

# Coniston Parish Council

## Minutes of the Meeting of Coniston Parish Council held at the Coniston Tourist Information Centre, Coniston at 7pm on Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> June 2023

**Present:** Councillors: T Coward, H Troughton, J Buller, R McCracken, And C Sargeant  
Clerk: M Dearnley  
Members of the Public: Mr Derek Adams and Cllr S Pender

Minute Number	PART ONE	Action By
201/2023	<p><b>Apologies</b></p> <p>No apology had been received from Councillor Atkinson.</p>	
202/2023	<p><b>Requests for Dispensations.</b></p> <p>None.</p>	
203/2023	<p><b>Declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests in respect of Agenda items</b></p> <p>None.</p>	
204/2023	<p><b>Minutes</b></p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> that the minutes of the meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> May were approved as a true and accurate.</p> <p>It was identified that it would be desirable to have a 'Matters Arising' item to accompany the Minutes. This will be included for any issues in the previous month's minutes that are not otherwise being included in the agenda.</p>	
205/2023	<p><b>Public Participation</b></p> <p>Westmorland and Furness Council. Councillor Pender reported that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• She has had compiled a list of work for Coniston and neighbouring parishes and forwarded this to Graham Wheelhouse, Highways.</li> <li>• She has also conducted a number of site visits including Shepherds Bridge Road. At this meeting Victoria Upton, Highways, discussed strategies to address traffic issues. Rather than pursuing a voluntary '20s plenty' campaign she indicated that the parish should pursue a 20mph zone around the village centre. Westmorland and Furness Council have identified a budget to support villages pursue 20mph zones by 2024/25 at the earliest. She agreed to a number of 'quick wins' to help alleviate the situation on Shepherds Bridge Road including the installation of a 'slow' signs and permission for the Parish Council to install a sign asking people to slow down.</li> </ul> <p><u>Lake District National Park</u> The Parish Council welcomed the introduction of a locals parking permit for free evening parking.</p>	

206/2023	<p><u>Coniston Institute and Ruskin Museum</u> minutes had been circulated. There will not be a June meeting.</p> <p><u>Coniston Business Forum.</u> Good weather has helped increase the number of visitors in the village, but these visitors' spending power appears reduced. This brings opportunities and challenges for businesses.</p> <p>There were no comments from members of the public.</p>	
207/2023  208/2023	<p><b>Planning Applications</b></p> <p>Reference: 7/2023/5304 Location: Bluebird Lodge Barn, Waterhead, Coniston, Cumbria, LA21 8AJ Proposal: Hybrid planning application including: Full planning application for the conversion of buildings to two local occupancy dwellings. Outline planning application for the erection of one detached local occupancy dwelling following the demolition of existing buildings and structures.</p> <p><b>RESPONSE:</b> No Objection (majority decision (4:1))</p> <p><b>NOTED:</b> The grant of planning permission</p> <p>Reference: 7/2022/5279 Location: 10 Beck Yeat, Coniston, LA21 8HT Proposal: Non-material amendment to planning application 7/2020/5444 (Demolish rear conservatory and build single storey front and rear extensions) on the north east elevation - reduce the size of the bi-fold doors from 4m to 3m, reduce the Velux roof-lights from four to two and reduce the size of ground floor window in utility</p>	
209/2023  210/2023  211/2023	<p><b>Coniston Maintenance, Parking and Highway Issues</b></p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> The Parish Council recognises that a review of car parking in the village would be helpful to inform future provision. An open meeting will be held in September to start the process of review. Clerk to book the Reading Room and Councillor Coward to invite Peter Thornton from the local authority.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> The Parish Council is committed to support the designation of a 20mph zone on Shepherds Bridge Road and the centre of the village. This process will involve considerable public consultation and studies by the Highways Authority. In the short term, the Highways Authority have agreed a number of measures that might help to relieve the issues on Shepherds Bridge Road and have agreed to the Parish Council putting up signs asking for drivers to reduce their speed. This is being actively pursued by Councillor Suzanne Pender and Victoria Upton (Westmorland and Furness Council)</p> <p><b>NOTED:</b> A number of issues were raised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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 the Highways Authority.</li> <li>• The Brow Steps had been inspected by the Highways Authority and found not to be immediate need of repair. The clerk to pursue to clarify what threshold the steps need to reach to require repair.</li> <li>• The Clerk was instructed to write to the owner of The Nant to express concern for their on-road parking that impedes the use of the pavement resulting in less mobile pedestrians walking around the vehicle on the</li> </ul>	

	<p>road.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Clerk was instructed to write to the occupants of the houses facing onto Tilberthwaite Avenue to remind them to cut back their hedges that have encroached onto the pavement.</li> <li>• The cattle grid at Hawes Bank is in need of repair. To be addressed with the farmer.</li> <li>• The road closure to make the essential repairs to Broughton Road was poorly managed and this had a negative impact on school transport, including those sitting exams. This matter has been the subject of a complaint to Westmorland and Furness Council.</li> <li>• All councillors are asked to contribute to a central list of tasks for the Lengthsman to undertake. This list will be maintained by the Clerk.</li> <li>• Lengthsman tasks presently include: repair to gates at the playground, accompany the safety inspection in August</li> </ul>	
<b>212/2023</b>	<p><b>Public Toilet Renovations</b></p> <p><b>NOTED:</b> The clerk reported that discussions with Healthmatic were positive. It is hoped that the Lengthsman might be able to become more involved in the day-to-day implementation of the contract to enable him to become more actively involved in any issues that might arise.</p>	
<b>213/2023</b> <b>214/2023</b>	<p><b>Climate and Environmental Focus</b></p> <p><b>NOTED:</b> A number of issues were raised:</p> <p><b>NOTED:</b> Designated Bathing Water Status will remain an active project. Westmorland and Furness Council are supportive of Coniston Water attaining this status. The Primary School are undertaking a project on bathing water have a programme of actively encouraging children to experience wild swimming.</p>	
<b>215/2023</b>	<p><b>King's Coronation</b></p> <p>The meeting noted that the final celebration for the King's Coronation, the evening cruise on the National Trust's Steam Yacht Gondola was a success. Arrangements were made to take the final bunting down. The clerk was asked to extend the Parish Council's thanks to Bethan Butler for leading the parade through the village and to Julian Blatchley for arranging the cruise.</p>	
<b>216/2023</b>	<p><b>Councillor Matters</b></p> <p>Councillor Sargeant:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Will be attending the Coniston Sports and Social Club Annual General Meeting.</li> <li>• The next Coniston Medical Practice Management meeting will be held in July.</li> </ul>	
<b>217/2023</b>	<p><b>Emergency Planning</b></p> <p><b>NOTED:</b> The Clerk is to arrange a meeting between Councillor Coward and Mr Watson, Chair of Trustees at Coniston Sports and Social Club to discuss the purchase, installation and management of the emergency generator.</p>	

	<b>Financial Matters</b>	
<b>218/2023</b>	<b>RESOLVED:</b> To approve the financial accounts 2022/23	
<b>219/2023</b>	<b>RESOLVED:</b> To receive and note the report from the Internal Auditor	
<b>220/2023</b>	<b>RESOLVED:</b> To approve the effectiveness of the system of internal control	
<b>221/2023</b>	<b>RESOLVED:</b> To approve the Annual Governance and Accounting Statements	
<b>222/2023</b>	<b>NOTED:</b> The following receipts: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NAYAX (April - income from public toilets) £268.39</li> <li>• Rawdon Smith Trust (Coronation Celebration) £1,000.00</li> </ul>	
<b>223/2024</b>	<b>RESOLVED:</b> To authorise payment of the following accounts: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jigsaw (Cleaning) £625.51</li> <li>• M Dearnley (Salary) £437.50</li> <li>• M Dearnley (Home Working Allowance) £20.00</li> <li>• M Dearnley (Reimbursement – stamps, Gondola, card/gift for school, stationery) £98.93</li> <li>• Sam Clarke (playground horse refurbishment) £419.45</li> <li>• B Buller (ground maintenance – wildflower turf) £85.00</li> <li>• Coniston Ground Care (wildflower turf) £240.00</li> <li>• Arthur J Gallagher Insurance Brokers Ltd £1,213.17</li> <li>• Southern Electric (DD) £80.62</li> <li>• Southern Electric (DD) £82.92</li> </ul>	
	<b>Correspondence</b>	
<b>224/2023</b>	To be circulated.	
	<b>Next Meeting</b>	
<b>225/2023</b>	The next meeting of the Parish Council will be at 7pm on Monday, 17 <sup>th</sup> July at the Coniston Institute.	

The meeting closed at 8:44pm

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Signed & Approved by (Chair)

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