

Coniston Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Coniston Parish Council held at the Coniston Institute, Coniston at 7pm on Monday, 21st March 2022

Present: Councillor T Coward (Chair)
Councillors – J Buller, C Sargeant, R McCracken, S Metcalfe
Clerk – M Dearnley

Also Present: Mr D Johnson, Cllr M Brereton, Mr J Batty, Mr D Adams

Minute Number		Action By
145/2022	<p>Apologies</p> <p>RESOLVED: To accept apologies from Councillors Troughton, and Atkinson.</p>	
146/2022	<p>Requests for Dispensations</p> <p>None.</p>	
147/2022	<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>	
148/2022	<p>Minutes</p> <p>RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meetings held on 21st February 2022 were approved as a true and accurate record.</p>	
149/2022	<p>Public Participation</p> <p><u>County Councillor</u> Councillor Brereton submitted a written report. This included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • His support for the parish council meeting with officers of the County Council to identify and address parking, signing and lining issues, this is likely to be after the local elections in May. • Information on the environment fund • The County Council has been able to find funding to support the X112 bus service, but Cllr Brereton noted that the service needs regular subsidy, and to address underserved groups, such as those seeking employment and accessing education • The County Council has no plans to introduce a charge on day trippers to subsidise public transport • There is a direct correlation between the lack of public transport and the exacerbation of parking and transport issues. 	

150/2022	<p><u>District Councillors</u> Councillor Coward reported that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local Government Reorganisation is moving forward • A number of residents have volunteered to host Ukrainian refugees, the County and District Councils will be working to ensure that support is provided. • The issue of United Utilities discharge into Coniston Water was being progressed. The designation of the lake being categorised with 'designated bathing status' will be explored, as this will involve the Environment Agency in monitoring and enforcing standards. Developments will be discussed at the April meeting of the Parish Council. <p><u>Coniston Business Forum</u> Mr Rutland reported that he foresees parking will be a real problem this season and asked the Parish Council to take a lead in addressing the issue.</p> <p><u>Councillors attending the Institute Committee meeting</u> Councillor Sargeant had circulated minutes from the Institute's last meeting. Highlights include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New solicitors have been appointed to represent the Trustees. • Councillor Sargeant was under the impression that the Parish Council was no longer custodian trustee for the Institute or Ruskin Museum, but was assured by the clerk that no information from the Trustees or their legal representatives. This matter will be investigated and reported back to the Parish Council at a future meeting. <p><u>To receive comments and representation from members of the public in relation to any item on the agenda.</u></p> <p>The signs erected by Mr Phil Johnston relating to his car park were mentioned, it was hoped that these would be removed. If not, the clerk is first contact Mr Johnston to raise the issue, however, if the signs are still not removed to write to the Lake District National Park and ask for them to be removed on the grounds that they had become such a state that action should be taken.</p>	
151/2022	<p>Planning Applications</p> <p><u>Reference:</u> 7/2022/5145 Location: 6 Holly How Close, Coniston, LA21 8BZ Proposal: Amendment to design RESOLVED: No objections</p>	
152/2022	<p><u>Reference:</u> 7/2022/5153 Location: North end of Coniston Water Proposal: The siting of six swinging moorings on Coniston Water RESOLVED: To object to the siting of two of the proposed moorings</p>	
153/2022	<p><u>Reference:</u> 7/2022/5147 Location: Bank Ground Farm, Coniston, LA21 8AA Proposal: Erection of building for managers accommodation, ancillary family annex accommodation/staff accommodation, garage and office RESOLVED: No objections</p>	

154/2022	<p>NOTED: The following applications for planning permission, for information only.</p> <p><u>Reference:</u> 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</p> <p><u>Reference:</u> 7/2022/5162 Location: Yewdale Inn, Yewdale Road, Coniston, LA21 8DU Proposal: Installation of a moveable structure</p> <p><u>Reference:</u> 7/2022/5161 Location: The Keld, Coniston, LA21 8AG Proposal: Approval of details reserved by condition no 3 (external lighting) on planning permission ref 7/2021/5262 for demolition of an existing house and construction of a new dwelling</p>	
155/2022	<p>NOTED: The decision to award planning permission</p> <p><u>Reference:</u> 7/2021/5807 Location: Yew Tree Farm, Coniston, LA21 8DP Proposal: Works to create roof over existing yard and midden clamp</p>	
156/2022	<p>NOTED: The withdrawal of applications for planning permission.</p> <p><u>Reference:</u> 7/2021/5808 Location: Yew Tree Farm, Coniston, LA21 8DP Proposal: Works to create roof over existing yard and midden clamp</p> <p><u>Reference:</u> 7/2022/5812 Location: Bank Ground Farm, Coniston, LA21 8AA Proposal: Erection of building for manager's accommodation, ancillary family annex accommodation, staff accommodation, garages and offices</p>	
157/2022	<p>Coniston Maintenance, Parking and Highways</p> <p>NOTED: The Parish Council noted the following issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Councillor Sargeant was encouraged to apply to Cumbria County Council via Councillor Brereton explore the proposal to develop a permissive footpath through the infilled railway bridge under the A593 at Park Gate. • Councillor Sargeant reported that a number of issues are still not resolved: the surface water at Park Gate, drain cover near The Ship had not been replaced, and there remain access issues to new homes. • A letter from Mr Dave Jackson was briefly discussed, but the issues it related to should be incorporated into a wider discussion regarding parking and traffic management. . 	
158/2022	<p>Public Toilet Renovations</p> <p>NOTED: Renovations are progressing and should be completed by the end of March.</p>	

159/2022	<p>Visit by Councillor Brook</p> <p>Councillor Brook, Leader of South Lakeland District Council was discussed, but unfortunately, it was decided that the visit could not be incorporated into a future meeting. Clerk to contact Councillor Brook's office.</p>	
160/2022	<p>Climate Focus</p> <p>NOTED: The clerk will apply for an environmental grant via Councillor Brereton with the intention of clearing the detritus from the head of the lake to make it more accessible to all lake users.</p> <p>The area outside the graveyard is in full bloom, the clerk will order wildflower seeds ready for warmer weather.</p>	
161/2022	<p>Queen's Platinum Jubilee</p> <p>NOTED: Progress had been made in relation to arrangements for the four day celebrations in June. This is constantly developing, however, it was noted that a successful Lottery bid for £5,135 has enabled organisers to be more ambitious in what they can achieve.</p>	
162/2022	<p>Lengthsman</p> <p>NOTED: The response to the advert for a Lengthsman was disappointing, but efforts to promote the vacancy will continue.</p>	
163/2022	<p>North West Air Ambulance</p> <p>RESOLVED: To side a sculpture on the Memorial Green for a part of the summer to support their fundraising. Councillor Buller will collect any monies collected.</p>	
164/2022	<p>Ukrainian Crisis</p> <p>In response to the humanitarian crisis precipitated by the invasion of Ukraine by the Russian Federation the Parish Council, led by Councillor Coward, have organised a music night and raffle to raise funds for the Disasters Emergency Committee. The concert is being organised by Sam Clarke and will be held on 2nd April.</p> <p>Councillor Sargeant expressed serious reservations about the Parish Council being involved in fundraising efforts for Ukraine.</p>	
165/2022	<p>Councillor Matters</p> <p><u>Councillor McCracken</u></p> <p>Observed that other parish councils were developing resilience schemes to help them to respond and react to emergencies. The response of Coniston during recent emergencies such as Storm Arwen was admirable, however, this showed that the Emergency Plan itself needs to be developed, resourced and communicated to the people of Coniston more effectively. This will be included as a separate agenda item in the near future to</p>	

	<p>establish a framework for review.</p> <p><u>Councillor Troughton</u> Announced that a litter pick will be organised.</p>									
<p>166/2022</p> <p>167/2022</p>	<p>Financial Matters</p> <p>NOTED: To note the receipt the following receipts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SLDC Payment (Cllr Troughton) £500.00 <p>RESOLVED: To authorise payment of the following accounts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr M Dearnley (Salary) £459.90 • Mr M Dearnley (Home Working Allowance plus large letter postage) £20.00 • Advance Gas and Plumbing (21.2.22) £11,947.75 • Advance Gas and Plumbing (12.2.22) £5,973.88 • Water Plus (DD) £786.49 • Rocket Sites £1,032.00 • Johnston (Gardening Services) 21.2.22 £200.00 									
<p>168/2022</p>	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>RESOLVED: Councillors noted the following e-mails:</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 30%;">Lake District National Park Authority</td> <td>Temporary Closure of paths - motor rallies</td> </tr> <tr> <td>South Lakeland District Council</td> <td> <p>Election of councillors of Westmorland and Furness Council</p> <p>News releases:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crafts galore at Kendal Indoor Market • Below inflation Council Tax rise as final SLDC budget approved • Applications open for final Additional Restrictions Grant scheme • Leader's statement on Ukraine • Two-year funding investment for strategic cultural partners • Village's special character to be further protected • Long-term lease agreed for iconic Ulverston venue • Eligible businesses urged to apply for coronavirus grants before it's too late • Innovative projects set to create more affordable homes </td> </tr> <tr> <td>Cumbria County Council</td> <td> <p>"Respect others' choices on COVID" asks Cumbria's Director of Public Health as COVID rules end</p> <p>Death of Mike McKinley</p> <p>County Council announces testing site closures following government advice</p> <p>SLDA Country Wildlife Sites event</p> </td> </tr> <tr> <td>Cumbria Constabulary</td> <td>Storms Dudley and Eunice</td> </tr> </table>	Lake District National Park Authority	Temporary Closure of paths - motor rallies	South Lakeland District Council	<p>Election of councillors of Westmorland and Furness Council</p> <p>News releases:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crafts galore at Kendal Indoor Market • Below inflation Council Tax rise as final SLDC budget approved • Applications open for final Additional Restrictions Grant scheme • Leader's statement on Ukraine • Two-year funding investment for strategic cultural partners • Village's special character to be further protected • Long-term lease agreed for iconic Ulverston venue • Eligible businesses urged to apply for coronavirus grants before it's too late • Innovative projects set to create more affordable homes 	Cumbria County Council	<p>"Respect others' choices on COVID" asks Cumbria's Director of Public Health as COVID rules end</p> <p>Death of Mike McKinley</p> <p>County Council announces testing site closures following government advice</p> <p>SLDA Country Wildlife Sites event</p>	Cumbria Constabulary	Storms Dudley and Eunice	
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	Hawkshead Parish Council	Minutes of the Hawkshead Parish Council Agenda Hawkshead Parish Council	
	Torver Parish Council	3rd March Agenda & 3rd February draft minutes	
	Lakes Parish Council	Agenda for Lakes PC Meeting	
	Cumbria Association of Local Councils	Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) Newsletters - 17 February 2022, 25.2.22, 2.3.22, 10.3.22, 15.3.22, Cumbria in Bloom, Tourism and IYN Awards 2022 CALC News 2.3.22 Pay - employment briefing Wednesday update - 9 March 2022 Wednesday round up 16 March 2022	
	Rural Services Network	The Rural Bulletin - 22 February, 1 March, 8 March, 15 March, Rural Funding Digest - March 2022 Edition	
	South Lakeland Area Support	Warning: Storms Dudley and Eunice Information on support for those affected by the COVID pandemic South Lakes Easter Holiday Activities Adult Education Courses for the summer term	
	Coniston Institute and Ruskin Museum	Minutes	
	Information Commissioner	Latest news from ICO 10.3.22	
	Lake District Green Lane Alliance	News on green lanes	
	Action Challenge	Event notification: Lake District Challenge, 11-12th June 2022	
	Action for Health Network and Mental Health Provider Forum	Bulletin 18.2.22, 4.3.22,	
	Bay Health and Care Partners	Stakeholder Newsletter Issue 9	
169/2022	Next Meeting The next meeting of the Parish Council was altered due to Easter Bank Holiday Monday, and will be at 7pm on Monday, 25 th April 2022 at the Coniston Institute.		

The meeting closed at 8:55pm

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Signed & Approved by (Chair)

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