Coniston Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Coniston Parish Council held at the Reading Room of the Coniston Institute, Coniston at 7pm on Monday, 17th July 2023

Present: Councillors: T Coward, H Troughton, J Buller, R McCracken, and D Adams Clerk: M Dearnley Members of the Public: Cllr S Pender

Minute Number	PART ONE	Action By	
	Apologies		
226/2023	No apology had been received from Councillor Atkinson.		
	Councillor Sargeant submitted his resignation. Councillor Coward asked the Clerk to write to express the thanks and appreciation of the residents of the parish and of the Parish Council for his work. Councillor Troughton will take a lead on Highways issues.	MD	
	Requests for Dispensations.		
227/2023	None.		
	Declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests in respect of Agenda items		
228/2023	None.		
	Minutes		
229/2023	RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting held on 19 th June were approved as a true and accurate.		
	Matters Arising		
230/2023	The Parish Council formally endorsed the spirit and wording of the letter writte to the Trustees of the Coniston Institute and Ruskin Museum on the 19 th June however, this has not yet been responded to Councillor Coward articulated the		
	Co-option		
231/2023	RESOLVED: that, having advertised vacant positions in accordance with the Local Government Act, 1972 and having received an eligible application, the Parish Council welcomed Councillor Derek Adams as a new councillor. Declarations of office were signed to be returned to the Clerk.		

232/2023	Public Participation					
	 Westmorland and Furness Council. Councillor Pender reported that: Following her meeting with Victoria Upton, Highways, there had been a number of actions taken in an attempt to make the route past the primary school safer for all road users. Road signs had been moved, 'slow' had been painted on the road, flashing lights are being provided for outside the school. The Parish Council is to identify self-seeded plants along the highways that might impeded visibility and have this cut back. 'Destination Hawkshead' is a project to help the village recover post-covid/cost of living crisis. This is involving a number of agencies. She has a caseload that includes homelessness. Windermere Ferry is due to be refurbished in March 2024. There is a meeting scheduled with United Utilities to discuss how communication can be improved in relation to road closures. 					
	<u>Coniston Institute and Ruskin Museum</u> minutes had been circulated. The Parish Council will not nominate a new representative, but would appreciate continued sight of the minutes to keep up-to-date with the work of the Institute and Museum.					
	<u>Coniston Business Forum.</u> Weekends have been busy, but weekday business has been less predictable and difficult to plan for. Events has increased footfall, but not necessarily spending.					
233/2023	There were no comments from members of the public.					
	Planning Applications					
234/2023	NOTED: The grant of planning permission					
	Reference:7/2023/5337Location:Land at Low Grassings and Level Field, ConistonProposal: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					
235/2023	NOTED: The application for the diversion of a public right of way. A response will be considered at the August meeting.					
	Location: Public Footpath 512012 at Bank Cottage and The Bungalow, Coniston					
	Coniston Maintenance, Parking and Highway Issues					
236/2023	NOTED: The date for the car park review is booked at the Reading Room. This is to be advertised locally closer to the time.					
237/2023	NOTED: Progress in relation to road safety measures on Shepherds Bridge Road were incorporated into Councillor Pender's report.					
	 NOTED: A number of issues were raised. These included: The number and severity of pot holes 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 					
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238/2023	 what threshold the steps need to reach to require repair. The Clerk was asked to commission the clearance of weeds and overgrown vegetation on the Brow Steps. 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 road. 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. Lengthsman tasks presently include: repair to gates at the playground, accompany the safety inspection in August 			
	Public Toilet Renovations			
239/2023	RESOLVED : To close the toilets after Speed Week at the beginning of November and re-open in March for the Coniston 14 race.			
	Climate and Environmental Focus			
240/2023	RESOLVED: To support the resubmission for Coniston Water to be designated as Bathing Water Status.			
	Lake Road Playground			
241/2023	The meeting considered the state of the playground and, in the face of increasing faults developing of equipment. It was agreed that fundraising efforts need to be more vigorously pursued in order to replace the existing equipment.			
242/2023	Councillor Matters			
	 Councillor Sargeant: Will be attending the Coniston Sports and Social Club Annual General Meeting. The next Coniston Medical Practice Management meeting will be held in July. Councillor Adams Water pressure issue on The Banks resulted in a number of preperties 			
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	 Councillor Troughton Asked that we consider representation on, or inclusion in the circulation of minutes for the Water Association and Patient Groups An email from Jack Holmes detailing how speed limits are enforced on Coniston Water, and how members of the public can support this, will be circulated to members. 			
	 Councillor McCracken Reported that the Coniston Forum meetings were successful and will resume after the summer. 			
	 Councillor Coward Reported that Matt Ligema has volunteered to pick up litter as part of his Duke of Edinburgh work. The clerk to formalise this arrangement. 			

243/2023	Emergency Planning				
	NOTED: 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.				
	Financial Matters				
244/2023	 NOTED: The following receipts: NAYAX (April - income from public toilets) Bank Interest VAT Refund Coniston Amenities Fund donation (Coronation) 	£325.71 76.72 £5,035.22 £5,000.00			
245/2023	RESOLVED: To authorise payment of the following accounts: Jigsaw (Cleaning) M Dearnley (Salary) M Dearnley (Home Working Allowance) M Dearnley (Reimbursement – stamps) Fiona Ebbs (Internal Audit) Tod Coates (Lengthsman Duties) Coniston Sports and Social Club (Coronation exp Southern Electric (DD)	£587.57 £437.50 £20.00 £26.40 £75.00 £465.50 penses) £418.55 £187.01			
246/2023	Correspondence To be circulated.				
247/2023	Next Meeting The next meeting of the Parish Council will be at 7pm on Monday, 20th August at the Coniston Institute.				

The meeting closed at 8:37pm

Date

Signed & Approved by (Chair)