



The next meeting of Coniston Parish Council will be held at the Coniston Institute, Coniston at 7pm on Monday, 25th April 2022 for the purpose of transacting the business outlined in the agenda below.

This is a public meeting and all are welcome to attend, however, there may be a need to limit numbers of people attending, and to request compliance with reasonable precautions to comply with best practice Covid-19 pandemic precautions.

Yours faithfully

Michael Dearnley
Clerk to Coniston Parish Council
Tuesday, 20th April 2022

AGENDA

1. Apologies

To receive apologies for absence.

2. Requests for Dispensations

The clerk to report any requests received since the previous meeting for dispensations to speak and/or vote on any matter where a member has a disclosable pecuniary interest.

3. Declaration of Interest

To receive declarations by elected and co-opted members of disclosable pecuniary interests in respect of items in this agenda

4. Minutes

To authorise the Chair to sign the minutes of the council meeting held on 21st March 2022 as a true record.

5. Public Participation

- 5.1 To receive reports from:
- County Councillor
 - District Councillors
 - Lake District National Park
 - National Trust
 - Coniston Business Forum

- Coniston and Torver Community Land Trust
- Councillors attending the Coniston Institute Committee meeting

5.2 To receive comments and representations from members of the public in relation to any item on the Agenda.

6. Planning Applications

6.1 To consider the planning applications and formulate comments to the planning authority:

Reference: 7/2022/5172

Location: The Powder Magazine, Coniston, LA231 8HX

Proposal: Extensions and alterations to dwelling

Date: 26th April 2022

6.2 To note the following Refusal of Grant of Planning Permission

Reference: 7/2022/5152

Location: Black Bull, Yewdale Road, Coniston, LA21 8DU

Proposal: Provision of a moveable structure within the curtilage of a building used as a drinking establishment

Reference: 7/2022/5162

Location: Yewdale Inn, Yewdale Road, Coniston, LA21 8DU

Proposal: Installation of a moveable structure

6.3 To note the following Notices of Grant of Planning Permission

Reference: 7/2022/5145

Location: 6 Holly How Close, Coniston, LA21 8BZ

Proposal: Amendmend to design (plans) condition 2 on planning approval ref 7/2021/5092 for erection of dwellinghouse (amendment to plot 6 of planning permission reference 7/2016/5685)

Reference: 7/2022/5052

Location: Tarn Hows Car Park, Coniston

Proposal: Replacement of orientation signage

6.4 To note the following Enforcement Notice

Reference: E/2020/0219

Location: Land at Low Grassings and Level Field, Coniston

Proposal: Discontinue use of the land as a car park and reinstate as an agricultural field.

6.5 Pre-planning application consultation

To consider the following and to formulate a comments to the WHP Telecoms Ltd:

Reference 124844_04

Location: NORWEB mast, Grizedale Forest, Hawkshead, Cumbria, LA21 8AJ (NGR: E 332777 N 496487)

Proposal: Proposed upgrade to existing radio base station installation

7. Coniston Maintenance, Parking and Highways Issues

- 7.1 To note any issues relating to: highways and road maintenance, traffic management, road safety and parking.
- 7.2 To note the revised Visitor Management Plan circulated by the Lake District National Park.

8 Public Toilet Renovations

To note developments in relation to the renovation of the public toilets.

9 Climate Focus

To note any climate related issues which are impacting on the parish, including Coniston Community Orchard.

The Parish Council are asked to:

- 9.1 agree for the Chair and Clerk to negotiate with the National Trust in relation to securing a site suitable for the development of a community orchard, and
- 9.2 for the Parish Council to hold any monies raised to support the community orchard until such time that the community group has established itself, agreed a constitution and opened a bank account.

10 Queen's Platinum Jubilee

To note progress made to co-ordinate parish wide celebrations of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in June 2022.

11 Lengthsman

To note an update from the clerk regarding steps taken to appoint a new Parish Lengthsman and to consider the possibility of working together with other parish councils to jointly award a contract to, and manage, a Lengthsman.

12 Coniston Water

The Parish Council are asked to consider the following resolution:

That the Council invite the Chair, Tracy Coward, and a small group consisting of Councillor McCracken, Rob Gee, Suzanne Pender, Chris Bradley, Les Higgins and such others as appear to them to be appropriate (being no more than 3), to carry out the necessary work of survey, consultation, and consideration preparatory to a potential decision by the Council to submit to DEFRA a proposal for the designation of parts of Coniston Water as "bathing waters" broadly as set out in the document appended hereto and entitled "Note by Councillor McCracken 11th April 2022 : Bathing Water Designation of Parts of Coniston Water"

13 Ground Maintenance Contract

To consider the recent tender process undertaken to ensure we are receiving best value for ground maintenance work in the parish and to identify a suitable contractor to maintain Dow How, Lake Road Playground and to undertake miscellaneous other jobs for a three year period beginning in 2022.

- 13.1 To appoint a preferred contractor.

14 Ukrainian Crisis

To note the successful completion of a musical concert and raffle on the 2nd April 2022.

15 Councillor Matters

An opportunity for Councillors to raise issues on behalf of residents.

Note: no decisions can be made on these matters but they may be placed on a future agenda of the Council

16 Financial Matters

16.1 To note the receipt the following receipts:

- Christmas Lights £3519.50

16.2 To authorise payment of the following accounts:

- Mr M Dearnley (Salary) £386.75
- Mr M Dearnley (Home Working Allowance) £20.00
- Mr M Dearnley (reimbursement for Jubilee badges) £117.60
- Mr M Dearnley (reimbursement for Jubilee bunting) £1046.64
- Mr A Workman £101.38
- Advance Gas and Plumbing Solutions £12,655.74
- Boston Seeds £66.50
- AMB IT Solutions (reissue for cheque number 102561) £65.00
- South Lakeland District Council (Pier Cottage bin) £315.00
- DM Payroll Services Ltd £120.00

16.3 To note the submission of the 2021/22 VAT refund.

16.4 To note the fourth quarter (January to March) balance sheet.

16.5 To note that there is no National Non Domestic Rates demand for 2022/23 in respect of the Bridge Toilets

17 Correspondence (for information only)

A full list of correspondence will be included on a version to the agenda to be circulated at a later date.

18 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Coniston Parish Council will be on Monday, 16th May 2022 at 7:00pm. This meeting will be held at the Coniston Institute.

Note by Councillor McCracken, 11th April 2022

“Bathing Waters” Designation for Parts of Coniston Water

Water based activities are already, and increasingly, extremely popular on Coniston Water. The importance of such activities to people’s physical and mental health is increasingly recognized. But serious concerns have arisen about frequent incidents of inadequate treatment of sewage at, or bypassing of, the sewage treatment works in Coniston and Torver. The designation of parts of the lake as “bathing waters” would impose a legal requirement on the Environment Agency to carry out regular assessments of the water quality. Such a designation would also make it easier for United Utilities to obtain approval from its regulator OFWAT for any necessary expenditure on improvements to the capacity or effectiveness of the local sewage treatment works. It would also enable more effective public pressure to be applied to United Utilities to upgrade to an adequate level.

Degradation of the water quality in the lake could have immediate effects on the health of those who use it for a wide range of activities. It would also be likely to have a long term adverse effect on the tourist economy.

Designation is not easy. It requires extensive surveying over a season. Records must be made of the number of bathers and other undertakers of water based activities on the 20 most busy days at the parts of the lake that are candidates for designation. A submission must then be made to DEFRA.

Three areas are under consideration:

Monk Coniston---Coniston Boating Centre (“Coniston North Tip”)
Old Hall Sailing Club & Camp Site & Priestley Centre (“Coniston North West Shore”)
Brown How & Eric Wright Centre (“Coniston South Tip”)