

Coniston Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Coniston Parish Council held at the Coniston Institute, Coniston at 7pm on Monday, 1st October 2022

Present: Councillors: T Coward, H Troughton, C Sargeant, J Buller, and R McCracken
Clerk: M Dearnley

Minute Number		Action By
287/2022	<p>Apologies</p> <p>RESOLVED: To accept the apology from Councillor Atkinson.</p> <p>RESOLVED: To accept the resignation of Councillor Metcalf.</p>	
288/2022	<p>Requests for Dispensations.</p> <p>None.</p>	
289/2022	<p>Declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests in respect of Agenda items</p> <p>None.</p>	
290/2022	<p>Minutes</p> <p>RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting held on 15th August were approved as a true and accurate.</p>	
291/2022	<p>Public Participation</p> <p><u>County Councillor</u> Councillor Brereton reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Line painting work was being undertaken that evening in Bowmanstead. It was pointed out by Councillor McCracken that the road markings do not include a 'ghost path' that might promote pedestrian road safety on the road by the Sacred Heart. The ensuing discussion identified that it might be helpful if parish councils had notice and possibly consultation before non-emergency work is finalised. Resurfacing work is proceeding in several locations in south Lakeland, including in Coniston Parish. Cumbria County Council are aware that Electricity North West have been misusing their emergency power to close roads. This matter is being discussed between the two bodies in the hope that better working practices might be identified. That there is a need for a discussion to identify community-parking opportunities that could be supported by parking enforcement officers. The matter of the junction between a public highway and an unadopted road was raised 	

	<p><u>District Councillors</u></p> <p>There was little to report.</p> <p><u>National Trust</u></p> <p>No report.</p> <p><u>Coniston and Torver Community Land Trust</u></p> <p>No report.</p> <p><u>Lake District National Park</u></p> <p>No report.</p> <p><u>Coniston Institute and Ruskin Museum</u></p> <p>The next meeting had been postponed to the 18th October, although it was advised that the flat in the Institute building would become free soon.</p>	
<p>292/2022</p> <p>293/2022</p> <p>294/2022</p> <p>295/2022</p>	<p>Planning Applications</p> <p><u>Reference: 7/2022/5577</u> Location: Lakeland House, Coniston Proposal: Change of use of Guest House and Cafe to provide Staff Accommodation for The Inn Collection Group RESOLVED: Objection</p> <p><u>Reference: 7/2022/5631</u> Location: 10 Beck Yeat, Coniston, LA21 8HT Proposal: Demolish conservatory and erect single storey front extension and two storey rear extension RESOLVED: Objection</p> <p><u>Reference: 7/2022/5635</u> Location: Anfield, Little Arrow, Coniston, Cumbria, LA21 8AU Proposal: Single storey side extension, new outbuilding - single storey store/utility room RESOLVED: No objection</p> <p>NOTED: The following grants of application</p> <p><u>Reference: 7/2022/5393</u> Location: Crown Hotel, Tilberthwaite Avenue, Coniston, LA21 8ED Proposal: Relocation of main entrance from car park including canopy over. Removal of secondary entrance, opening to be infilled with new window. Alterations to existing door opening to provide disabled access. Reconfiguration of the car park to allow for external dining</p> <p><u>Reference: 7/2022/5387</u> Location: Brookland, Little Langdale, Coniston, LA22 9NT Proposal: Upgrade, extension and reconfiguration of existing house</p>	<p>MD</p> <p>MD</p> <p>MD</p>

<p>296/2022</p>	<p>Reference: <u>7/2022/5153</u> Location: North End of Coniston Water, Coniston Proposal: The siting of six swinging moorings on Coniston Water</p> <p>Reference: <u>7/2022/5544</u> Location: Coniston Telephone Exchange, Coniston, LA21 8 Proposal: Installation of a 7-metre ground mounted pole to be attached to a concrete base to support one 0.6-metre transmission dish together with wall mounted equipment cabinet and ancillary development thereto.</p> <p>NOTED: The following Notice of Enforcement</p> <p>Reference: E.2021.0291 Location: Bowmanstead Studio, Bowmanstead, Coniston, LA21 8HB Issue: Making a material change from use as dwelling house with ancillary accommodation to two dwelling houses</p>	
<p>297/2022</p>	<p>Coniston Maintenance, Parking and Highway Issues</p> <p>A number of highway issues were mentioned including: numerous blocked drains contributing toward flooding, the deteriorating condition of the Brow Steps and extremely bad pot holes to the east of the Lake near Atkinson Ground. These had been reported to Highways.</p> <p>RESOLVED: To appoint Fraser Boon to undertake the Lengthsman contract for a period of six months in the first instance.</p> <p>The clerk will put Mr Boon in contact with Mr Workman in order that training and an orderly transition can be undertaken. A list of jobs is to be compiled to which all councillors are invited to update as they identify suitable tasks for Mr Boon to undertake.</p> <p>The Clerk will write to Highways to ask that they inspect and make safe any deficiencies found on the Brow Steps.</p> <p>Councillors will accept Mr Johnston’s invitation to discuss car parking in Coniston and will report to future meetings.</p>	<p>MD</p> <p>MD</p>
<p>298/2022</p>	<p>Public Toilet Renovations</p> <p>The toilet doors are causing an ongoing problem. Despite receiving the attention of Healthmatic, the company that installed the door locking mechanism, they only work sporadically causing disruption and disaffection to many. They intend to replace the entire mechanism in the Ladies Toilet in the hope that this remedies the problem.</p> <p>Income so far this year has been £2,286.40, this is better than in previous years; however, it is far lower than projected due to the toilets not being open until mid-June and sporadic closures caused by technological deficiencies and vandalism.</p> <p>RESOLVED: To accept the quote to replace and renew the paths and other minor works at the toilets.</p>	<p>MD</p>

299/2022	<p>Climate Focus</p> <p>No issues to report at the present time.</p>	
300/2022	<p>Emergency Planning</p> <p>It was agreed that a full review of the Emergency Plan is desirable, however, to ensure that the parish is better prepared for this winter's challenges it was decided to inspect and audit the Resilience Store on Old Furness Road, and to identify short-term steps to enact effective measures are put into place for this winter.</p> <p>A fuller report of what steps are being taken will be presented at the next meeting.</p>	
301/2022	<p>Coniston Parish Council response to cost of living/energy crisis</p> <p>Councillor Troughton outlined the main elements of the plan developed through co-operation with the local community including Christians in Coniston. This included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The provision of 'snuggle blankets' to all pre-school and primary age children • Community Lunches: a weekly lunch organised by the Coniston Sports and Social Club, a monthly lunch and dominoes club organised by Christians in Coniston, and a monthly Community Lunch organised by Helen Glaister • Progress toward the establishment of a Community Fridge and Pantry has moved on apace. Final confirmation from Councillor Atkinson in securing a regular supply of food to maintain this effort will have to wait, as he was not present at the meeting. • Councillor Troughton had run an advice session at the Library to help people navigate the Internet in order to access the quality material on websites such as that of the Citizen's Advice Bureau. • A leaflet is to be produced to be distributed alongside the Parish Magazine in order to raise awareness that there is support for those who need it. • 'Snuggle blankets' will be made available to adults if they request one. <p>RESOLVED: that the Parish Council will match the donation made by South Lakeland District Council's Fairer South Lakeland Fund.</p>	
302/2022	<p>Bathing Water Designation of Parts of Coniston Water</p> <p>A public consultation meeting had been held and numerous surveys of the water usage had been undertaken. The surveys clearly showed heavy usage of Coniston Water for bathing, and other water based activities.</p> <p>RESOLVED: For Councillor Coward to submit an application on behalf of the Parish Council to the relevant authorities by the 31st October 2022.</p>	TC
303/2022	<p>Coniston Christmas Lights</p> <p>Mrs Atkinson and Mrs Whirty represented the Coniston Christmas Lights Committee at the meeting. They believed that they would be able to manage the provision of Christmas Lights in the village more successfully if they were to do</p>	

	<p>so independently of the Parish Council.</p> <p>They described how they had successfully retendered for the provision of Christmas lighting and entered into a three-year contract with a well-established lighting company.</p> <p>The Parish Council remain supportive of the group, but understand the desire to operate without the constraints of being a sub-committee.</p>	
304/2022	<p>Lake Road Playground</p> <p>Councillor Coward outlined the main findings of the recent safety inspection of the playground and the steps she had taken to identify a suitable contractor to replace the worn playing surface.</p> <p>Minor works will be added to the list of jobs for the Lengthsman to undertake.</p> <p>RESOLVED: to accept the quote received by Councillor Coward to repair the playing surface.</p>	TC
305/2022	<p>Councillor Matters</p> <p>Councillor McCracken noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Dark Skies Project, this is where streetlights and other external lights are turned off on one night a year. Grasmere and Ambleside have led this, but it is suggested that we might take part on the 23rd February 2023. • That he has requested the Caravan and campsite licence from South Lakeland District Council, but repeated requests have not been responded to. Councillor Troughton will take the matter forward on his behalf. <p>Councillor Sargeant informed the meeting that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the Tilberthwaite Group which meets to consider the issues around the management of the unclassified roads in Tilberthwaite, Hodge Close and Little Langdale was due to bring its work to a conclusion, but instead it will continue to meet until the work is complete. • He has reported a great many issues to Highways and advises all councillors to report any issues as they see them in order to ensure that Highways are aware of them. • The Community Orchard is actively seeking land, recent discussions have included the use of the field below the Sacred Heart • Mark Braithwaite has appointed an architect to explore options relating to the path along the old railway line as it crosses the A593. 	HT
306/2022	<p>Financial Matters</p> <p>NOTED: The conclusion of the audit of the Parish Council's accounts 2021/2022</p>	
307/2022	<p>NOTED: The financial summary April to September 2022</p>	
308/2022	<p>RESOLVED: To note the receipt the following receipts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SLDC (Second Instalment of Precept) £10,532.05 	

309/2022	<p>RESOLVED: To authorise payment of the following accounts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr M Dearnley (Salary) £773.50 • Mr M Dearnley (Home Working Allowance) £40.00 • Mr M Dearnley (Flowers for Book of Condolence) £20.00 • Jigsaw (Cleaning – August and September) £1,014.54 • Thomas Graham (washroom services) £185.24 • CALC subscription £220.95 • Playsafe (playground safety inspection) £105.00 • PKF Littlejohn LLP £240.00 • Coniston Institute (room hire) £48.00 • Coniston Ground Care £1,740.00 • Sam Clarke (toilet door repair) £36.00 • Coniston Sports & Social Club (Jubilee) £640.40 															
310/2022	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>RESOLVED: Councillors noted the following e-mails:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="284 869 1332 2018"> <tr> <td data-bbox="284 869 651 943">Rural Services Bulletin</td> <td data-bbox="657 869 1332 943">16.8.22, 23.8.22, 28.8.22, 13.9.22, 21.9.22, 28.9.22, 4.10.22, 11.10.22</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="284 952 651 1646">South Lakeland District Council Press Release</td> <td data-bbox="657 952 1332 1646"> Future Fixers launches one-stop shop for 'good' business advice Only a few days left to apply for poverty alleviation support Pandemic business support scheme extended Households yet to claim energy rebate urged to do so Future Fixers Purposeful Business Start-up Programme Discretionary energy rebate scheme launched in South Lakeland Grants available for Windermere septic tank schemes Business community urged to shape future support Bank holiday changes to council services Passing of Her Majesty the Queen Local Plan Review Newsletter Advance Notice Update on review of South Lakeland Local Plan South Lakeland Local Plan Newsletter Invitation to online discussion about new council </td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="284 1655 651 1783">Shadow authority for Westmorland and Furness Council Press Release</td> <td data-bbox="657 1655 1332 1783"> Backing for new council's vision and priorities New council declares climate and biodiversity crises Council backs cost of living motion </td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="284 1792 651 1818">Rural Funding Digest</td> <td data-bbox="657 1792 1332 1818">6.9.22</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="284 1827 651 1888">Local Government Re-organisation Newsletter</td> <td data-bbox="657 1827 1332 1888">18.8.22, 26.8.22, 1.9.22, 20.9.22, 22.9.22, 30.9.22, 6.10.22, 13.10.22</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="284 1897 651 1957">Cumbria County Council</td> <td data-bbox="657 1897 1332 1957">Urgent Temporary Road Closure - A593 17.10.22 Bowmanstead Lining Works</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="284 1966 651 2018">Cumbria Constabulary Newsletter</td> <td data-bbox="657 1966 1332 2018">Ulverston, Low Furness, High Furness & Grange September 2022</td> </tr> </table>	Rural Services Bulletin	16.8.22, 23.8.22, 28.8.22, 13.9.22, 21.9.22, 28.9.22, 4.10.22, 11.10.22	South Lakeland District Council Press Release	Future Fixers launches one-stop shop for 'good' business advice Only a few days left to apply for poverty alleviation support Pandemic business support scheme extended Households yet to claim energy rebate urged to do so Future Fixers Purposeful Business Start-up Programme Discretionary energy rebate scheme launched in South Lakeland Grants available for Windermere septic tank schemes Business community urged to shape future support Bank holiday changes to council services Passing of Her Majesty the Queen Local Plan Review Newsletter Advance Notice Update on review of South Lakeland Local Plan South Lakeland Local Plan Newsletter Invitation to online discussion about new council	Shadow authority for Westmorland and Furness Council Press Release	Backing for new council's vision and priorities New council declares climate and biodiversity crises Council backs cost of living motion	Rural Funding Digest	6.9.22	Local Government Re-organisation Newsletter	18.8.22, 26.8.22, 1.9.22, 20.9.22, 22.9.22, 30.9.22, 6.10.22, 13.10.22	Cumbria County Council	Urgent Temporary Road Closure - A593 17.10.22 Bowmanstead Lining Works	Cumbria Constabulary Newsletter	Ulverston, Low Furness, High Furness & Grange September 2022	
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Lakes Parish Council	Full Council Agenda 24.8.22, 14.9.22, 12.10.22 Planning Agenda 28.8.22
Hawkshead Parish Council	Agenda 27.8.22, Minutes Agenda 18.10.22
Torver Parish Council	Agenda 1.9.22, Draft Minutes 7.7.22, Draft Minutes 1.9.22, Agenda 6.10.22
South Lakeland Area Support	Lighting candles across Cumbria on World Suicide Prevention Day Cumbria Flood and Coast Forum South Lakeland Equality and Diversity Programme: Interfaith Week Register your Warm Spot
Action for Health & Mental Health Provider Forum Bulletin	25.8.22, 14.10.22
Cumbria Association of Local Councils (CALC)	Cumbria's PLAN BEE Cost of Living Crisis- Disability Cost of Living Payment Update - 31.08.2022, 21.9.22, 12.10.22, Covid-19 and National flu updates Autumn 2022 Parish Council Toolkit South Lakes & Barrow District Association Meeting COVID-19 updates: Boosters, Access to community based treatments, The R value and growth rate, National flu and COVID-19 surveillance reports published 17.9.22, 10.10.22 CALC Annual General Meeting Change Of Date 29 th October 2022 Zero Carbon Cumbria: Local Authority Climate Invitation to Cumbria Flood and Coast Forum Sustainable Transport in the Lake District CALC Question and Answer session on the CIO application Westmorland and Furness Council update 16 th November 2022 CCRG Update South Lakeland Local Plan Newsletter Community Engagement and a Community Plan Work Experience Opportunity Cumbria County Council Highways LGA's cost of living support hub and bulletin ACTion with Communities AGM and Rural Wellbeing Discussion Social Media Training ACT Update - October 2022 Carbon Literacy Training Cumbria Local Authority Climate Update 23.09.22 to 14.10.22 Parish Council Toolkit
North West Net Zero Hub	Community Energy, FREE Programme of webinars: 1st: How to get your town or village to Net Zero: Thursday 20th October 10-11.30
Cumbria Council for Voluntary Service (CVS)	Draft Westmorland & Furness Plan Consultation Focus on Funding

	Tim Farron, MP	Levelling Up Bill	
	Rusland Horizons	Early Autumn Newsletter	
	Friends of the X112	September Bus Update	
	National Trust	Heritage Open Days - Steam Yacht Gondola Will Be Open	
	Pure Outdoors Events	Cumbria Way Ultra: Trail Running Event	
	Lake District National Park	Help shape new Lake District design with new map app! Temporary Closures of footpaths and bridleways in Grizedale Forest, Whinlatter Forest and Wythop Woods for Motor Rallies Coniston WA Meeting Minutes	
	Grizedale Stages Rally	2 nd and 3 rd December 2022	
	Tilberthwaite Partnership Management Group	Agenda, Notes from meeting	
	Coniston Patient Participation Group	Notes from meeting	
	Coniston Institute and Ruskin Museum Trust	Agenda 13.9.22, Minutes 9.8.22, 13.9.22	
311/2022	Next Meeting		
	The next meeting of the Parish Council will be at 7.30pm on Monday, 21 st November 2022 at the Coniston Institute.		

The meeting closed at 9:25pm

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Signed & Approved by (Chair)

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