

Coniston Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Coniston Parish Council Held at Coniston Primary School, Coniston at 7pm on Monday, 18th October 2021

Present: Councillor T Coward (Chair)
Councillors – H Troughton, J Buller, J Airey, S Atkinson
Clerk – M Dearnley

In attendance: None

A minute's silence was held to pay tribute to Sir David Amess, the Conservative MP who was killed while conducting a constituency surgery on Friday, 15th October 2021.

Minute Number	PART ONE	Action By
322/2021	<p>Apologies</p> <p>Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor Sargeant.</p> <p>The vacant council seat had been advertised with effect from the 12th October 2021. South Lakeland District Council have been notified.</p>	
323/2021	<p>Requests for Dispensations</p> <p>None.</p>	
324/2021	<p>Declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests in respect of Agenda items</p> <p>The Parish Council is Custodian Trustee of the Coniston Institute and Ruskin Museum.</p>	
325/2021	<p>Minutes</p> <p>RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 20th September 2021 were approved as a true and accurate record.</p>	
326/2021	<p>Public Participation</p> <p><u>District Councillors</u></p> <p>Councillor Coward reported that a full council meeting of South Lakeland District Council had been postponed due to the timetable surrounding local government reorganisation.</p> <p><u>National Trust</u></p> <p>Mr Moffat did not submit a formal report, but did indicate that he was busy in budget setting and planning for the new year.</p>	

<p>327/2021</p>	<p><u>Coniston Business Forum</u></p> <p>Mr Rutland indicated that the business community remains very busy, with no specific issues to raise at this time.</p> <p><u>Coniston and Torver Community Land Trust</u></p> <p>Mr Cameron briefed the parish council on the causes of the delay to occupancy of the houses on Church Room Field, Yewdale Road.</p> <p><u>Councillors attending the Institute Committee meeting</u></p> <p>No report.</p> <p>Participation from members of the public</p> <p>There was none.</p>	
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	<p><u>Reference: 7/2021/5639</u> Location: Coniston Park Coppice Caravan Site, Park Gate, Coniston, LA21 8LA Proposal: Change of use of land to site five caravans and the erection of a storage shed</p> <p><u>Reference: 7/2021/5654</u> Location: Pier Cottage, Pier Cottage Caravan Site, Coniston, Coniston, LA21 8AJ Proposal: Replacement of septic tank with treatment plant</p> <p><u>Reference: 7/2021/5568</u> Location: 2 Ivy Cottages, Far End, Coniston, LA21 8DE Proposal: Demolition of an existing extension to create a parking space; alterations and new extension to the original cottage</p>	
334/2021	<p>Broadband for the Rural North (B4RN)</p> <p>NOTED: The project is presently awaiting the Parliamentary decision on the future of the voucher scheme.</p>	
335/2021	<p>Coniston Maintenance, Parking and Highways</p> <p>Highways have been alerted to the concerns for road safety on the road between Far End and the village. They responded via email: ‘the introduction of a footpath in this area would be classed as a highway improvement, and progressing such a scheme requires a substantial allocation of funding. At this present time we are subject to funding constraints and the current work schedule for the year is now under way ... following your request, this location will be monitored regarding pedestrian safety, and is now listed for consideration of funding for a future financial year in line with other local priorities and resources.’</p> <p>Mr Workman’s contractual period of employment ends in October, however, he has committed to completing those tasks begun during the summer these include painting the railings along the road by the Methodist Chapel, as well as the Brow steps and railings. He remains available for emergencies during the winter months.</p>	MD
336/2021	<p>Public Toilet Renovations</p> <p>NOTED: Up-to-date information regarding retendering having been received from Heather Thompson at Castle Design Services we are now in a position to retender for renovation work on the public toilets. This tender will include both the formal specification as well as providing for facility for tenderers to suggested costed alternatives.</p> <p>The toilets will be kept free of charge for the time being, but unless donations increase to pay for a greater part of the cost to the parish in maintaining the toilets this may have to change. This will be kept under review.</p>	MD

	Coniston Parish Council Website	
	Councillor Buller reported that the design of the home page is encouraging and future development is progressing well.	
337/2021	RESOLVED: As the site now includes the facility to link to local businesses' websites, it was resolved to invite local businesses to be included for a small fee payable to the Coniston Amenities Fund Charity.	JB
338/2021	RESOLVED: to invite the schoolchildren at Coniston Primary School and John Ruskin to submit ideas for inclusion in a new Parish Council logo.	JB
	Safer Lakes	
339/2021	NOTED: The Safer Lakes Group are conducting a survey of stakeholders to identify what went well, and what could have been improved in relation to their co-ordination of agencies to address the challenges of greater visitor numbers to the area. Feedback was collected and submitted.	
	Climate Focus	
340/2021	NOTED: Work has been scheduled for the preparation of the grass verge along Old Hawkshead Road to the left of the lych gate into the graveyard for planting with native bulbs and wildflowers.	
	First Aid/Defibrillators	
341/2021	NOTED: The Clerk will work with Judith Myers, First Responders, to compile a list of defibrillators in the parish.	
342/2021	Queen's Platinum Jubilee	
	The Queen's Platinum Jubilee will be celebrated over the weekend Thursday, 2 nd June to Sunday, 5 th June 2022. Councillor Troughton will work with local schools, churches, clubs, organisations and all other local groups to co-ordinate the village's efforts and work toward this event's success.	HT
	Ideas include: tree planting at the Coniston Tourist Information Centre, a Church Service, High Street decorations and shop competitions, street parties, beacon lighting, a village dance, mugs for primary school children and other commemorative items.	
343/2021	Councillor Matters	
	<u>Councillor Troughton</u> The Coniston Lights Committee will undertake to collect a donation from all businesses in the village to contribute to the continued success of the Christmas Lights and to enable them to make an even greater impact on the street scene in future years.	
	<u>Councillor Coward</u> A quote had been received from Playdale to address a number of low level issues with the playground equipment. This was considered too expensive and more competitive quotes are to be secured.	

	<p>Financial Matters</p> <p>344/2021 NOTED: The successful conclusion of the audit of the Parish Council's accounts 2020/2021</p> <p>345/2021 NOTED: The financial summary April to September</p> <p>346/2021 NOTED: The following receipts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Toilet collection (22.9.21) £230.00 <p>347/2021 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 • Mr A Workman £112.00 • Jigsaw (September) £546.30 • PKF Littlejohn (External Audit) £360.00 • Optech (Streetlighting) £253.79 • Dave Jackson (Char Fishing Engraving) £10.95 																	
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	Charity Commission News	Charity Commission News	
	Rural Services Network	The Rural Bulletin - 21 September 2021 The Rural Bulletin - 28 September 2021 The Rural Bulletin - 5 October 2021 Rural Funding Digest - October 2021 Edition The Rural Bulletin - 12 October 2021	
	South Lakeland Area Support	Community Flood Training Sessions Health and Wellbeing Coaches Team Drop in Grange	
	ACTion with Communities in Cumbria	Cumbria Transport Infrastructure Plan - Public Consultation Annual General Meeting	
	GLEAM	Environmental impact of Green Lane use	
	Phil Blaylock	Lakeland Trails in Coniston	
	Action for Health & Mental Health	Forum Bulletin	
	Graham Parker	Grizedale Stages Rally 2021 - 3rd & 4th December	
	Friends of the Lake District	7/2021/5696 Change of use to Seasonal Car Park and Associated Works, Lands Field, Yewdale Road, Coniston	
	Louise Cornforth	Filming project Comic Relief 2022	
	Rusland Horizons	Autumn Newsletter	
	Dave Jackson	Char Fishing Competition	
349/2021	Next Meeting		
	The next meeting of the Parish Council will be at 7pm on Monday, 15 th November 2021 at Coniston Primary School.		

The meeting closed at 8:27pm

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Signed & Approved by (Chair)

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