



## Colton Parish Council

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The following are the minutes of the Colton Annual Parish Council meeting held on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2010 in Bouth Village Hall at 7.30 p.m..

**Members Present:** Cllr Potts (Chair) Cllr Dean Cllr Taylor Cllr Potts Cllr Cunliffe Ms M Lane (Clerk)

**Also present:** Cllr Wilson (CCC) and 4 members of the public.

### 051/10 Election of Chair for Council Year 2010/2011

Cllr Barr was elected Chair for Council Year 2010/2011. He would sign the Declaration of Acceptance of Office at the next meeting.

**ACTION**

### 052/10 Appointment of Vice-Chair for Council Year 2010/2011

Cllr Potts was appointed vice-chair for Council Year 2010/2011. Cllr Potts and the Clerk signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office of vice-chair.

### 053/10 Apologies

Cllr Fishwick (working) Cllr Barr (holiday) Cllr Lovegrove (other commitment)  
Cllr Watson (working) Cllr Robinson (family illness) Cllr Davies (SLDC)

### 054/10 Minutes of Last Meeting

It was resolved that the Chairman be authorised to sign the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> March 2010 as a true record.

### 055/10 Vacancy in Central Ward

A vacancy had been created in Central Ward by the resignation of Cllr Lovegrove. The Chairman expressed thanks on behalf of the Council for all her hard work during her term of office; the Clerk would write a letter of thanks.

**Clerk**

### 056/10 Changes in the Register of Members' Interests

This item was deferred until the next meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> June when more Councillors were expected to be present.

### 057/10 Appointment of Representatives to Working Groups and Outside Bodies

This item was deferred until the next meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> June when more Councillors were expected to be present. Cllr Fishwick had decided to stand down from the Green Issues Working Group in order to concentrate on the Community Plan.

### 058/10 Declarations of Interest

None.

### 059/10 Update on Issues and Actions from Last Meeting

- Adoption of Phone Kiosks: The signed contract had been received back from BT. The next step was the removal of the phone equipment.
- Community Plan: The Council had been successful in its bid to Action with Communities in Cumbria for £500 for the Community Plan.

### 060/10 Public Participation

i) PC John Baldwin: There had been no reported crime in Colton during April, though there had been some burglaries in surrounding parishes. There were useful tips on the Cumbria Police website about keeping homes and cars safe. There had been the usual seasonal rise in car-related crime in the south lakes area, with attempted thefts from 2 vehicles at High Dam car park. One poacher had had his firearm certificate revoked this year. The current focus for the police team was now illegal off-road vehicle use.

ii) Mr Roderick Smith: Asked who would be the liaison person for the Parish Steward (Lengthsman) now that Cllr Lovegrove had resigned. The Clerk would be the contact until Councillor roles were established in June.

### 061/10 Comments from District and County Councillors

Cllr Wilson (CCC): i) Winter Maintenance of Roads: He thanked the Council for its response to the consultation on gritting and grit bins. ii) Bouthrey Bridge repairs: He had expressed concern about the very narrow window for repairing the bridge before October. It was not clear yet which option

had finally been selected, but this should be known shortly. iii) Green Roads: The convening of the green roads meeting had bounced back to the South Lakeland Local Committee; Mr Keith Masser was to arrange a meeting for late June. iv) Rusland Cross flooding and wall repairs: He had been to a site visit with the farmer, Mr Raymond Crowe. Highways had agreed to repair one section of wall. The problems with flooding at Skowbarrow Beck were ongoing; the Clerk would visit and speak to Mr Crowe and Tony Hill (LDNPA). v) Bouth Speed Limits: There had been new national guidance issued that was more sympathetic to local limits in villages; County was revisiting the issue. vi) Flooding in Finsthwaite: SLDC had discovered a blocked off gully under the road and were working to clear it; Tony Beaty and Cllr Wilson were involved now that it related to the highway.

Clerk

#### 062/10 Risk Assessment Review and Insurance Cover

The risk assessment and insurance cover had been reviewed by the Clerk and both were approved by the Council.

#### 063/10 Annual Audit

The review of the effectiveness of the internal audit was approved, and the internal audit report noted. Arrangements for the external audit were noted.

#### 064/10 Accounts

It was resolved that the following payments be made:

- Cheque number 000499 - Community First: annual insurance premium: **£467.38**
- Cheque number 000500 - North-west Air Ambulance donation: **£50.00**
- Cheque number 000497 - A. Lane, Clerk, salary for Jan-Mar 2010: **£1093.00**

Receipt of the following cheques was noted:

- CCC: Neighbourhood Forum grant for Playground repairs: **£1000**
- SLDC: Precept for 2010/2011: **£9475.00**

It was resolved to sign the balance sheet for FY 2009 /2010.

#### 065/10 Planning

The following planning application was discussed and a response agreed:

7/2010/5166: Ridding Bay, Lakeside: Repairs to and raising of boundary wall height.

**Resolution: No objection, but concerns** about blocking of drains through the wall that caused deep flooding on the road.

7/2010/5160: Ridding Bay, Lakeside: Replacement boathouse with extended timber jetty and new timber jetty. **Resolution: Object** on basis of over-development of site in relation to policy NE7- Development of Lakeshores, on basis of increased size of boathouse to 2 storeys with accommodation above, and on basis of possible ecological damage to lakeshore.

Responses to the following planning applications were noted:

- 7/2010/5109: Cedar View, Rusland: New opening in boundary wall for vehicular access for on-site parking for 2 cars. *No objection.*
- 7/2010/5176: Burn Knott, Bouth: Extensions and alterations to existing house. *No objection.*

The following grants of planning permission were noted:

- 7/2009/5696: Woodlands, Lakeside: Conversion and extension of existing garage to create gymnasium/spa for private use.
- 7/2009/5713: Snows Heights Outdoor Centre, Colton: Construction of new retaining wall and installation of new gate plus felling of 8 trees.
- 7/2009/5688: The Old Post House. Low Stott Park: Half-glazed porch to back door.

The following appeal against refusal of planning permission was noted:

- 7/2009/5452: Stricely Fell Caravan Site, Force Mills, Rusland: 2 additional caravans. The Clerk would write to the Planning Inspectorate on behalf of the Council.

Clerk

Correspondence with compliance officer in relation to activity at Springfield Depot was discussed:

- 7/2008/5223: Springfield Depot, Colton: New building for storage and maintenance of classic and vintage vehicles: The Council had written to the National Park expressing residents' concerns about activity and noise at the site. The compliance officer had responded saying that a combination of storage and vehicle repair/restorations constituted lawful use of the land, and as this represented a historic use of the site, there were no conditions which limited hours of operation. The limits applied only to activity associated with the new building. Mr Harley explained that he had had it confirmed that he was operating within the terms of planning consent. However, he had talked to locals and had tried his best to accommodate residents' concerns. The noise from the construction of the building was unavoidable, because of the need to chip away rock; this would soon be completed. Cllr Potts thanked Mr Harley for his input.

## 066/10 Bouth Village Green and Playground Advisory Group

The amended Constitution had been accepted by the BVGPAG and was approved by the Council. The BVGPAG Chairman, Mr John Osborn, read out his Annual Report. A meeting to discuss fund-raising for repair of the fencing was arranged for 22<sup>nd</sup> May. Cllr Lovegrove had resigned as Secretary to the Group; she was to be replaced by Marion Hamer.

Mr Osborn would contact Abacus and the Parish Steward for a meeting to discuss the playground surface repair work. The Clerk reported that the internal auditor had recommended that this area of the playground be closed; Mr Osborn would do so.

Mr Osborn

## 067/10 Consultations

The following consultation responses were noted:

- i) Cumbria Police Authority: Short consultation on knowledge about work of the Authority. The Clerk had responded on behalf of the Council due to the tight deadline.
- ii) CCC Winter Roads Maintenance: The Clerk had responded to the two consultations, including a list of grit bins: existing and required. The responses were available on the website.

Cllr Potts agreed to respond on behalf of the Council to the following consultations:

- i) LDNPA: 'Allocations of Land' and 'General Development Policies' DPDs, by 1<sup>st</sup> June. The former concerned only land identified by previous consultations as potentially suitable for development. There were no particular issues within Colton Parish, except that Bouth Village Green had been identified in the document as being suitable for its current use; the Clerk would support this in the response.
- ii) LDNPA: 'Supplementary Planning Document: Housing Provision' - by 15<sup>th</sup> June. This gave a series of preferred options for allocation of land for housing. In relation to in-fill, housing land would be dealt with on a case-by-case basis, with the proviso that it did not interfere with local amenity and open space.

## 068/10 Meetings

The following forthcoming meetings were noted and attendance approved:

- i) LDNPA Local Development Framework Hearing, 12<sup>th</sup> May: Cllr Potts attending with Cllr Taylor as observer.
- ii) Hydropower Meeting, 15<sup>th</sup> May, John Ruskin School, Coniston. Cllr Taylor, Cllr Fishwick and the Clerk were organising. All asked to advertise the meeting as widely as possible.
- iii) High Furness LAP, 12<sup>th</sup> May, Lowick Community Hall: Cllr Dean would attend.
- iv) LDNPA Planning Seminar: Staveley, 15<sup>th</sup> June: Cllr Fishwick and the Clerk would attend.
- v) CALC South Lakeland District Association, 17<sup>th</sup> June: Cllr Dean would attend.

## 069/10 Correspondence

### CALC/NALC

- Notification of next South Lakeland District Association meeting - 17<sup>th</sup> June, Kendal
- Agenda for next Lake District Parishes meeting, Keswick, 19<sup>th</sup> April. Main theme: sustainable transport.
- NALC - information about training for promoting local democracy
- Report from Low Furness Neighbourhood Forum 23<sup>rd</sup> March
- Local Area Partnerships newsletter
- Notes from Lake District Parishes meeting, 19<sup>th</sup> April. Next meeting to be on 4<sup>th</sup> October

### CCC

- Documents for winter maintenance consultation
- Notification of next High Furness LAP meeting, 12<sup>th</sup> May, Lowick Hall
- Flood Recovery: Roads and Bridges update
- Temporary traffic prohibition order, Shepherd's Bridge, Coniston, 9<sup>th</sup> May (for Fred Whitton Challenge) - 0600:1800
- LAP Administrators advert
- Temporary road closure notice - C5018 at Lowick Bridge - replacement of collapsed drain. From 25<sup>th</sup> May for 2 days, sometime in next 18 months.
- Via Cllr Wilson: Copy of letter from CCC to SLDC Local Committee on local 20mph limits - notification that will be agreeing a county-wide policy following Dept of Transport advice.
- Via Cllr Wilson - latest update on Bouthrey Bridge - awaiting planning approval and EA consent - aiming to complete by October 2010.

## **SLDC**

- Agenda for Council meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> March
- Papers for standards committee, 13<sup>th</sup> April.
- Invitation to Parish Community Engagement conference - Lancashire County Council - 22<sup>nd</sup> May, Preston

## **LDNPA**

- Invitation to Planning seminars - 15<sup>th</sup> June, Stavelly 7-9pm.
- Local Councils Charter for the LDNPA
- LDNPA Core Strategy Hearings: papers for hearing meetings including LDNPA written response to Inspector's questions.
- LDNPA 'Allocations of Land' and 'General Development Policies' Development Plan Documents for consultation - by 1<sup>st</sup> June
- LDNPA - information about pending consultations for Supplementary Planning Document on Housing, and Management Plan for the Lake District

## **Cumbria CVS and ACT**

- Notification of successful bid for Community Plan grant of £500.

## **Other**

- Blawith PC - Advert for new Clerk
- Cumbria Police Authority - Stakeholder Survey - by 9<sup>th</sup> April
- 21st April 2010 Conference in Kendal - "Re-using Rural Buildings of Character for Jobs and Homes" Association of Small Historic Towns and Villages of the UK (ASHTAV)
- Satterthwaite PC - Agenda for 6<sup>th</sup> April and minutes of last meeting
- Cumbria Police Authority - South Lakeland Community Liaison Forum, 22<sup>nd</sup> April, Kirkby Lonsdale
- Lowick PC - Letter to Capita on Bouthrey Bridge reconstruction
- Mr John Cleaver - letter to capita on Bouthrey Bridge reconstruction
- Coniston Parish Council - Agenda for 19<sup>th</sup> April
- Association for Small Historic Towns and Villages - seminar on re-use of historic buildings for residential and commercial use. 21<sup>st</sup> April, Kendal.
- Notice of mobile police station visits to local area.
- Defra - new National Parks Circular, 2010
- Cumbria Playing Fields Association, 2010/2011 Appeal
- Friends of the Lake District E-newsletter
- Coniston PC - Minutes of 19<sup>th</sup> April
- Morecambe Bay Partnership annual conference 24<sup>th</sup> May
- STOP - Campaign against Stribers Wind Farm - April newsletter - withdrawal of application by Energia.
- Blawith PC - copy of response to Winter Road Maintenance consultation
- Coniston and Crake Catchment Partnership - notes from meeting of 13<sup>th</sup> April

## **070/10 Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting was confirmed as Monday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2010 in Colton Church Hall, 7.30 p.m.