

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
226/2023	<p>Apologies</p> <p>No apology had been received from Councillor Atkinson.</p> <p>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.</p>	MD
227/2023	<p>Requests for Dispensations.</p> <p>None.</p>	
228/2023	<p>Declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests in respect of Agenda items</p> <p>None.</p>	
229/2023	<p>Minutes</p> <p>RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting held on 19th June were approved as a true and accurate.</p>	
230/2023	<p>Matters Arising</p> <p>The Parish Council formally endorsed the spirit and wording of the letter written to the Trustees of the Coniston Institute and Ruskin Museum on the 19th June, however, this has not yet been responded to. Councillor Coward articulated the Parish Council's concern regarding the future security of the Institute's assets. As the Parish Council represents the interests of the whole community it feels obliged to seek assurances in relation to this matter. Councillor McCracken will draft a letter that articulates this concern for consideration by the Chair.</p>	
231/2023	<p>Co-option</p> <p>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.</p>	

238/2023	<p>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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 	
239/2023	<p>Public Toilet Renovations</p> <p>RESOLVED: To close the toilets after Speed Week at the beginning of November and re-open in March for the Coniston 14 race.</p>	
240/2023	<p>Climate and Environmental Focus</p> <p>RESOLVED: To support the resubmission for Coniston Water to be designated as Bathing Water Status.</p>	
241/2023	<p>Lake Road Playground</p> <p>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.</p>	
242/2023	<p>Councillor Matters</p> <p>Councillor Sargeant:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will be attending the Coniston Sports and Social Club Annual General Meeting. • The next Coniston Medical Practice Management meeting will be held in July. <p>Councillor Adams</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water pressure issue on The Banks resulted in a number of properties experiencing water damage. <p>Councillor Troughton</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. <p>Councillor McCracken</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reported that the Coniston Forum meetings were successful and will resume after the summer. <p>Councillor Coward</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reported that Matt Ligema has volunteered to pick up litter as part of his Duke of Edinburgh work. The clerk to formalise this arrangement. 	

