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The following are the minutes of the Colton Parish Council meeting held on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2017 in Bouth Village Hall at 7pm.

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

**Also present:** Cllr Fletcher (District Councillor), PCSO Harris, 4 x parish residents, 1 x Kirby Moor resident

	<b>ACTION</b>
<p><b>120/17 Apologies</b> Cllr Brereton sent apologies but they were not received until after the meeting had taken place (adverse weather and work commitments).</p>	
<p><b>121/17 Minutes of Last Meeting</b> It was resolved that the Chair be authorised to sign the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on <u>Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2017</u> as a true record.</p>	
<p><b>122/17 Declarations of Interest</b> None</p>	
<p><b>123/17 Requests for Dispensations</b> None</p>	
<p><b>124/17 Public Participation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PCSO Harris - Police report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 02/09/2017; rough sleeper arrested on suspicion of burglary</li> <li>○ 24/09/2017; cyclist knocked off bike by a dog</li> <li>○ 08/10/2017; known poacher in the area</li> </ul> </li> <li>• PCSO Harris – Speed Indication Device (SID) report from Sparks Bridge. There was reduced speed of vehicles coming into Sparks Bridge compared to monitoring 2 years ago. However 85% of vehicles logged were on average travelling at 33mph. There is nowhere safe for speed cameras to be sited. A recommendation will be sent to Highways for the use of dragons teeth markings on the road. It will be down to Highways to decide if they think this a viable option. The council will monitor the situation and follow up with highways if there is no progress. A member of the public asked a question about cyclists travelling parallel causing safety issues around Bouth and from Greenodd to Bouth Tollbar. PCSO Harris confirmed they are within the law and added that agricultural vehicles only have to pull over if they are not matching the speed limit.</li> <li>• John Hudson (Kirby Moor wind farm application) – Delivered a personal statement but that reflect the views of others. Concern that communities are having a wind farm imposed upon them. The original planning has come to an end and the land should be returned to a SSSI as detailed in the original planning permission of 1992. Nine of the 10 parish councils whose views have been sought have objected to the planning.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>125/17 Update on Issues and Actions from Last Meeting</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ACV for woodlands, Cllr Hoyle informed the council that Stoney Hazel Wood should now be on the register.</li> <li>• Declaration of office; signed by Fiona Baxter and the Clerk. Declaration of interest form given, to be completed and returned directly to SDLC.</li> <li>• It is noted that there is a vacancy for East Ward, which needs to be filled by a resident from the area around Lakeside or Finsthwaite</li> <li>• Bouth Village Green Committee have responded to the annual safety inspection – Kick wall will be repaired at October work party, other items will be monitored through monthly inspections.</li> </ul>	<b>Cllr Baxter</b>
<p><b>126/17 Comments from District and County Councillors</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cllr Fletcher – Apologised for his lack of attendance over the last 12 months due to health issues. Closure of common land at New Road to vehicles has led to a review of parking charges in Kendal with some reductions. There has been an audit of the 61 playgrounds in the SLDC area. Funds will be spread more evenly in the future and Cllr Fletcher spoke up on behalf of rural villages for this funding. Waste; roll out of plastic and cardboard recycling to</li> </ul>	

<p>households almost complete. Review of parish council boundaries leading to 3 member wards. Funding; £1k pot for Locally Important Projects (LIP's) and £5k of LDNPA accessible to councils.</p>	
<p><b>127/17 Rural Crime</b></p> <p><u>It was resolved to withdraw from certain aspects of the rural crime initiative.</u> Councillors voted by a majority against the use of automatic number plate recognition (ANPR) cameras within the parish. Councillors expressed concern over the policies and procedures required and the legal implications of ownership of supporting the CCTV aspect of the scheme, Reservations were expressed about surveillance, how the CCTV information could be used and the proposed locations of the cameras; it was expressed that the poacher/farm watch element of the scheme could be more strongly supported. A member of the public asked if any letters of concern had been received from the public, reply was none. Also asked what happens if the majority of the community want the cameras and stated that camera use may push criminals out of the area, Cllr Dean replied that as it was the council who would be ultimately responsible it was their decision. Cllr Hoyle listed all the codes of practise that would need to be adhered to. Clerk to inform rural crime group and Satterthwaite PC of outcome.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
<p><b>128/17 Highways and Lengthsman</b></p> <p><u>An update was received from the lengthsman as follows:</u> It has been a busy month with water! Beeches up to Rusland Hall, several drains were blocked. Requested Highways to add culvert. Lots of water run off at Lakeside and Finsthwaite. Tottlebank Farm has a blocked drain, visit scheduled. Coniston East road needs attention but Archie yet to visit. Thwiate Head to Becksides Cottage, drains blocked with mud, resident has reported to Highways via the hotline, drain covers found upside down. Issue with hedge cutting and missing the last few feet. This now needs to be strimmed. There is a collapsed storm drain at Ickenthwaite. Social media is proving a useful way of Archie being notified of issues. Archie requested working in the road signs under H&amp;S, council approved this, Archie to let clerk know costs and order. Cllr Fletcher asked; Does council know when roads were last swept or suckered? No one was sure but not recently. Would be good to coincide CCC works with the lengthsman role. Clerk to investigate. <u>It was noted that there has been a visit from the Environment Agency to Finsthwaite.</u> Report was positive in that flood prevention methods are needed, unsure what this will look like due to budget and logistics. Reassurance that communications will be regular and community kept up to date with progress. Key contact for EA is Sam Townend. <u>It was resolved to defer creating a Highways Priority list</u> until the December meeting. This was to give councillors time to individually come up with 5 areas of concern. Clerk to add as agenda item to December meeting.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
<p><b>129/17 Grant Applications</b></p> <p><u>It was resolved to approve the 4 grant applications received;</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Oxen Park Defibrillator - £115 towards cost of replacement batteries and pads (plus the cost of signs which were added after grant submission). Grant applied for was £300 but council already holding £185 of funds.</li> <li>• Oxen Park Reading Rooms - £300 for better lighting and new curtains and fittings</li> <li>• Finsthwaite &amp; lakeside village hall - £500 to reroof old peat hut and use as a store for flood resilience equipment.</li> <li>• Oxen Park Cinema Club - £50 to purchase shelving to display DVD's which will be available for loan to the community.</li> </ul> <p>Clerk to notify groups above and issue a cheque, condition of grant is providing evidence of expenditure within a reasonable time.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
<p><b>130/17 Planning</b></p> <p><u>The following planning application decisions were noted</u> T/2017/1080 – Crown lift of trees at Bucks Yeat Caravan Park REFUSED (Colton PC objected) 7/2017/5334 – Infill of historic quarry, Buck Yeats Coach House, Lakeside APPROVED (Colton PC Neutral) <u>The following planning application decision submitted was noted</u> 7/2017/5384 – Attic conversion to single dwelling, Stock Park, Lakeside <b>OBJECTED</b> (as not meeting local housing need) <u>To following planning applications were discussed</u> 7/2017/5642 – Erection of single dwelling house, Lakeside (amended conditions from 7/2015/5345), all in favour of a <b>NEUTRAL</b> response T/2017/0164 – Norway Maple tree work, Ridding Bay, lakeside, all in favour of a <b>NEUTRAL</b> response. <u>The following Notice of Intention was noted</u></p>	

<p>7/2017/5662 – Roof over existing agricultural yard, Arkliid Farm, Nibthwaite.  <u>Update on planning permission for poly-tunnel</u> No update needed as a planning application has since been submitted (to be considered at a later date)</p> <p>The following planning application outside of the parish was discussed  SL/2017/0687 - Kirby Moor windfarm extension. All Councillors resolved to <b>OBJECTED</b>, grounds listed as 1) Original planning agreement said to be returned to SSSI after 25yrs 2) Site is now bordering World Heritage Site 3) A previous application has stated turbines are not fit for purpose 4) The current view is off shore wind farms are the preferred choice</p>	
<p><b>131/17 Finance and Accounts</b></p> <p><u>The review of effectiveness of the internal audit was approved</u>  <u>The bank reconciliation for July – September was approved and signed</u>  <u>The following payments were noted:</u>  000889 – K Birch Q2 payment clerks wage - <b>£1087.83</b>  000890 – HMRC PAYE Q2 - <b>£271.80</b>  000891 – A. Workman, Lengthsman August pay - <b>£154.00</b>  <u>The following receipts were noted</u>  VAT reclaim (from July but missed of Sep agenda) <b>£310.73</b>  <u>It was noted that there were changes to the signatories</u> Natwest have now confirmed Cllr Oates has been removed as a signatory.</p>	
<p><b>132/17 Meetings</b></p> <p><u>The following upcoming meetings were noted</u>  United Utilities Water &amp; Wastewater plans – Kendal Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> Nov  CALC AGM – Carlisle racecourse Sat 18<sup>th</sup> Nov  Cllr Brown notified the council of an Environmental workshop to be held on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> October at Hawkshead school.</p>	
<p><b>133/17 Correspondence</b></p> <p>A e-mail has been sent by Robert Jarratt following the last Council meeting to the Police and Crime Commissioners office detailing a concern and dis-satisfaction with the 101 reporting system.</p>	
<p>Correspondence List</p> <p><b>CALC/NALC</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cumbria minerals and waste plan – web link for details</li> <li>• CALC Newsletter - September</li> <li>• Green Build festival details</li> <li>• CALC Newsletter – October</li> <li>• CALC Paperwork for next District mtg</li> </ul> <p><b>CCC</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Notification to ask Highways to remove derelict bus shelter at Rusland</li> </ul> <p><b>SLDC</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Notice of casual vacancy (Cllr Oates) – Ends 29th September</li> <li>• Review of polling districts and polling places (does not affect Colton)</li> <li>• Stoney Hazel Wood ACV – calling notice period until 9/10</li> </ul> <p><b>LDNPA</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LDNP Parish Forum – 10th Oct Ambleside. Attendance or topics for discussion</li> <li>• Planning decisions – None for Colton PC</li> <li>• Planning decisions – None for Colton</li> <li>• Notification of possible sale of Waterside Knott wood, Newby Bridge</li> <li>• Planning decisions – 7/2017/5334 Approved, infill of quarry Bucks Yeat</li> <li>• Planning decisions – None for Colton PC</li> <li>• Response to planning query – Polytunnel Rusland</li> </ul> <p><b>Other Correspondence</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Natural England – Morecambe and Duddon Special protection area notification</li> <li>• Roderick Smith – list of jobs for lengthsman in Bouth area</li> <li>• Rusland Reds Meeting – Wed 18th Oct, 7.30</li> <li>• United Utilities – shaping the plan for water and wastewater in Cumbria</li> <li>• Vanessa Champion – Notification and report of meeting with EA</li> <li>• Royal Air Force letter – support for centenary celebrations</li> <li>• BT payphone adoption notice</li> <li>• Conserving Coniston &amp; Crake update for newsletter</li> </ul>	
<p><b>134/17 Date of Next Meeting</b></p> <p>The next meeting was confirmed as a Parish Council meeting on <u>Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2017, in Rusland Reading Rooms 7pm.</u></p>	