

## 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, 18<sup>th</sup> September 2023

**Present:** Councillors: T Coward, H Troughton, S Atkinson, J Buller and R McCracken  
Minutes: R McCracken

Minute Number		Action By
270/2023	<p><b>Apologies</b></p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> To accept apologies from Councillor D Adams</p>	
271/2023	<p><b>Requests for Dispensations.</b></p> <p>None.</p>	
272/2023	<p><b>Declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests in respect of Agenda items</b></p> <p>None.</p>	
273/2023	<p><b>Minutes</b></p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> The minutes of the meeting of 21<sup>st</sup> August 2023 were approved with the addition of words in relation to Climate and Environment Focus to indicate that the meeting of 27<sup>th</sup> September was to discuss applications for bathing water status for parts of Coniston Water</p>	
274/2023	<p><b>Matters Arising</b></p> <p>The Council noted that the hedge on Tilberthwaite Avenue has now been pruned</p>	
275/2023	<p><b>Coniston Primary School</b></p> <p>Leo Durrant, Carly Dawson, Ella Smith and Felix Buller, in the uniform of the Coniston CoE Primary School (led by Mrs Nicola Blackburn) presented a beautifully illustrated study of waters in Coniston including sections on bathing in the lake and the wildlife of Yewdale Beck. Councillors all expressed their appreciation of this demonstration of active citizenry and scholarly science; and their thanks to Mrs Blackburn and the scholars for giving up their evening to attend. The school study will be appended to the bathing waters application.</p>	
276/2023	<p><b>Planning Applications</b></p> <p>Reference: 7/2023/5421 Location: Site at Little Moss, Coniston, LA21 8DT Proposal: New local occupancy dwelling <b>RESOLVED:</b> No objection</p>	

<p><b>277/2023</b></p>	<p><b>NOTED:</b> The decision to grant planning permission</p> <p>Reference: 7/2023/5221  Location: Rosecroft, Lake Road, Coniston, Cumbria, LA21 8EW  Proposal: Loft conversion with front and rear dormers and roof lights to front and rear and with windows at second floor level. French doors to the east elevation</p>	
<p><b>278/2023</b></p>	<p><b>NOTED:</b> The dismissal off an appeal by the Planning Inspectorate</p> <p>Reference: 7/2022/5412  Location: Yewdale Inn, 2 Yewdale Road, Coniston, LA21 8DU  Proposal: Installation of a moveable structure</p>	
<p><b>279/2023</b></p>	<p><b>Coniston Maintenance, Parking and Highway Issues</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Councillor Troughton noted that Todd was doing a good job.</li> <li>• There is a problem of Japanese knotweed at the Banks and below “Viscount” steps (foot path, North East from Monk Coniston car park). The Council was concerned that the problem had not been adequately addressed by LDNPA work at the Banks Mr Myers observed that Japanese knotweed was a notifiable plant.</li> <li>• The problem of nettles along Old Furness Road footpath were noted as a problem for the Lengthsman’s attention.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>280/2023</b></p>	<p><b>Public Toilet Renovations</b></p> <p>The toilet doors are still not working properly and probably need replacing. Revenue even in peak summer usage is (therefore) not covering expenditure. The toilets will be closed for the winter early in November.</p>	
<p><b>281/2023</b></p>	<p><b>Climate and Environmental Focus</b></p> <p>Bathing Water Designation: Further surveys had been undertaken in accordance with the new DEFRA guidance. Further applications would be made for Monk Coniston, Boating Centre and Brown Howe. A public consultation would be held on 28<sup>th</sup> September.</p> <p>An application has been submitted for £15,000 from Westmorland &amp; Furness Climate and Nature Partnership.</p>	
<p><b>282/2023</b></p>	<p><b>Lake Road Playground</b></p> <p>Councillor Atkinson had submitted two bids for funds for Lake Road playground works.</p>	
<p><b>283/2023</b></p>	<p><b>Councillor Matters</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Concerns were expressed about the increase in large “Recreational Vehicles” both overnighting in some places and potentially obstructing local highways causing delays to other vehicles including scheduled bus services.</li> <li>• The Council resolved that a letter of appreciation should be sent to Graham on behalf of the Council for his work on planters. The Chairman offered to undertake an inventory of planters. For the future perennials rather than bedding out plants would be the stock.</li> </ul>	

284/2023	<b>Emergency Planning</b>  Steve Emmett has stood down as Chair of the Flood Forum. The Chair will write to thank him for his work.	
285/2023  286/2023	<b>Financial Matters</b>  <b>NOTED:</b> The following receipts: • NAYAX (Income from public toilets) £363.86  <b>RESOLVED:</b> To authorise payment of the following accounts: • Jigsaw (Cleaning) £558.16 • M Dearnley (Salary) £437.50 • M Dearnley (Home Working Allowance) £20.00 • Coniston Ground Care (Days Bank/Japanese Knot Weed) £288.00 • Southern Electric (Direct Debit) £80.62	
287/2023	<b>Correspondence</b>  No breakdown of correspondence had been circulated	
288/2023	<b>Next Meeting</b>  The next meeting of the Parish Council will be at 7pm on Monday, 16 <sup>th</sup> October in the Institute Reading Room. This meeting will be preceded by a meeting of the Coniston Amenities Forum at 6pm.	

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Signed & Approved by (Chair)