

# Coniston Parish Council

## Minutes of the Meeting of Coniston Parish Council held at the Coniston Institute, Coniston at 7pm on Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> December 2022

**Present:** Councillors: T Coward, J Buller, and R McCracken  
Clerk: M Dearnley  
Member of the Public: Mr J Johnson

Minute Number		Action By
335/2022	<p><b>Apologies</b></p> <p>RESOLVED: To accept apologies from Councillors Sargeant, Troughton and Atkinson.</p>	
336/2022	<p><b>Requests for Dispensations.</b></p> <p>None.</p>	
337/2022	<p><b>Declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests in respect of Agenda items</b></p> <p>None.</p>	
338/2022	<p><b>Minutes</b></p> <p>RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> November were approved as a true and accurate.</p>	
339/2022  340/2022	<p><b>Public Participation</b></p> <p>There were no reports to bring to the attention of the meeting.</p> <p>Mr Johnson addressed the meeting to raise his concerns regarding the volume and speed of traffic passing through the village. It was his contention that the village centre and many of the residential side roads should be restricted to 20mph as they are in many other areas.</p> <p>Councillor Coward agreed with Mr Johnson and assured him that the Parish Council had been making representations to Cumbria County Council as Highways Authority for this to be taken forward. To date this had not been receptively received by officers of Cumbria County Council, but it is hoped that Furness and Westmorland, as the new authority from the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023 will be more receptive to local needs. This matter will be addressed with Councillor Suzanne Pender, the local representative on the new authority.</p>	MD
341/2022	<p><b>Planning Applications</b></p> <p>Reference: <u>7/2022/5739</u> Location: Black Bull Hotel, Coniston, LA21 8DU Proposal: Replacement substation and ancillary apparatus RESOLVED: No objection</p>	

<p><b>342/2022</b></p>	<p><b>NOTED:</b> The following Notices of Grant of Planning Permission</p> <p>Reference: <u>7/2022/5147</u>  Location: Bank Ground Farm, Coniston, LA21 8AA  Proposal: Erection of a building for manager's accommodation, ancillary family annex accommodation, staff accommodation, garage and office.</p> <p>Reference: <u>7/2022/5635</u>  Location: Anfield, Little Arrow, Coniston, LA21 8AU  Proposal: Single storey side extension, new outbuilding, single storey store/utility room.</p>	
<p><b>343/2022</b></p>	<p><b>NOTED:</b> To note the following Notices of Refusal of Planning Permission</p> <p>Reference: <u>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</p>	
<p><b>344/2022</b></p>	<p><b>RESOLVED:</b> Not to submit a written representation to support the enforcement action by the Lake District National Park in relation to the following:</p> <p>Reference: <u>E/2021/0291</u>  Location: Bowmanstead Studio, Bowmanstead, Coniston, LA21 8HB</p>	
<p><b>345/2022</b></p>	<p><b>Coniston Maintenance, Parking and Highway Issues</b></p> <p>There were a number of highways issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lake Road suffered a serious leak leading to significant damage to the road surface. United Utilities responded quickly and efficiently to address the problem.</li> <li>• The Parish Walk identified issues on The Banks including the ongoing problem of Japanese Knotweed, which is being addressed by the Lake District National Park as part of a long-term control measure.</li> <li>• Road marking and other lines need to be cleared to make the visible; this is especially bad at the Head of the Lake. Councillor Coward to report to South Lakeland District Council.</li> </ul>	<p>TC</p>
<p><b>346/2022</b></p>	<p><b>Public Toilet Renovations</b></p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> Due to the ongoing vandalism and misuse of the toilets, they are to be closed at 4pm each day. Further measures may need to be considered if this fails to address the anti-social behaviour.</p>	<p>MD</p>
<p><b>347/2022</b></p>	<p><b>Climate Focus</b></p> <p>The meeting noted progress to realise the laying of wildflower turf in front of the graveyard. This is being funded by Lakeland Trails and supported by Cumbria Wildlife.</p>	
<p><b>348/2022</b></p>	<p><b>Emergency Planning</b></p> <p>Councillor McCracken had drafted some advice on how to prepare for unexpected events. This will be included in the Benefice Magazine.</p>	<p>RMcC</p>

	An application had been submitted to the Cumbria Foundation to access support from Electricity North West to purchase a generator to be located at Coniston Sports and Social Club to enable a framework of support to be developed which sees the Club as having a pivotal role as Hub.	MD
<b>349/2022</b>	<p><b>Coniston Parish Council response to cost of living/energy crisis</b></p> <p>Work has progressed well.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Securing a regular supply of food for the Community Pantry and Fridge is providing very difficult.</li> <li>• The network of lunches being provided by Christians Together, Helen Glaister and the Sports and Social Club are well received.</li> <li>• The village has responded positively to the idea of enabling access to people as warm spaces. Public Houses and Hotels included in this are: The Ship, The Sun, The Yewdale, and the Coniston Inn. The Sports and Social Club are providing comprehensive support, being open between 10am and 4pm most days providing a warm space, free tea, coffee and soup.</li> <li>• A leaflet will be circulated with the Benefice Magazine and in other places to advertise the support on offer.</li> </ul> <p>The next meeting of the working group will be held on Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> January 2023. All councillors are invited to the meeting. This meeting will consider what progress has been made, how efforts to promote existing schemes and projects can be developed and what gaps in provision there might be that could be addressed.</p>	MD       MD
<b>350/2022</b>	<p><b>Human Resources Sub Committee</b></p> <p>The sub-committee had been unable to meet and so items under consideration will be tabled at the January meeting.</p>	TC, HT, SA
<b>351/2022</b>	<p><b>Safeguarding and Equal Opportunities Policies</b></p> <p><b>Councillor McCracken had a number of observations to be included in the policy being consulted upon. These revised policies will be brought to the next meeting of the Parish Council in January 2023.</b></p>	MD
<b>352/2022</b>	<p><b>Coronation Working Group</b></p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> To establish a working group to meet in January 2023 to build on the success of the Platinum Jubilee Celebrations and to plan for the Coronation celebrations in May.</p>	MD
<b>353/2022</b>	<p><b>Councillor Matters</b></p> <p>Councillor Atkinson:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Raised the issue of potholes on The Garth. These have been reported, but need to be reported again until the Highways Authority acts on the issue.</li> </ul>	
<b>354/2022</b>	<p><b>Financial Matters</b></p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> To note the receipt the following receipts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SLDC (Fridge Freezer Funding) £500.00</li> <li>• Barclays Bank (Interest) £2.88</li> </ul>	
<b>355/2022</b>	<p><b>RESOLVED:</b> To authorise payment of the following accounts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr M Dearnley (Salary) £386.75</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr M Dearnley (Home Working Allowance) £20.00</li> <li>• Mr M Dearnley (Christmas Tree – St Andrew's) £30.00</li> <li>• Mr M Dearnley (Storage Boxes for Community Pantry) £39.00</li> <li>• Mr M Dearnley (Birthday and Thank You cards) £3.50</li> <li>• South Lakeland District Council (Elections) £100.00</li> <li>• Jigsaw (Cleaning – November) £240.38</li> <li>• Rawdon Smith Trust (Repayment of donation) £1,000.00</li> </ul>	
<b>356/2022</b>	<b>NOTED:</b> The financial summary April to the end of November 2022.	
<b>357/2022</b>	<b>RESOLVED:</b> To adopt the proposed budget for 2023/24	
<b>358/2022</b>	<b>RESOLVED:</b> To agree the precept of 2023/24 will be set at £22,616.00, a 0% Increase from 2022/23.	
<b>359/2022</b>	<b>RESOLVED:</b> To donate £100.00 to the Great North Air Ambulance Service	
	<b>Correspondence</b>	
<b>360/2022</b>	<b>RESOLVED:</b> Councillors noted that a record of correspondence would be circulated before the January meeting.	
<b>361/2022</b>	<b>Next Meeting</b>  The next meeting of the Parish Council will be at 7pm on Monday, 16 <sup>th</sup> January 2023 at the Coniston Institute.	

The meeting closed at 7:59pm

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Signed & Approved by (Chair)

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