

Coniston Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Coniston Parish Council held at the Coniston Institute, Coniston at 7pm on Monday, 20th March 2023

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

Minute Number		Action By
128/2023	<p>Apologies</p> <p>RESOLVED: To accept the apologies received from Councillor R McCracken. No apologies had been received from Councillor S Atkinson.</p>	
129/2023	<p>Requests for Dispensations.</p> <p>None.</p>	
130/2023	<p>Declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests in respect of Agenda items</p> <p>None.</p>	
131/2023	<p>Minutes</p> <p>RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting held on 20th February were approved as a true and accurate.</p>	
132/2023	<p>Public Participation</p> <p><u>County Councillor:</u> Councillor M Brereton attended his last meeting as Coniston's County Councillor. He assured the meeting that transitional arrangements were in place to ensure that staff, systems and service would remain at their present levels.</p> <p>There are ring-fenced funds to pay for the road lining and signing required in Coniston.</p> <p>Peter Thornton, Highways Portfolio Holder is preparing to restart negotiation of Working Together programme, whereby the Parish Council would be reimbursed for highways work that it undertakes</p> <p>The project to develop walking routes along the Broughton to Coniston stretch of old railway line is still ongoing.</p> <p>Councillor Brereton was thanked for the years of dedicated service he has provided to the parish of Coniston. .</p> <p><u>District Councillors:</u> T Coward and H Troughton reported that the final meeting of South Lakeland District Council would be held on 27th March 2023. Councillor Ian Wharton thanked the Parish for their support and collaborative work over his time in office.</p>	

	<p><u>Lake District National Park:</u> Mr Hill reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coniston Boating Centre will be open seven days a week between Easter and October. • Car Park machines are in the process of being upgraded to 4G, this will be accompanied by a price increase. • Two new EV charging points have been installed at the Boating Centre, bringing the total in the village to six. <p><u>National Trust:</u> Mr Moffat reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SY Gondola will be fully operational from 1st April. • Hill Top has been open since mid-February; Wray Castle will be open from mid-March. • Tarn Hows is always open, it is hoped to be able to staff sufficiently for the hire of mobility trampers • There are no vacant properties in the parish • The tenancy at Fell Foot Farm in Little Langdale is being progressed. • The Trust will not be operating Hoanthwaite campsite, however, it may continue under management by others. • Woodland work is still taking place (especially in Boon Crag) more post-disease replanting will take place this year. <p><u>Cumbria Constabulary:</u> PCSO D Ross reported that any non-emergency issues should be reported by the 101 service to ensure that risks area properly assessed and appropriate action taken.</p> <p><u>Coniston Institute:</u> The minutes of the last meeting had been circulated. It was noted that room hire was being increased; and that there had been seven applications to take over the tenancy at the flat.</p> <p><u>Coniston Business Forum:</u> Mr Rutland reported that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The handover from the existing Chair and Secretary is being managed and a meeting will be held at Bluebird Café on the 18th April. • He expressed thank to the Parish Council for support to the business community and to the Business Forum over the years. • Business in the village had picked up, but trading conditions are relatively weak, hopefully this will improve as we progress toward Easter. <p><u>Coniston Institute:</u> Councillor Sargeant reported that the Institute house has been let.</p>	TC
<p>133/2023</p>	<p>Planning Applications</p> <p>Reference: 7/2023/5109 Location: Low Bank Activity Centre, East shore of Lake Coniston Water, Coniston, LA21 8AA Proposal: Installation of a replacement jetty RESPONSE: No objection</p> <p>Reference: 7/2023/5145 Location: Hills Garage, Coniston, LA21 8EN Proposal: One centre pole main identification sign and three canopy fascia signs RESPONSE: Objection</p> <p>134/2023</p> <p>135/2023 NOTED: The following Notices of Grant of Planning Permission</p>	

	<p>Reference: 7/2022/5524 Location: Kirkbeck Villa, Coniston, LA21 8EL Proposal: Demolition of existing garage and construction of 2-storey workshop/garage</p> <p>Reference: 7/2022/5785 Location: 10 Beck Yeat, Coniston, LA21 8HT Proposal: Single storey front and two storey rear extension following refusal of 7/2022/5631</p> <p>Reference: 7/2022/5787 Location: Beckthwaite, Lake Road, Coniston, Cumbria, LA21 8EW Proposal: Demolition of the existing dwelling. Proposed erection of a two storey, four bedroom dwelling</p> <p>Reference: 7/2022/5024 Location: Peasecroft, Mines Road, Coniston, LA21 8HW Proposal: Timber frame shelter for horses in field</p>	
136/2023	<p>Coniston Maintenance, Parking and Highway Issues</p> <p>NOTED: A number of issues were raised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The number and severity of pot holes on all roads radiating from the village are making travel unnecessarily difficult, residents are to be encouraged to report these to Cumbria County Council. To respond positively to Satterthwaite Parish Council's suggestion that the matter of communicating road closures and other road works. It might be that, in the first instance, a Teams meeting with senior officers and the portfolio holder would be constructive. Councillor McCracken had reported via email a roadside rain trap that had been open and gullies blocked by leaves. 	
137/2023	<p>Public Toilet Renovations</p> <p>NOTED: The clerk provided an update regarding the operation of the public toilets.</p>	
138/2023	<p>Climate and Environmental Focus</p> <p>RESOLVED: To authorise Councillor Troughton to purchase up to 32 litter-pickers.</p>	HT
139/2023	<p>RESOLVED: To approve expenditure to establish a new litter bin along the path between Kirkby Quay and the Head of the Lake.</p>	MD
140/2023	<p>Coronation Planning</p> <p>NOTED: A report had been circulated along with the agenda. The meeting approved the progress being made and the collaborative work being undertaken with many sectors of the community.</p>	
141/2023	<p>Elections and co-option of new member</p> <p>NOTED: South Lakeland District Council confirmed that the Parish Council might co-opt a new member. The vacancy has been advertised, but no one has volunteered their time and services so far.</p>	

142/2023	<p>Coniston Parish Council response to cost of living/energy crisis</p> <p>The clerk provided a brief update on the work being undertaken locally to address unmet need in the community. The Women's' Institute has set up accounts with Coniston Co-Op and WF Hutchinsons to purchase goods to supplement the stock in the Community Pantry. They will undertake to advertise and promote the use of the Pantry and to manage and control the day-to-day running of the enterprise.</p> <p>The Community Lunches put on by Christians Together and Helen Glaister have been invaluable during the winter months. They provided opportunities for good company, fellowship and a great meal. The value of the voluntary effort that made this possible was invaluable.</p>	
143/2023	<p>Designated Bathing Water Status</p> <p>As the Secretary of State, Department Environment Farming and Rural Affairs refused all areas submitted for consideration as bathing areas the matter will not progress to the formal consultation stage. A Freedom of Information request has been submitted to identify why the applications were refused.</p> <p>RESOLVED: At Councillor McCracken's advice, the Parish Council will write a letter before action requesting a judicial review of the process.</p>	
144/2023 145/2023	<p>Emergency Planning</p> <p>NOTED: The Clerk briefed the meeting on progress being made to provide a third quote for the provision of a generator to enable Coniston Sports and Social Club to operate as a hub in the event of an emergency.</p> <p>NOTED: That the Chair will engage with the Trustees of the Club to begin the process to formally agree how the generator might be used to support the local community.</p>	
146/2023	<p>Councillor Matters</p> <p>Councillor Sargeant:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr I Usher will repair or remove the damaged bench, originally donated by his family, from Little Moss. • The Neighbourhood Plan is still an active document and should be used to support planning decisions. • Led a discussion relating to the Community Orchard • The minutes of the Water Users group had been circulated • There is a need to attend the next meeting of the medical practice patients group in order to query the deterioration in the length of time taken for local people to have to wait for an appointment. 	
147/2023 148/2023	<p>Financial Matters</p> <p>RESOLVED: To note the receipt the following receipts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cumbria Community Foundation (Community Pantry) £1,000.00 <p>RESOLVED: To authorise payment of the following accounts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr M Dearnley (Salary) £437.50 • Mr M Dearnley (Home Working Allowance + reimbursement) £30.47 • Optech (streetlights) £288.00 • WJ Carpenter (Laptop maintenance) £100.00 • Jigsaw (Cleaning February) £169.23 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peter Crofts (Musician for Coronation Tea Dance) £350.00 • WF Hutchinson (Community Pantry) £300.00 • Coniston Co-operative Society £500.00 • Southern Electric (Street Lighting) DD £80.62 	
149/2023	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>To be circulated with next agenda.</p>	
150/2023	<p>Next Meeting</p> <p>The next meeting of the Parish Council will be at 7pm on Monday, 17th April at the Coniston Institute.</p>	

The meeting closed at 8:35pm

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Signed & Approved by (Chair)

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