ask them to attend a meeting where issues might be discussed and an agreed way forward identified. A statue of Donald Campbell and Leo Villa to celebrate their legacy has been discussed with the Bluebird K7 Committee. Contact has been made with Ulverson Town Council to investigate the process they underwent in order to successfully erect the statue of Laurel and Hardy. 													
<p>377/2019</p> <p>378/2019</p> <p>379/2019</p>	<p>Financial Matters</p> <p>Councillors discussed budget priorities for 2020/21.</p> <p>RESOLVED: To revise the proposed budget to £21,000 to reflect increased operating costs.</p> <p><u>Receipts</u></p> <p>RESOLVED: Councillors noted the following receipts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> None <p><u>Payments</u></p> <p>RESOLVED: Councillors authorised payment of the following:</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>• EON – street lighting</td> <td style="text-align: right;">187.80</td> </tr> <tr> <td>• EON – Bridge Toilets</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£8.60</td> </tr> <tr> <td>• A Workman</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£96.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>• JN Dixon</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£223.60</td> </tr> <tr> <td>• D Jackson – Char Competition</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£10.95</td> </tr> <tr> <td>• Coniston Institute</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£112.00</td> </tr> </table> <p>The clerk's salary was to be recalculated to reflect item 375/2019 consequently this payment and the Income Tax deduction payable to HMRC will be authorised at the next meeting.</p>	• EON – street lighting	187.80	• EON – Bridge Toilets	£8.60	• A Workman	£96.00	• JN Dixon	£223.60	• D Jackson – Char Competition	£10.95	• Coniston Institute	£112.00	
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<p>380/2019</p>	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>RESOLVED: Councillors noted the following e-mails:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update from Alastair Cameron South Lakeland District Council 2020 Constitutional Review General Election Nominees Invitation to Conserving Coniston and Crake Review Night Supper Temporary Road Closure: Hawkshead Old Road Lakes Parish Council: Agenda (20.11.19) Minutes (2.10.19) 													

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of public paths for motor rallies 2019-2020 • Notice of a five-day closure of footpath at Tarn Hows • Rural Bulletin, 19th November 2019 • NALC: Smaller Council Committee • Torver Parish Council Minutes (7.11.19) • Mental Health Provider Forum: Memory and Later Life Meeting • Mental Health Provider Forum: Fortnightly Bulletin • South Lakeland District Council: Priorities for Parish Councils • Cumbria CVS South Lakeland Community Newsletter • Rural Bulletin, 26th November 2019 • Proposed arrangements for the Coniston 14, 21st March 2020 • Public Services Newsletter • Torver Parish Council Agenda (5.11.19) • Geoff Wilson re: unsealed public roads in the Tilberthwaite area • Janette Carroll, thanking the parish council for their gift • Notice of a five-day closure of footpaths in Big Wood • Izzy Dodd, thanking the parish council for the grant • Cumbria Action for Sustainability: Cold to Cosy Homes Project • Rural Bulletin, 3.12.19 • Lakes Parish Council Agenda (11.12.19) • Notice of Tilberthwaite Partnership Management Group meeting • Hawkshead Parish Council Minutes, 19.11.19 • South Lakeland District Council Agenda for Meeting on 17 December 2019 • December CALC newsletter 	
381/2019	<p>Next Meeting</p> <p>Monday 27th January 2020, 7:00pm at the Reading Room, Coniston Institute</p>	

Meeting closed at 8:33pm.

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Signed & Approved by (Chair)