

Coniston Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Coniston Parish Council Held on Zoom at 7.00pm on Monday, 19th October 2020

Present: Councillor T Coward (Chair)
Councillors – A Hall, H Troughton, J Airey, A Thompson
Clerk – M Dearnley

In attendance: Two members of the public. Also in attendance were District Councillor I Wharton, County Councillor Matt Brereton.

Minute Number		Action By
266/2020	<p>Apologies</p> <p>There were none. However, it was noted that Councillor J Carroll has resigned leaving a vacancy on the parish council. Councillor Coward addressed the meeting stating that he had served the parish council for many years and will be missed.</p> <p>The appropriate notices relating to the vacancies had been posted. The position of Vice Chair will be resolved at the next meeting.</p>	
267/2020	<p>Requests for Dispensations</p> <p>No requests received.</p>	
268/2020	<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>	
269/2020	<p>Minutes of Meetings held 22nd September 2020</p> <p>RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 22nd September 2020 were approved as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chair.</p>	
270/2020	<p>Public Participation</p> <p><u>County Councillor</u></p> <p>Councillor Brereton gave a report covering a wide range of topics including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A fence by the Sports and Social Centre was reported to the National Trust which will undertake its repair • Progress made in relation to road signs and line markings at The Ship • The clearing and repainting of road line markings • The road East of the Lake is now open, but the road order is still active enabling reinstatement if it is deemed necessary. • Rural Broadband is an issue in many parts of south Lakeland. Councillor Brereton spoke of the positive experience several parish council areas have had with B4RN, Broadband for the rural north. 	

District Councillors

Councillor Coward informed the meeting that the South Lakeland District Council along with other district councils are exploring alternatives to the existing county structure in response to the review of local government organisation. It is proposed to submit a bid to create a Bay Authority based on an amalgamation of the existing authorities of South Lakeland, Barrow and Lancaster.

Councillor Wharton reported that the Lake District National Park Authority has observed higher than usual levels of activity, and some persistent poor behaviour on the part of some visitors. It was anticipated that numbers of visitors and potential problems would increase at half term.

The authority will experience some reduction in staffing levels, but it is hoped to achieve this through natural wastage along with reorganisation, the impact on service levels should be minimal as the authority was hoping to employ Young Rangers aged 18-21 through the Kickstart scheme.

Cumbria Constabulary

PCSO D Ross reported that for the period 18th September to 19th October 2020 there were 9 incidents of particular note in the Coniston area. These are as follows:

- 1 crime of theft of a motor vehicle
- 1 crime of public order recorded
- 5 covid-19 related incidents
- 1 report of a failure to stop following a road traffic collision
- 1 uplifted vehicle

The constabulary have been carrying out operations targeting illegal off-roading in Coniston, Torver and Blawith parishes in response to concerns raised by residents.

Coniston Business Forum

Mr Rutland had confirmed that no one from the Business Forum was available to attend the council meeting. It was unfortunate as this is the third meeting the Forum were not able to attend. As the impact of Covid-19 continues to have a profound impact on all aspects of society, the needs of the business community need to be properly identified and supported. The Business Forum will remain a standing item on the agenda.

National Trust

Mr Moffat submitted a reports which indicated:

- There are no vacant houses in the parish
- The operational review has entered into an 'outcomes' phase, a new staffing structure is being introduced which will be in place by the end of the year, however, it will result in a number of redundancies.
- Lumber work in response to ash and larch disease notifications has recommenced, following the discharge of excessive mud earlier in the year the clerk will contact Mr Moffat to ask that the operations are sensitive to the environment and residents
- Steam Yacht Gondola will operate until early November as usual

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Beatrix Potter Gallery will remain closed for the remainder of the year, but will reopen in March 2021. • The National Trust shop in Hawkshead will not be re-opening and the shop will be let commercially. • Hilltop garden is open daily until the beginning of November. With a reduced number of visitors to the area, the house will be open at weekends. • Wray Castle will remain closed for the rest of the year and will reopen in March 2021 with a 'reduced offer', grounds and café remain open daily. <p><u>Councillors attending the Institute Committee meeting</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Progress is being made in relation to the creation of a CIA, Charitable Incorporated Association to replace the existing Trust. • Councillor Coward has stepped down as Trustee • Derogatory remarks about the Council, Institute and Village had been made on social media. This is a matter which will be addressed via legal means. • The Summer Vintage Fair has ended; it was considered a great success. • the museum has been very active and experienced a greater than projected footfall <p>Mrs Glaister, Coniston Institute</p> <p>Mrs Glaister addressed the council in respect to a funding request made on behalf of the Coniston Institute.</p> <p>Mr Sam Clarke had organised a vibrant and well attended Autumn/Winter programme of live music and it is hoped to take this forward in some shape.</p> <p>Broadcasting via a live feed on a common platform such as YouTube, Facebook, Instagram, or Periscope would enable the Institute to reach out to those who are unable to attend a live performance as well as access a new audience.</p> <p>To enable live streaming of events the Institute would need a piece of hardware and expert knowledge to guide filming and streaming. Mr Jago Miller, a local filmmaker based in Hawkshead would facilitate the initial live streams. The request is for an amount to cover the hardware and two filming/streaming sessions.</p> <p>The Institute was described as the heart of the village. Councillors believe that it is the parish council's role to support initiatives with such potential to benefit the whole community.</p> <p>271/2020 RESOLVED: To award a grant of £700 to the purchase of equipment essential for live streaming and the balance to be used to pay for at least two live streaming sessions.</p>	TC
	<p>Planning Applications</p> <p><u>7/2020/5495</u> Land off Yewdale Road, Coniston, LA21 8DT Amendment to windows condition 13 on planning permission 7/2019/5177</p>	

272/2020	RESOLVED: Councillors had no objection to the application	
273/2020	RESOLVED: Councillors noted the following grants of Planning Permission <u>7/2020/5190</u> Fairfield Cottage, Tilberthwaite Avenue, Coniston, LA21 8ED Domestic extension.	
274/2020	RESOLVED: Councillors noted the withdrawal of the major outline planning application: . <u>7/2019/5463</u> Land to West of A593, opposite Coniston Medical Practice, Coniston Residential development of 16 affordable houses. Councillors were disappointed at the negative comments made in relation to planning issues on social media and would encourage active involvement in planning applications when they are submitted.	
275/2020	Coniston Maintenance and Highways Issues NOTED: The council noted the following highways and maintenance issues in the parish: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Councillor Troughton had reported a water leak at Park Gate to United Utilities. • The parish council will continue to promote the use of the portal to enable residents to report blocked gullies and similar issues directly to the Highways authority. • Mr R Ingham had cut the hedge alongside the B5285. • No progress had been made in relation to addressing the ongoing flooding of the footpath alongside the B5285, this is an important path for many villagers and the parish council will continue to work with the Lake District National Park Authority in order to ensure remedial work is undertaken. • The bench by the entrance to Lake Road Retail Park requires repair. Mr S Clarke is to be asked to address this issue. • Mr Workman has been completing a number of jobs raised at the previous meeting including clearing Station Road gully and verge. Designs for a replacement commemorative bench on Lake Road had been circulated.	
276/2020	RESOLVED: To commission the replacement from local craftsmen, Mr S Clarke and Mr T Sanders.	
277/2020	Bridge Toilets and Playground on Lake Road Councillor Coward reported that she had received one quote for the design and specification of a refurbished toilet block, but that she is struggling to secure a second quote. RESOLVED: to engage the designer to move the progress the project in order that the tendering process is not delayed. A hand sanitiser at the playground is in need of replacement after sustaining minor damage. Lakes Loos are to undertake the replacement.	TC

278/2020	<p>Climate Focus</p> <p><u>Campbell Memorial Green</u> The wildflower turf and seedlings are becoming established, more recently 300 crocus bulbs had been planted. Information boards had been designed and will be erected in the new year.</p> <p><u>Streetlighting</u> A bid had been submitted for a Green Grant from South Lakeland District Council to support the parish council's conversion of streetlights from sodium to LED.</p> <p><u>Recycling</u> It had been observed that the recycling centre at Lake Road was not being used correctly. This is to be monitored.</p>	
279/2020	<p>Consultations</p> <p>None.</p>	
280/2020	<p>Events</p> <p><u>Lakeland Trails</u> It was observed that the Lakeland Trails events had proceeded without any significant disruption; this is a reflection of Mr Blaylock's efficient planning.</p> <p><u>Remembrance Sunday</u> Mr Nick Monk will produce a light display to project onto the church as part of the village's Remembrance Sunday commemorations.</p> <p>As the Poppy Appeal had been disrupted, Councillor Troughton was asked to identify how the Royal British Legion could be supported in their fundraising.</p>	HT
281/2020	<p>Councillor Matters</p> <p><u>Councillor T Coward</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The parking established at the Sacred Heart's Presbytery has not yet been removed. The planning authority are to pursue enforcement. <p><u>Councillor Hall</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The noticeboard by the toilets has become overfilled with notices from local businesses. The clerk is to remove all notices to ensure there is space for official notices whilst the main noticeboard is inaccessible. <p><u>Councillor J Airey</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regular inspections have shown the toilet block to be in a good state at the beginning of each day. <p>It was noted that Mr John Stoddart had recently passed away. Mr Stoddart had served as a councillor for many years and the clerk was asked to write to express the sincere condolences of the whole parish council.</p>	
282/2020	<p>Financial Matters</p> <p>NOTED: Councillor noted the financial summary of the period April to September 2020</p>	

283/2020	NOTED: Councillors noted the NALC National Pay Awards 2020-21 and the 2.75% pay increase taking effect from 1 st April 2020 in compliance with staff employment contracts.	
284/2020	RESOLVED: To note receipt of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AXA Insurance £396.13 	
285/2020	RESOLVED: To authorise payment of the following accounts: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • M Dearnley £339.40 • M Dearnley (October) £20.00 • HMRC £84.80 • Optech £3,264.00 • Ingham Garden Services £378.00 • Lakesloos £2,424.00 • Coniston Ground Care £928.80 	
286/2020	Correspondence RESOLVED: Councillors noted the following e-mails: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Action with Communities in Cumbria: BT Phone Box removal • Hawkshead Parish Council, agenda • PSE Newsletter 16.9.20, 18.9.20, 22.9.20, 24.9.20, 24.9.20, 25.9.20, 29.9.20, 30.9.20, 1.10.20, 12.10.20 • LDNPA – Coniston Water Byelaws • SLDC Press Release: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Kendal College ○ Ulverston BID ○ Locality Working and Customer Services ○ Climate Change Community Fund Grant ○ Consider case for Unitary Status ○ Plan for land in Ulverston ○ Covid-19 sign destroyed ○ SLDC, Barrow and Lancaster approve the next steps in talks on local government reorganisation ○ Barrow leaders to ask the government to impose new Covid-19 restrictions ○ Green small businesses • Cumbria CC Press Release <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Barrow Covid-19 infection ○ Flood Alerts ○ Businesses urged to be ready for Test and Trace App launch • Cumbria Constabulary <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ PCSO Report ○ Coronavirus update 18.9.20, 2.10.20, 9.10.20 • SLDC: Climate Change Plan and supporting information • LDNPA – Coniston Water Byelaws formal consultation • Lakes Parish Council agenda • Rural Bulletin 22.9.20, 29.9.20, 6.10.20, 13.10.20 • J Moffat, National Trust report to parish council • Blawith and Subberthwaite Parish Council invitation to a Zoom meeting • Bay Health and Care Partners Press Release <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Covid 19 rehabilitation • SLDC: NHS Track and Trace App information 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kirkby Ireleth Parish Council: Open letter to SLDC regarding electoral arrangements • Highways <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Urgent road closure A5084 ○ Urgent road closure C5018 ○ Emergency speed restriction A5054 Water Yeat • CALC: Covid Management • Action for Health and Mental Health Provider Forum Bulletin • Jane Arkless Re: Walna Scar Road • Torver Parish Council agenda and minutes • CALC: Autumn Training Programme • Rusland Horizons Calendar Competition • CALC: Climate Conversations • CALC Local Plan update • Healthwatch Cumbria NHS Consultation: framework for involving patients in patient safety • 101 Emails: Fly tipping report • David Rogers: Heating Oil • Environment Agency: Nuclear Regulation News • Information Commissioner's newsletter • CVS Volunteering events • CALC: Covid-19 '2 households' advice • Blawith and Subberthwaite Parish Council agenda and minutes • CALC: South Lakeland District Association representatives to other bodies • Rural Funding Digest • Torver Parish Council minutes • SLDC: Review of independent and parish remuneration panel • Blawith and Subberthwaite amended agenda • Hawkshead Parish Council minutes • Local Resilience Forum Press Release • Fr B Streeter: Coniston and Crake News • CALC: NALC responses to proposed changes to the current planning system • Seathwaite Bridge • Bay Health and Care Partners: Coronavirus update • Ambleside Parish Centre update • CALC: Presentation notes 	
287/2020	<p>Next Meeting</p> <p>The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Monday, 16th November 2020 7.00pm on Zoom.</p>	

Meeting closed at 8:52pm

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Signed & Approved by (Chair)