

Coniston Cold Parish Council
Chairman's' Report to year ending 31 march 2020

This report briefly covers the activities of the Coniston Cold Parish Council over the past year ending 31 March 2020.

There were four full meetings of the Parish Council, held quarterly, with the 2019 meeting being preceded by the 2018/19 Annual Parish meeting. Added to this, there were a number of Planning meetings throughout the year covering some specific planning applications.

The main items of interest were:

- **Development of land in Coniston Cold (The Sycamores)**
Following the final acceptance of plans to develop this land, building work commenced on site during February 2020. It was anticipated that this work would take approximately 40 weeks with the properties being ready for occupation in the late summer. However, due to the Corona virus, work did stop on the site for a few weeks, but recommenced Monday 11th May. Completion will now be delayed.
- **Speeding vehicles on the A65**
North Yorkshire Police continue to monitor the situation with frequent Radar speed checks through the village.
- **Coniston Cold bridge**
We are told that engineers from the Bridges section, ahead of securing funding, are currently in the process of designing a new structure, as it is simply not possible to widen the existing bridge. The project would possibly include the realignment of the A65 and is expected to cost in the region of £10 million. We await further news.
- **Web Site development**
It is hoped that the site will be of interest to members of our villages. However, maintenance of the site is a time consuming activity and so we need to be clear about what to upload. This is under constant review. However, it will not entail duplicating output already available through the CDC site which of course is managed by professional staff.

Our cash reserves continue to remain positive and adequate for our current needs. It was therefore agreed that the precept would remain at £300 for this current year.

During the year, Jeanne Hine resigned as a Parish Councillor and she was thanked for her time and efforts in the past. Due to this vacancy, the Parish Council invited Mr Michael Winchester, who lives in Coniston Cold, to be co-opted onto the Parish Council.

Once again, we offer our thanks to our Parish Councillors and to our Clerk for their continuing efforts on behalf of our two communities and to our Craven Councillor, Mr Alan Sutcliffe, who always gives us the benefit of his time and experience gained as Chairman of the CDC Council planning committee.

Please let us know if there are any further issues of concern within the Parish.

Roger A Northrop
Chairman