

Coniston Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Coniston Parish Council held at the Coniston Institute, Coniston at 7pm on Monday, 20th June 2022

Present: Councillor T Coward (Chair)
Councillors – Heather Troughton, Chas Sargeant, James Buller, Shaun Atkinson,
Robert McCracken
Clerk – M Dearnley

Also Present: Ten members of the public

Minute Number		Action By
222/2022	<p>Apologies</p> <p>RESOLVED: To accept apologies from Councillor Metcalf.</p>	
223/2022	<p>Requests for Dispensations.</p> <p>None.</p>	
224/2022	<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> <p>Councillor Troughton and Councillor Buller will not take part in item 6.4 consultation on the licence application for Unit 3B, Lake Road Workshops 'Bertie's Bar', as Councillor Troughton sits on South Lakeland District Council's Licencing Committee and Councillor Buller owns a neighbouring business.</p>	
225/2022	<p>Minutes</p> <p>RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting held on 16th May, subject to a minor amendment, were approved as a true and accurate record.</p>	
226/2022	<p>Public Participation</p> <p><u>County Councillor</u> Councillor Brereton submitted a report, but this was received by the clerk after the meeting.</p> <p><u>District Councillors</u> The Council meeting on the 18th June had been the last annual meeting of the district council. There has been progress toward the establishment of the new authority whilst maintaining services under the present structure.</p> <p><u>National Trust</u> John Moffatt, General Manager, South Lakes Portfolio, reported on a range of issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is a consultation on the future of the Hawkshead Ferry, 	

<p>227/2022</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Jubilee cruise on the Gondola was most successful, • There two vacant properties in the parish, one is nearly ready to let, the other requires work before it is fit to be let, • Attractions are up-and-running, but the Lake District is quieter this year, this coupled with difficulties recruiting staff has made it difficult to operate at full capacity. <p><u>Coniston and Torver Land Trust.</u></p> <p>Councillor Troughton reported that there would be a housing review in the near future.</p> <p><u>Coniston Business Forum</u></p> <p>Ron Rutland offered his congratulations on the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations.</p> <p><u>Councillors attending the Institute Committee meeting</u></p> <p>Councillor Sargeant had circulated minutes to the Parish Council, however, the issue of the status of the Institute and the relationship between the Institute and the Parish Council is in need of clarification. The Parish Council asserted its desire to work with the Institute into the future for the benefit of the whole community.</p> <p><u>To receive comments and representation from members of the public in relation to any item on the agenda.</u></p> <p>Mr Adams raise the issue of lost parking spaces along Lake Road due to the rigorous car parking enforcement. Mr Adams mentioned this as part of a wider concern that car parking capacity in the village is being lost and that this leads to increasingly irresponsible and inappropriate parking. He would like to see the Parish Council actively engaged in addressing this issue before it becomes a more serious problem.</p> <p>The Reverend Brian Streeter and Dr Alex Stewart introduced Chris Clark, the newly appointed Children Youth and Community Worker for Coniston.</p>	
<p>228/2022</p> <p>229/2022</p> <p>230/2022</p>	<p>Planning Applications</p> <p><u>Reference: 77/2021/6009</u> Location: Newfield Cottage, Hawkshead Old Road, Coniston, LA21 8ET Proposal: Replace existing single storey gable extension with a two storey extension.</p> <p>RESOLVED: Councillors voted to object</p> <p><u>Reference: 7/2022/5340</u> Location: Field between the water works and existing land at Low Grassings and Level Field, Coniston Proposal: Farm track (retrospective)</p> <p>RESOLVED: Councillors voted to object</p> <p>NOTED: The following application.</p>	<p>MD</p> <p>MD</p>

<p>231/2022</p>	<p>Reference: <u>7/2022/5337</u> Location: Land at Low Grassings and Level Field, Coniston Proposal: New steel frame agricultural building, with fibre cement roof. Yorkshire boarding to upper walls and concrete panels to base of walls. Also alteration to field for formation of new access track.</p> <p>Reference: <u>APP/Q9495/C/22/3297833</u> Location: Land at Low Grassings and Level Field, Coniston, Cumbria, LA21 8HQ RESOLVED: For the earlier comments of the Parish Council submitted in relation to the planning application to stand as a contribution toward the appeal against enforcement action</p> <p>Location: Bertie's Kitchen and Bar, Unit 3B, Lake Road, Coniston, LA21 8EW Proposal: Notice of an application for a premises licence for the sale of alcohol, and provision of regulated entertainment; including music, live entertainment, playing of recorded sounds and late night refreshments to not later than 9pm.</p>	<p>Clerk to identify why this matter was only to note</p>
<p>232/2022</p>	<p>RESOLVED: Councillors voted to object.</p>	<p>MD</p>
<p>233/2022</p>	<p>Coniston Maintenance, Parking and Highway Issues</p> <p>A number of highways issues were raised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School gate opening times were causing disruption • Speeding issues at Hawes Bank, and Little Arrow were discussed; however, these have both been comprehensively investigated by the police and County Council. • Tilberthwaite 'U' road had been inspected and was found to be in good condition • Growth of sycamores on Yewdale Road by the entrance to Little Moss has been reported to South Lakeland Housing Association to enable them to take action to prevent drainage problems arising. • The 'bottleneck' at Hawes Bank when the Coniston Hall camp site experienced high levels of traffic had been raised with both the National Trust and Brian Wilson, the farmer. Opening other routes off site were discussed, but dismissed as being inappropriate for most cars. • Potholes are a real problem, many have been reported but these need reporting more than once to ensure that the issue is raised on the Highways area's radar. • An update from United Utilities will be sought to ensure that drainage problems experienced last autumn can be prevented. 	<p>MD</p>
<p>234/2022</p>	<p>Public Toilet Renovations</p> <p>The Gentlemen's lavatory was the target of vandalism. The police took the matter seriously; however, they were unable to identify the perpetrator. Healthmatic Ltd undertook to make good the repairs free of charge.</p> <p>The toilets generated £778.00 in the six weeks of operation.</p> <p>The clerk to make some laminated signs to make operating the toilet door more effective.</p>	<p>MD</p>

235/2022	<p>Climate Focus</p> <p>The clerk reported on work at the graveyard. This had been cleared in the autumn to prepare for a grass border and planting of several hundred bulbs. This had been successful and the early spring display was wonderful, however, the wildflower seed sown had been less successful and the area is now predominantly covered in weeds. The clerk will explore grant funding sufficient to lay wildflower turf on the area where the wildflower seeds failed.</p>	MD
236/2022	<p>Queen's Platinum Jubilee</p> <p>The celebrations were well; councillors received many positive comments both in person and on social media. There was good coverage of the parish celebrations in the Westmorland Gazette and The Mail.</p> <p>The clerk is preparing accounts for the celebrations and preparing 'thank you' letters. It is hoped that final accounts will be presented at the next meeting.</p>	
237/2022	<p>Lengthsman</p> <p>Councillor Atkinson and the clerk will meet to identify a way forward to engage a Lengthsman, or to engage for services from a range of tradesmen on an ad hoc basis.</p>	
238/2022	<p>Councillor Matters</p> <p><u>Councillor Sargeant</u> had met with several organisations regarding a path to make the stretch of A51 safer for pedestrians. The clerk offered to support Councillor Sargeant to secure funding to research alternative options.</p> <p><u>Councillor Coward</u> reported the presence of Japanese knotweed by the lake, this had been reported to the National Park Authority who responded quickly and treated it.</p> <p>The North West Air Ambulance model helicopter had been installed for a three month period on the Memorial Green. It is hoped that this will help raise much needed funds for the charity.</p> <p><u>Councillor Troughton</u> reported that the bus stop was looking a little neglected. The clerk will ask Jigsaw to include a weekly clean of the bus stop in addition to their daily cleaning the toilets by Church Beck Bridge.</p> <p>Councillor Troughton also expressed concern that the Sports and Social Club had a range of issues that might jeopardise their charity status. Councillor Coward stated that these concerns may not be well founded and that she hoped the Club would be able to identify and address any issues before the AGM in August.</p>	MD
239/2022	<p>Financial Matters</p> <p>RESOLVED: To approve the financial accounts 2021/22</p>	
240/2022	<p>RESOLVED: Councillors received the report from the Internal Auditor</p>	
241/2022	<p>RESOLVED: To review the effectiveness of the system of internal control</p>	

242/2022	RESOLVED: Councillors approved the Governance and Accounting Statements and the Chair arranged to sign them.	
243/2022	RESOLVED: To note the following receipts: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • VAT (2021/22) £5257.00 	
244/2022	RESOLVED: To authorise payment of the following accounts: <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 trees etc.) £170.49 • Mr M Dearnley (reimbursement – Union Flag) £93.90 • Mr M Dearnley (reimbursement – Jubilee Banner) £80.25 • Tracy Dearnley (reimbursement dye, craft etc.) £92.75 • Jigsaw (Cleaning) £465.74 • Fiona Ebbs (Internal Audit) £150.00 • Taffy Thomas £100.00 • Coniston Stonecraft £588.00 • Coniston Stonecraft £60.00 • Mrs A Stoddart (Jubilee related resources) £92.48 • EON (Direct Debit) £61.46 • EON (Direct Debit) £12.94 • Southern Electric (Direct Debit) £80.62 • Coniston Cricket Club (Donation to Jubilee Event) £400.00 	

Correspondence	
245/2022	RESOLVED: Councillors noted the following e-mails:
CALC	Newsletter: March and April Zero Carbon Cumbria Newsletter Homes for Ukraine Update & Together with Refugees Forum 8th June 2022 LGR Newsletter 13.5.22, 10.6.22 Coronavirus, LGR & Partnership Information Update South Lakes and Barrow District Association (30/6) AGM paper The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service Cost of Living Support Ensuring that the need for Common Land consent is not ignored Emergency Information Sheet for Town and Parish Councils Vaccinations update
Coniston Institute and Ruskin Museum	Minutes (10.5.22) Agenda (14.6.22)
South Lakeland Area Support	Inter Faith Network Report Met Office Training Opportunities
Hawkshead Parish Council	Postponed meeting Agendas - Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Hawkshead Parish Council Meeting Minutes Agenda and Windermere Ferry Consultation

	Blawith and Subberthwaite Parish Council	A595 Grizebeck Newsletter	
	Rural Services Network	Rural Bulletin 17.5.22, 24.5.22, 31.5.22, 7.6.22, 14.6.22	
	South Lakeland District Council	South Lakeland to light up for Platinum Jubilee Council Cabinet confirmed at final Annual Meeting "Take care of yourselves, others and support the NHS" Council prepares for Appleby Horse Fair Schoolgirl wins litter poster competition Community fund launched to help alleviate poverty in South Lakeland	
	Friends of the X112	Fundraiser	
	Cumbria Constabulary	Lakes and Lakes Rural Newsletter	
	Cumbria Highways	Road Closure – Water Yeat	
	Torver Parish Council	Minutes Gardens Open for Nursing Charities Woodland Summer Show Agenda	
	Lake District Summer Music	Events	
	Make Votes Matter North Lancashire & South Cumbria	Equal Votes Walk	
	Lakes Parish Council	Agenda	
	Action for Health & Mental Health Provider Forum	Bulletin	
	Glyn Davies	Illegal Parking lot on upper Walna Scar Road	
	Cumbria CVS	Cost of living social media toolkit	
	Information Commissioner	Newsletter	
246/2022	Next Meeting		
	The next meeting of the Parish Council will be at 7pm on Monday, 18 th July 2022 at the Coniston Institute.		

The meeting closed at 8:53pm

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Date

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Signed & Approved by (Chair)

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