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The following are the minutes of the Colton Parish Council meeting held on Monday 4th December 2017 in Rusland Reading Rooms at 7pm.

Members Present: Cllr Dean, Cllr Jarvis, Cllr Milburn, Cllr Watson, Cllr Baxter, Cllr Brown, K. Birch (Clerk),

Also present: 4 x parish residents

	ACTION
<p>142/17 Apologies Cllr Hoyle (Holiday)</p>	
<p>143/17 Minutes of Last Meetings It was resolved that the Chair be authorised to sign the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on <u>Monday 16th October 2017</u> as a true record. It was resolved that the Chair be authorised to sign the minutes of the Additional Parish Council meeting held on <u>Monday 6th November 2017</u> as a true record.</p>	
<p>144/17 Declarations of Interest None</p>	
<p>145/17 Requests for Dispensations None</p>	
<p>146/17 Public Participation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No police report was made available. • Letter read by Clerk regarding Black Beck Planning applications and councils view towards occupants. • Update read by Clerk from Conserving Coniston & Crake. Info on new Project Officer Mike West and summary of proposed events. • Two letters from residents regarding planning applications to be read at relevant agenda item 	
<p>147/17 Update on Issues and Actions from Last Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Traffic Calming – Sparks Bridge, no progress made by CCC. To be reviewed for next meeting. • Rural Crime update – Clerk reported that Colton PC had officially withdrawn from the Rural Crime Initiative through a Termination grant letter sent to the PCC. A cheque for the balance of the fund to be signed at this meeting and sent to PCC. Clerk to prepare report of finance to send to Satterthwaite PC as joint fund holders 	Clerk
<p>148/17 Comments from District and County Councillors No reports received from either Matt Brereton (CCC) or David Fletcher (SLDC)</p>	
<p>149/17 Planning <u>The following planning application were discussed:</u> 7/2017/5671 Creation of channel to divert water, Water Park, Nibthwaite – A proposal was made to SUPPORT the application and all were in favour. 7/2017/5761 Change of use of farm buildings to holiday lets, Oxen Park Farm Member of the public raised concerns over access and parking and the disruption during the period of work. Clerk read out a letter from parish resident raising concerns over access & parking, increased flood risk, loss of habitat, loss of privacy, noise and disturbance. Cllr Dean summaries a letter from a parish resident identifying areas of the LDNP core strategy that were not being met in the application. A proposal was made to OBJECT to the application and all were in favour. 7/2017/5784 Dairy & milking parlour, Tottlebank Farm Issues were raised from councillors and members of the public over the safety of cattle crossing the road twice a day for milking. A proposal was made to SUPPORT the application with conditions that Highways are consulted over the movement of cattle across the road. 7/2017/5776 Dismantle greenhouse and erect aluminium greenhouse, Colton. Councillors resolved to SUPPORT the application.</p>	

<p>7/2017/5749 Construction of new boat house with living accommodation above, Newby Bridge. Councillors resolved to OBJECT to the application <u>The following planning applications withdrawn were noted:</u> 7/2017/5317 – Pitched roof, Kirkthwaite Cottage, Oxen Park 7/2017/5588 – Black Beck Caravan Park, Bouth. Year-round use application (Colton PC Objected) 7/2017/5692 – The Barn Bandrake Head, conversion of annexe into holiday let. <u>The following planning applications approved were noted:</u> 7/2017/5384 – Attic conversion to create 3 bed apartment, Stock Park (Colton PC Objected) – Note, conditions applied of local occupancy. 7/2017/5524 – Sewage treatment works, Fell Foot (for info only) 7/2017/5642 – Erection of dwelling house (change of local occupancy area), Lakeside (Colton PC Neutral) T/2017/0164 – Norway maple removal of dead wood, Ridding Wood, Lakeside (Colton PC Neutral) To note the following planning application refused 7/2017/5649 – Roof to cover slurry pit, Nibthwaite Grange Farm, REFUSED under NOI procedure <u>The following planning decisions submitted were noted:</u> 7/2017/5642, extension to local occupancy area, Lakeside – NEUTRAL T/2017/0164 Tree works at Ridding Bay, NEUTRAL SL/2017/0687, Kirby Moor wind farm, OBJECTED 7/2017/5588, Black Beck Caravan Park, Bouth. Year-round use – OBJECTED</p>	
<p>150/17 Highways and Lengthsman</p> <p><u>An update was received from Cllr Brown as follows:</u> Archie has been busy clearing drains, gullies and culverts to ease the effects of the recent rains and flooding. The work has been difficult as windblown leaves and hedge trimmings have been filling them back up. It was debated what the lengthsman's work should involve. It is hoped that a review by CCC might help to clarify what can and cannot be done. Review findings due January. Concern raised over woodland East of the lake between Bessy Bank and Nibthwaite Grange. Clerk to contact M.Lane to see how this overgrowth onto the highway has been dealt with in the past.</p> <p>Discussion on contracting someone to cut back saplings along the verges, again resolved to wait until CCC review to decide course of action.</p> <p>Issue raised over BT work which has damaged a culvert – Clerk to raise with Matt Brereton It was noted to thank Archie for all his hard work during the recent road floods, He was quick to respond and out in all weathers. Archie is a valuable asset to the parish.</p> <p>It was resolved to allow the Lengthsman to use parish owned drain rods for Lengthsman work in a neighbouring parish. Clerk to notify.</p> <p><u>It was resolve to take no course of action</u> for unauthorised publication of road closure diversions by a local journalist. It was felt more important to address the signage of narrow lanes to discourage those seeking alternative routes from only using those that are suitable.</p> <p><u>Grit Bins within the parish</u> – Councillors issued with list and requested to check and arrange filling via Highway winter hotline. It was resolved not to replace any grit bins until we were fully aware of locations and conditions of all. Councillors to report the state of bins and amount of grit to Clerk to update the records. Clerk to contact CCC as necessary.</p> <p><u>A public path creation agreement 2015 was noted</u> for Summer House Knott & Landing Wood Knott.</p> <p><u>Illegal off-road vehicles and the damage on Bethacar Moor</u> – It was resolved that whilst this is an issue it is not a top priority for the council at the moment. Cllrs are to keep a log of any issues and report via 101 if appropriate. The log can then be passed to PCSO Harris when he next attends a meeting.</p> <p><u>Top five Highways priorities</u> were identified as</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Lack of yellow lines, Bouth, not completed as contractor says need to resurface tarmac 2. Spark Bridge and the need for traffic calming measures 3. Signage of narrow lanes (e.g. unsuitable for HGV's or Narrow Road), e.g. Tollbar to Tottlebank cross roads, Hilltop. Cllr Dean to provide more details on locations. 4. Dip in the road, leads to flooding issues – Top of Ealinghearth towards Newby Bridge. 5. Uneven road surface (unknown raised areas in the road), Bessy Bank Road (just North of junction on East of Lake road. <p>Clerk to report to Cllr Brereton</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>All Cllrs Clerk</p> <p>Cllr Dean</p> <p>Clerk</p>
<p>151/17 Finance & Accounts</p> <p><u>The Clerk's salary for FY 18/19</u> was approved as 10hrs per week @ NJC spine point 20 <u>The Lengthsman's rate of pay for FY 18/19</u> was approved as 21hrs per month @ £14/hr to end July @ £15/hr from August)</p>	

<p><u>The Budget for FY18/19</u>: It was resolved to approve the recommendations from the Finance WG concerning the budget and precept. The precept for 2018/19 will remain unchanged. Clerk to complete precept paperwork in due course</p> <p><u>The ongoing payments for the maintenance of the Oxen Park and Bouth defibrillators</u> were approved the change in payment for the Oxen Park battery from grant funds to Colton PC funds was noted.</p> <p><u>The following payments were approved</u>: 000900 – South Lakes Deer Management, repayment of Rural Crime loan £500.00 000901 – K Birch, office consumables expenses payment £201.29 000902 – K Birch, Clerks Mileage £105.75 000903 – Police & Crime Commissioner, repayment of Remaining rural crime grant £4148.07</p> <p><u>The following payments were noted</u>: 000892 – Information Communications Office, Data Protection register £35.00 000893 – CALC, Good Councillor guide £3.50 000898 – A.Workman, Lengthsman October hours £294.00</p> <p><u>The following receipts were noted</u>: Cash – Website reimbursement £5</p>	Clerk
<p>152/17 Bouth Village Green</p> <p><u>It was resolved to apply for a Public Space Protection Order (PSPO)</u> to prevent dogs from accessing Bouth village green. The aspect of the PSPO to be applied for is No4 Dog exclusion restrictions. Clerk to complete necessary SLDC paperwork.</p>	Clerk
<p>153/17 Meetings</p> <p><u>Reports were received form the following meetings</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environmental workshop, Hawkshead – 28th October Cllr Brown was unable to attend • 30th Nov – Cllr Jarvis – Rusland Horizon Partnership Conference (Newby Bridge) <p>All projects are going well and likely to be delivered as expected. There were discussions around keeping the legacy alive after the project finishes. Of the £1.7mil funding received £400k has been spent or allocated with a roughly equal split between apprentices, staff and delivery, Cllr Jarvis will be the link between the legacy group and the council.</p> <p><u>The proposed Colton Parish Council meeting dates for 2018-19</u> were noted and distributed. Clerk to publish on website.</p>	Clerk
<p>155/17 Correspondence</p> <p><u>The following consultations were considered, and responses noted</u>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consultation on Constituency Boundaries in the North West – Nil response • Consultation from the PCC regarding council tax precepts for the police – Nil Response • Feedback requested on the Kirby Moor Wind Farm community fund – Nil response 	
<p>Correspondence List</p> <p>CALC/NALC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invoice for good councillor guide • Vibrant Communities (Parish Forum Ambleside) – draft proposal for comment • Letter to thank A. McCleery for the clerk’s forums which have now ended • Notice of constitution of constituency boundaries • AGM papers for 18th November • Business continuity workshop – Disseminate via Colton Link • Council Tax consultation – Policing cost increase • Updates for Data access requests • Rep reports for district association meeting (30/11) <p>CCC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Connecting Cumbria Newsletter • Request for info to help with advertising road closures • Commons act notice of determination – None for Colton <p>SLDC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interim Polling places and districts review – None affecting Colton <p>LDNPA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coniston Water Association Meeting minutes 5/10/17 • Planning Decisions – NOI for Colton already on minutes • Planning Decisions – Withdrawn application for Colton • Planning Decisions – Approved; application for Stock Park, for info Fell Foot • Planning Decisions – Approved; Erection of dwelling house, Lakeside. Tree works • Planning Decisions – Refused NOI, Roof structure Nibthwaite Grange Farm <p>Other Correspondence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kathryn Simmons – Police report on Spark Bridge speed monitoring • Robert Wallace – request for Archie to undertake work at Rusland • Letter from Cllr Dean forwarded to Cllr Brereton re highway markings in Bouth • Report from PCSO Harris re SID monitoring Sparks Bridge 	

- Grizedale stages rally info – 2nd Dec 2017
- Coniston PC special meeting notice
- Invitation to Fell Foot stakeholder's day – 29/11
- Letter from Great North Air Ambulance asking for donations
- Lengthsman Invoice and worksheet
- Receipt of payment and new Data Protection Certificate
- National Trust – Fell Foot Park stakeholders open day invite
- Notice of mobile bridge inspection and road closure
- Notification of off road vehicle damage to land – Denise Wallace
- Several correspondences from PCC regarding ANRP cameras and grant funding
- Red squirrel management forum – Meeting minutes
- Resident of Beck Oxen Park request for lengthsman to clear drains
- Letter of thanks from Oxen Park Cinema Club for grant payment
- Correspondence re concern over North West Mail diverting traffic through parish
- Concern from resident over planning application 7/2017/5665
- Request from resident to correct the orientation of road sign Oxen Park
- Local resident's concerns re Cumbrian Cracker event
- Kirby Moor Wind farm – community funding proposals
- Cancelled date of mobile bridge inspection
- Letter of thanks from Finsthwaite Village Hall for grant money received

134/17 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting was confirmed as a Parish Council meeting on Monday 15th January 2018, in Bouth Village Hall at 7pm.