

Coniston Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Coniston Parish Council held at the Coniston Institute, Coniston at 7pm on Monday, 25th April 2022

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

Also Present: Mr D Adams and Mr P Johnston

Minute Number		Action By
170/2022	<p>Apologies</p> <p>RESOLVED: To accept apologies from Councillors Buller and Metcalfe. No apologies had been received from Councillor Atkinson.</p>	
171/2022	<p>Requests for Dispensations</p> <p>None.</p>	
172/2022	<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> <p>Councillors Coward and Troughton withdrew from voting in relation to item 6.1 Planning Application 7/2022/5172 for The Powder Magazine, Coniston.</p>	
173/2022	<p>Minutes</p> <p>RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meetings held on 21st March 2022 were approved as a true and accurate record.</p>	
174/2022	<p>Public Participation</p> <p><u>District Councillors</u> Councillor Coward reported that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elections for Westmorland and Furness Council will take place on Thursday, 5th May. • A single point of contact for people volunteering to take in Ukrainian refugees has been established by the District Council. <p><u>National Trust</u> John Moffatt reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Housing, several properties vacant awaiting refurbishment before reletting. • All visitor attractions open on different patterns, but staffing remains a challenge. 	

<p>175/2022</p>	<p><u>Coniston and Torver Land Trust.</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Councillor Troughton reported that one property on Churchfield Close was vacant, as the occupants had moved to larger accommodation available in the new houses on Yewdale Road. • Pedestrian access to the new housing on Yewdale Road is being negotiated. <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"> • A response to the Parish Council regarding asset transfer and status of its role as custodian trustee is being prepared. <p><u>To receive comments and representation from members of the public in relation to any item on the agenda.</u></p> <p>Mr Johnston was present, he:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Offered to pay for the renovation of the rocking horse on the Lake Road Playground. • Is prepared to share the research he undertook regarding potential locations in the village for alternative car parks. • Observed that there is a tangible impact on forward bookings being made by rises in the cost of fuel, energy and other living costs. 	
<p>176/2022</p> <p>177/2022</p> <p>178/2022</p>	<p>Planning Applications</p> <p>Reference: <u>7/2022/5172</u> Location: The Powder Magazine, Coniston, LA231 8HX Proposal: Extensions and alterations to dwelling RESOLVED: No decision. The Parish Council was not able to come to a single view on the application.</p> <p>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 RESOLVED: No objection</p> <p>NOTED: The decision to refuse planning permission</p> <p>Reference: <u>7/2022/5152</u> 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>Reference: <u>7/2022/5162</u> Location: Yewdale Inn, Yewdale Road, Coniston, LA21 8DU Proposal: Installation of a moveable structure</p>	

<p>179/2022</p>	<p>NOTED: The decision to award planning permission</p> <p><u>Reference:</u> 7/2022/5145 Location: 6 Holly How Close, Coniston, LA21 8BZ Proposal: Amendment 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)</p> <p><u>Reference:</u> 7/2022/5052 Location: Tarn Hows Car Park, Coniston Proposal: Replacement of orientation signage</p>	
<p>180/2022</p>	<p>NOTED: The decision to issue an Enforcement Notice</p> <p><u>Reference:</u> 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.</p>	
Coniston Maintenance, Parking and Highways		
<p>181/2022</p>	<p>NOTED: The Parish Council noted the following issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Councillor Sargeant is hoping to engage Mr Braithwaite to explore the proposal to develop a permissive footpath through the infilled railway bridge under the A593 at Park Gate. • Councillor Sargeant reported that there is remedial work being undertaken to address the issue of surface water at Park Gate. • Mr Johnston was able to address the issue of the container parked on Furness Old Road. This will be moved to Dixon Ground Farm and refit as a shepherd's hut. 	
<p>182/2022</p>	<p>RESOLVED: For the clerk to arrange for the removal of Highways sign on the bridge which is in disrepair.</p>	
<p>183/2022</p>	<p>RESOLVED: for the clerk to refer the new road being constructed at Heathwaite Farm to Planning.</p>	
<p>184/2022</p>	<p>NOTED: The revised Visitor Management Plan.</p>	
Public Toilet Renovations		
<p>185/2022</p>	<p>The project has been prone to unexpected difficulties, however, it is anticipated that the toilets will be open from Wednesday. The question as to what would happen in the event of a power cut was raised. The Clerk will investigate further.</p> <p>NOTED: Renovations are progressing, despite being prone to several unexpected difficulties it is anticipated that the toilets will be open from Wednesday, 27th April. The Toilet Working Group will meet on site at 7pm, Tuesday 26th April to inspect work.</p>	

186/2022	<p>Ukrainian Crisis</p> <p>NOTED: The successful concert and raffle on the 2nd April that raised £2,100 for the DEC Ukrainian Appeal.</p>	
187/2022 188/2022	<p>Climate Focus</p> <p>RESOLVED: For the Chair and Clerk to negotiate with the National Trust on behalf of the Parish Council for land for a community orchard.</p> <p>RESOLVED: For the Parish Council to hold funds raised to support the establishment and maintenance of a community orchard until a group has been established which could manage their own finances.</p>	
189/2022	<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 suggested that Fiona Marley Patterson, and other media personalities be contacted to inform them of what we are planning.</p>	
190/2022	<p>Lengthsman</p> <p>NOTED: The response to the advert for a Lengthsman was disappointing, efforts to promote the vacancy will continue, but the Parish Council is open to join commissioning of a Lengthsman's services with other parish councils in order to make the role more remuneratively attractive.</p>	
191/2022	<p>Coniston Water</p> <p>There was a general debate regarding the issues surrounding water quality in Coniston Water, and the most appropriate way to address this issue with United Utilities. Councillor McCracken described the process whereby initial work would be undertaken to survey water usage and consult before returning to the Council to determine whether to apply to DEFRA for parts of Coniston Water to be designated as 'bathing waters'</p> <p>RESOLVED: To invite the Chair and a small group to undertake necessary preparatory work that would enable the Parish Council to have sufficient information to decide on whether to submit a proposal for DEFRA to designate parts of Coniston Water as 'bathing waters'.</p>	
192/2022	<p>Ground Maintenance Contract</p> <p>RESOLVED: To appoint Coniston Ground Care to undertake the Ground Maintenance Contract 2022 to 2025.</p>	
193/2022	<p>Councillor Matters</p> <p>Councillor McCracken: Highlighted the need for the Parish Council to develop a more comprehensive resilience plan.</p>	

<p>194/2022</p> <p>195/2022</p> <p>196/2022</p> <p>197/2022</p>	<p>Financial Matters</p> <p>NOTED: To note the receipt the following receipts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christmas Lights £3519.50 <p>RESOLVED: To authorise payment of the following accounts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 <p>NOTED: The submission of the 2021/22 VAT Return.</p> <p>NOTED: The Fourth Quarter Balance Sheet</p>													
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		United for Ukraine – website Minutes of the South Lakeland District Association Meeting 24 th March 2022 LGR - Interim Appointments Beavers: Invitation to other councils Cumbria in Bloom April Newsletter 2022	
	Rural Services Network	Bulletin 22.3.22, 29.3.22, 5.4.22, 12.4.22, and 20.4.22 Rural Funding Digest - April 2022 Edition	
	Charity Commission	Newsletter – March 2022	
	Coniston Institute and Ruskin Museum	Registration of Coniston Institute and Ruskin property with HM Land Registry Agenda and Minutes	
	Bay Health and Care Partners	Stakeholder newsletter 10	
	Churches Together in Coniston	Sunday prayer for Ukraine	
	South Lakeland Area Support	Cost of Living - support available Inclusion Health Courses and Information (Ukraine Response)	
	Action for Health Network and Mental Health Provider Forum	Bulletin 17.3.22, 1.4.22	
	Coniston WA Meeting	Agenda and Minutes	
	Across the Divide	Charity Challenge Event in Torver and Coniston May 2022	
	Information Commissioner	Newsletter	
	Friends of the X112	Bus Update	
	Rusland Horizon	Spring Activities	
	Cumbria CVS	Join our team today!	
	Mr J Butcher	Concern over future use (Workshop J.N.Dixon, Coniston)	
199/2022	Next Meeting		
	The next meeting of the Parish Council will be at 7pm on Monday, 16 th May 2022 at the Coniston Institute.		

The meeting closed at 8:55pm

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Signed & Approved by (Chair)

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