

Coniston Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Coniston Parish Council

Held at St Andrew's Church, Coniston at 7.15pm on Monday, 21st June 2021

Present: Councillor T Coward (Chair)
Councillors – H Troughton, J Buller, C Sargeant
Clerk – M Dearnley

In attendance: Mr S Atkinson, Mr G Davies, Ms C Barr

Minute Number		Action By
229/2021	<p>Apologies</p> <p>None.</p>	
230/2021	<p>Requests for Dispensations</p> <p>None.</p>	
231/2021	<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>	
232/2021	<p>Minutes</p> <p>RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 18th May 2021 were approved as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chair.</p>	
233/2021	<p>Public Participation</p> <p><u>County Councillor</u></p> <p>Councillor Brereton submitted a report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He is pressing for a meeting with the Highways officers charged with responding to heightened visitor numbers across the Lakes later in the summer. • B4RN is being actively rolled out in High Furness, it is hoped to arrange a meeting to generate expressions of interest e.g. via establishing a Facebook page and website, producing and distributing leaflets. • Friends of the X112 have extended established routes and services • There is increasing dissatisfaction with the short notice of road closures and diversions, and the resulting road signage, this is being actively pursued. • The verge maintenance schedule has been published and Councillor Brereton will be speaking about the management of verges, tress, etc. in the local area with the service manager. 	

	<p><u>District Councillors</u></p> <p>Councillor Wharton submitted a report which indicated that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is a range of covid-19 recovery grants available to businesses from South Lakeland District Council. • The ‘Safer Lakes’ Visitor Management Group update indicated that people are using CV alerts to report any issues, there is a good response rate; the management plan, although being kept under review, appears to be working; the overall situation is much quieter than this period last year. <p>Councillor Coward reported that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is an ongoing consultation in relation to the Westminster parliamentary boundary. • The decision regarding Local Government Reorganisation is expected soon. • Each district councillor has a budget of £1,000 to be spent to facilitate projects across the eleven parishes of the district. <p><u>National Trust</u></p> <p>Mr Moffat submitted a report that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Numbers of visitors has remained high at all sites, both indoor and out. • There is some cause for concern in relation to the short to the East of the Lake, otherwise visitor numbers and activities have been manageable. • Steam Yacht Gondola is busy and continues to operate, but at a reduced capacity • There are no empty properties in the Parish, however, the process to find new tenants for Boon Crag is continuing. <p><u>Coniston Business Forum</u></p> <p>Mr Rutland indicated that the business community is very busy, but with no particular issues to raise at the present time.</p> <p><u>Coniston and Torver Community Land Trust</u></p> <p>Mr Cameron and the other trust members had been busy working to successfully problem solve in relation to the new housing development on Yewdale Road.</p> <p><u>Councillors attending the Institute Committee meeting</u></p> <p>Councillor Sargeant reported that the vintage fair was setting up ready for another busy season in the village. A replacement for Helen Glasiter had not yet been appointed. Work relating to the return of Bluebird was progressing.</p>	
	<p>Tilberthwaite Management Plan</p> <p>Carole Barr, newly appointed Chair of the Tilberthwaite Partnership</p>	

234/2021	<p>Management Group addressed the meeting. She outlined the present situation and informed the group that she and Sara Spicer from the Lake District National Park were beginning to work on a maintenance plan that will form part of the overall management plan. In an attempt to ensure that all voices are heard Coniston Parish Council will be able to send a representative.</p> <p>RESOLVED: Councillor Sargeant to sit on the Group as the Coniston Parish Council representative.</p>	
235/2021	<p>Car Park Working Group</p> <p>The development issues around Lands Field had brought into focus the need to review the adequacy of car parking provision in the parish. This function should be undertaken by the Lake District National Park, however, it is hoped that the parish council could facilitate a group to identify any shortfall in provision and any potential solutions.</p> <p>Mr Davies addressed the meeting to inform the meeting that he and a group of other interested members of the public had drawn together to consider the real parking pressures in the parish, and to identify solutions for consideration which should include both additional provision and parking enforcement. It was hoped that this group would be able to get involved in the working group, but that the membership should be wider to ensure that it reflects a wide range of views including those from residents and businesses. Groups that it would be desirable to have input from include the Coniston Business Forum, Lake District National Park, National Trust, Forestry England, Landowners, and residents from across the parish.</p> <p>RESOLVED: To authorise the Chair to establish a working group.</p>	TC
236/2021	<p>Planning Applications</p> <p><u>7/2021/5328</u> Cherry Tree Cottage, Hawkshead Old Road, Coniston, LA21 8ET. Conservatory to the rear of the property. RESOLVED: No objection.</p> <p><u>7/2021/5402</u> Black Beck Cottage, Coniston, LA21 8AB Accommodation above garage, slate roof to replace glazed roof in garden room/gymnasium, alteration to wall height by entrance. RESOLVED: No objection</p> <p><u>7/2021/5415</u> Boathouse, Black Beck Cottage, Coniston, LA21 8AB Porch roof added to landward access. RESOLVED: No objection</p> <p><u>7/2021/5445</u> at 1 Newfield, Coniston LA21 8EE Single story extension. RESOLVED: No objection</p> <p>239/2021 NOTED: Councillors noted the following planning application, for information only.</p> <p><u>7/2021/5410</u> Low Brandy Crag Quarry, Copper Mines, Coniston, Cumbria Approval of details reserved by condition 16 (Site Surface Water Drainage Management Plan) planning approval ref. 7/2011/5485: Slate quarry extension</p>	

<p>240/2021</p> <p>241/2021</p>	<p>NOTED: Councillors noted the following grants of Planning Permission:</p> <p><u>7/2021/5262</u> The Keld, Coniston, LA21 8AG Demolition of an existing house and construction of a new dwelling.</p> <p><u>7/2021/5328</u> Cherry Tree Cottage, Hawkshead Old Road, Coniston, LA21 8ET. Conservatory to the rear of the property.</p> <p>NOTED: Councillors noted the withdrawal of the following planning applications</p> <p><u>7/2021/5238</u> at Part of Lands Field, Land off Yewdale Road, Coniston Creation of access</p> <p><u>7/2021/5152</u> at Storage area at Dixon Ground Farm, Coniston Use of yard for general storage and retention of storage structures</p>	
<p>242/2021</p> <p>243/2021</p> <p>244/2021</p>	<p>Coniston Maintenance and Highways</p> <p>There is an ongoing problem in relation to the poor notification of road closures to parish councils and the communities they represent. This issue is regularly brought to the attention of Cumbria County Council officers at operational and strategic level, but these requests for improved service are met with silence.</p> <p>RESOLVED: for the clerk to write to Highways and to ensure the Councillor Brereton is copied-in to enable him to pursue the matter on behalf of his constituents.</p> <p>NOTED: Sam Clarke and Tony Sanders had replaced the memorial bench on Lake Road; they are to be thanked for their hard work.</p> <p>The parish has many benches, most in excellent state of repair. A number, which required some repair or rebuilding work, were discussed. How these repairs might be funded was discussed, options include those funding the repair to have a plaque placed alongside the original donor.</p> <p>RESOLVED: The clerk will arrange for the assessment essential repairs.</p> <p>Other issues noted included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Potholes along Old Torver Road have been reported via the Highways Portal. • SATNAV is directing drivers seeking the shortest route up the Old Man to use the road by the side of the Sacred Heart causing traffic and parking problems. The clerk will identify whether residents are able to affix 'private road' signs on the road in an attempt to deter drivers. • The rights of way around Heathwaite Farm 	<p>MD</p> <p>MD</p> <p>MD</p>
<p>245/2021</p>	<p>Climate Focus</p> <p>It was agreed that the wildflowers on the Campbell Memorial Green were looking splendid. Further information awaited in relation to the Greening Campaign.</p>	

246/2021	<p>Consultations/Community Engagement</p> <p>NOTED: The public consultation on the Lake District National Park Partnership Plan 2020-25.</p>	
247/2021	<p>Public Toilet Renovations</p> <p>RESOLVED: To convene a meeting of the Toilet Sub Committee to consider the tender submissions and identify an appropriate way forward.</p>	TC
248/2021	<p>Coniston Parish Council Website</p> <p>The meeting heard the update including the use of images and new logo.</p>	
249/2021	<p>Safer Lakes</p> <p>A standing item for a challenging period. It was noted that CV alerts were working as a method of securing an appropriate response to issues as they arise. There was a discussion of the situation on the roads to the east of the lake, it was understood that this is an area that the Safer Lakes Group are paying especial attention.</p>	
250/2021	<p>Councillor Matters</p> <p><u>Councillor Buller</u> Informed the Council that there had been an upsurge in the number of dogs attacking sheep, many of these attacks are unreported. As there is a dedicated police officer dealing with rural crime in High Furness it was agreed that reports of these attacks should be forwarded to ensure they are aware of the scale of the problem.</p> <p><u>Councillor Coward</u> The North West Air Ambulance has chosen Coniston to be one of four sites to exhibit a sculpture to promote the work of the air ambulance. South Lakeland District Council has been approached for approval. The meeting considered this to be an excellent project; the air ambulance is a valued part of the community.</p> <p>Arrangements for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee will begin in the early autumn. It is hoped that we will take part in the relay of beacons, but it is hoped that we might be able to identify a range of partners in the village with whom the Parish Council might work to co-ordinate a events and activities to commemorate the year.</p>	
251/2021	<p>Financial Matters</p> <p>RESOLVED: To note the following receipts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Toilet collection £380.00 	
252/2021	<p>RESOLVED: To authorise payment of the following accounts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr M Dearnley £365.40 • Mr M Dearnley (Home Working Allowance) £20.00 • South Lakes Drain Jetting £351.90 • Mr A Workman £112.00 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jigsaw £508.80 • Greening Campaign CIC replacement cheque £20.65 • Sam Clarke (Lake Road Bench) £690.00 • Castle Design Services £850.00 • Water Plus (Direct Debit) £119.40 • EON (Direct Debit) £56.67 	
253/2021	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>RESOLVED: Councillors noted the following e-mails:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SLDC Press Release: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Climate Change Action Plan: One Year On ○ Minister confirms strong backing for Bay Authority ○ New council leader confirmed ○ Climate Science and Solutions ○ New SLDC Chairman and Vice Chairman ○ New look Kendal Town Hall open ○ Survey finds Coronavirus pandemic impacting on business confidence ○ Eligible businesses urged to apply for Restart Grants ○ Clean up South Lakeland Campaign ○ Fridges fly-tipped at Broughton-in-Furness ○ Joint News Release - Leaders confirm backing for The Bay ○ Grant from outgoing chairman supports debt centre project ○ Eligible businesses urged to apply for latest Additional Restrictions Grants • Cumbria Constabulary <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Coronavirus update 14.5.21, 11.6.21 ○ May 2021 - The Lakes & Lakes rural ○ May 2021 - Ulverston, Low Furness, High Furness & Grange • Rural Bulletin 12.5.21, 2.6.21, 8.6.21, 15.6.21 • Roger Harris: Local bus services and the Friends of the x112 • Environment Agency <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Flood Hub Newsletter • National Association of Civic Officers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ May Newsletter • Bay Hospitals <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ We need your help to reduce pressure on our emergency department ○ Celebrate the birthday of the NHS with The Big Tea ○ Diabetes Awareness Prevention Programme • Rural Funding Digest: June 2021 • Lakeland Trails: Letter of Thanks to the people of Coniston • Cumbria CVS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Action for Health & Mental Health Provider Forum Bulletin • Cumbria County Council Press Release: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Director of Public Health Statement ○ Covid infections increase ○ 39 new COVID-19 cases recorded in Cumbria ○ Election of Parish Rep to the LDNPA ○ 40 new COVID-19 cases recorded in Cumbria 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Delta variant prompts Cumbria covid call to action ● CALC: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ NALC Chief Executive's Statement ○ Local Electricity Bill ○ ACT News Update ○ LDNPA Advice on how to handle Covid-19 ○ Testing the new Highways system ○ Public Health Alert Change to COVID Guidance ○ Cumbria in Bloom May Newsletter ○ Connecting Cumbria Newsletter June 2021 ○ South Lakeland District Association Meeting ● South Lakeland Area Support <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Community Update on Coronavirus with Colin Cox ○ CCRG: Vaccine FAQ ○ Dying Matters Week ○ Health inequalities discussion ○ Carers Walk Loweswater ○ Carer-Connect ○ Action for Wellbeing ○ COVID-19 in Cumbria - situation update ● Torver Parish Council: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ May draft minutes ○ June agenda ● Hawkshead Parish Council <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Annual Parish and Annual Hawkshead Parish Council meeting ○ Minutes of May meetings ○ June agenda ● Lakes Parish Council <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Agenda June and Minutes for May ● Lake District National Park: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Housing Supplementary Planning Document ○ Summer of Lake District Kindness ○ Lake District National Park Local Plan 2020 - 2035 ● South Lakeland Area Support <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Move for Health ● David Rogers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Garden Open Day ○ Vacant parish council seat: Torver Parish Council ● Councillor Wharton: Traffic lights at Newby Bridge ● Great North Air Ambulance Service: Summer project ● Lakeland House <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Wild flower area ● Cumbria Arts & Culture Network Newsletter 	
254/2021	<p>Next Meeting</p> <p>The next meeting of the Parish Council will be at 7pm on Monday, 19th July at Coniston Primary School.</p>	

Meeting closed at 9.10pm

.....
Date

.....
Signed & Approved by (Chair)

..... Date Chair Initials