

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, 21st August 2023

Present: Councillors: T Coward, R McCracken, and D Adams
Clerk: M Dearnley

Minute Number		Action By
248/2023	<p>Apologies</p> <p>RESOLVED: To accept apologies from Councillors Buller, Atkinson and Troughton.</p>	
249/2023	<p>Requests for Dispensations.</p> <p>None.</p>	
250/2023	<p>Declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests in respect of Agenda items</p> <p>None.</p>	
251/2023	<p>Minutes</p> <p>RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting held on 17th July were approved as a true and accurate.</p>	
252/2023	<p>Matters Arising</p> <p>An interest has been expressed in the vacant position of parish councillor vacant following the resignation of Councillor Sergeant. The Chair to make contact to discuss the conditions for becoming a parish councillor and the obligations it entails.</p>	
253/2023	<p>Public Participation</p> <p>Westmorland and Furness Council. Councillor Pender was unable to attend the meeting; however, she is dealing with a number of issues on behalf of Coniston's residents.</p> <p>Lake District National Park. Simon Hill reported issues where Lake Road was closed during the Coniston 14 and other races, and that this had an impact on businesses. This position was strongly contested by the owner of a business on Lake Road. This issue to be monitored.</p> <p>National Trust. It was with real sorrow that the Parish Council heard of the death of Paul Kear, Countryside Manger for the Trust. Condolences are to be extended to Paul's family and to his colleagues.</p> <p><u>Coniston Institute and Ruskin Museum</u> A response is being prepared to the letter sent by the Parish Council asking for clarification regarding the Institutes assets.</p>	

254/2023	There were no comments from members of the public.	
255/2023	<p>Planning Applications</p> <p>Reference: 7/2023/5482 Location: Low Bank Activity Centre, Coniston, LA21 8AA Proposal: Amendment to design for jetty, condition 2 (plans) on planning permission 7/2023/5109 for replacement jetty RESOLVED: No objection</p> <p>256/2023 NOTED: The decision to grant of planning permission</p> <p>Reference: 7/2023/5283 Location: High Fellside Quarry, Tilberthwaite, Coniston Proposal: Amendment to condition 1 on planning application 7/1998/5572 (Application for determination of updated planning conditions) to extend the working and processing of slate until 2042</p> <p>An application for the diversion of a public right of way</p> <p>Location: Public Footpath 512012 at Bank Cottage and The Bungalow, Coniston</p> <p>257/2023 RESOLVED: Objection</p>	
258/2023	<p>Coniston Maintenance, Parking and Highway Issues</p> <p>RESOLVED: For the clerk to write to the residents of the three properties on Tilberthwaite Avenue where the hedgerow has grown to such an extent that pedestrians have to walk in the road.</p> <p>259/2023 RESOLVED: For the clerk to write to Stagecoach to praise the skill and patience displayed on a daily basis by their drivers.</p> <p>260/2023 NOTED: That the work of the Lengthsman: painting the bus shelter, taking remedial action on a number of issues arising at the playground and in other areas has resulted in those areas noticeably improving.</p> <p>Following a complaint from a member of the public, the area around the Memorial has been weeded and tidied by the Lengthsman. The K7 Club has been contacted to enquire as to whether they would like the Parish Council to repair the cracked paving slab on their behalf.</p>	
261/2023	<p>Public Toilet Renovations</p> <p>Healthmatic are to be contacted and asked to ensure that the automatic locking system engages at 8pm each evening.</p>	
262/2023	<p>Climate and Environmental Focus</p> <p>There will be a public consultation meeting held on the 27th September 2023 at the Reading Room, Coniston Institute. Councillor Coward has placed a notice in the Benefice Magazine and booked the room.</p>	

263/2023	<p>Lake Road Playground</p> <p>A working group will be established to ensure that planning for the redesign and refurbishment of the playground is prioritised.</p>	
264/2023	<p>Councillor Matters</p> <p>Councillor Adams</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reported on the recent Patient Partnership meeting at Coniston Medical Practice. Items included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Covid-19 vaccinations are being rolled out to the elderly • Flu vaccinations will be made available in the autumn • Waiting lists are reducing • Online prescriptions are working well • A website is being planned • Patients are encouraged to use the pharmacy at the surgery • A doctor's assistant has been engaged to support the practice workload <p>Councillor Coward</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requested that Eden Housing Association are contacted to ask them to take action to support the commemorative oak tree planted when the conversion work had been completed. • Carl Duffy who generously donated toward the purchase of plants for floral displays around the village had recently died. Councillor Coward has expressed the sympathy of the Council to his family. 	
265/2023	<p>Emergency Planning</p> <p>RESOLVED: To authorise the Clerk to proceed with the purchase and installation of the emergency generator at the Sports and Social Club.</p>	
266/2023	<p>Financial Matters</p> <p>NOTED: The following receipts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NAYAX (Income from public toilets) £333.27 	
267/2023	<p>RESOLVED: To authorise payment of the following accounts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jigsaw (Cleaning) £611.23 • M Dearnley (Salary) £437.50 • M Dearnley (Home Working Allowance) £20.00 • Hampshire Generators £7,592.18 • Tod Coates (Lengthsman Duties) £348.50 • Thomas Graham (Nappy Bins 2023/24) £96.31 • Water Plus (DD) £187.02 • Southern Electric (DD) £87.51 	
268/2023	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>To be recorded.</p>	
269/2023	<p>Next Meeting</p> <p>The next meeting of the Parish Council will be at 7pm on Monday, 18th September. Councillor McCracken will take the minutes.</p>	

The meeting closed at 8:33pm

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Signed & Approved by (Chair)

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