

**Minutes of the meeting of Hawkshead Parish Council
Virtually by Zoom on Tuesday 16th March 2021 at 7.30 pm**

Present: Cllr Spedding (Chair)
Cllrs Bremner, Johnston, McClelland
Clerk – Tracey Thornley

In attendance: District Cllr Coward, County Cllr Brereton (attended later due to another meeting)
4 members of the public

37/2021 Apologies

RESOLVED Cllr Woodhouse (work commitments), Cllr Brown (work commitments), Cllr Moulton (work commitments)

38/2021 Requests for Dispensations

No requests received

39/2021 Declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests in respect of Agenda items

No declarations of pecuniary interests received

40/2021 Minutes of Meeting – Minutes of the meeting held 16th February 2021 by Zoom

RESOLVED Minutes of the Meeting held on 16th February 2021 were agreed as a true record and signed by Cllr Spedding Deputy Chair

Police, County and District Councils, and Public Participation

41/2021 Police

The Police have changed their way of reporting they now issue monthly newsletters which cover different areas we are receiving copies for the following areas: Ulverston, Low Furness & Grange and The Lakes & Lakes Rural.

Public can register on the website below to receive the newsletter. The Clerk has tried to get statistics for the local area but the system was coming up with an error message each time.

www.cumbria.police.uk

42/2021 District Councillor

Cllr Coward reported that there are still SLDC Covid grants available especially the Discretionary grant they believe there are businesses that have not taken this up and are encouraged to. Details can be found on this website:- <https://www.southlakeland.gov.uk/business-and-trade/business-support-grants-coronavirus-covid-19/>

Consultation is ongoing regarding the return of visitors to the Lakes and making sure visitors respect the area we are living in. They will be promoting the Countryside Code.

Consultation regarding the Local Government restructure, parishes are encouraged to comment on this, 4 options for the new structure.

Greening of South Lakeland – parishes are encouraged to have as a standing item on their Agenda. All about protecting climate change and green issues. To encourage local community to get involved in making their local environment greener. Four phases first phase costs £50 SLDC paying half of this so PCs pay £25.

43/2021 County Councillor

Cllr Brereton reported that highways officers issues were ongoing but some issues had slowed down due to uncertainty regarding elections. Now the elections are postponed things can be moved on, money can be

Chair Initials Date

allocated it would be useful for local parishes have similar local issues put all any Traffic Regulation Orders together at the sametime it will save on costs re advertising etc.

B4RN – there is good interest and potential volunteers but has not received a recent update on the situation.

Cllr Brereton will be reporting back that there was a lack of communication regarding the emergency roadworks at Clappersgate and the road closure. Poor signing, notifications on the road were too late, this has been flagged up with Coniston PC, the published diversion was taking traffic down to Newby Bridge.

Windermere Ferry Advisory Group meeting - they are making a business case, sourcing expert consultancy before procurement. Cllr Brereton has asked for a public meeting but not heard back yet but will be chasing this up to see if this is something that can be done. No big decisions will be made before September.

Cllr Spedding asked for help with the Squares Project at the North End of the village – Cllr Brereton has spoken to Victoria and Helen about funding. Agreed its importance and will help get this project moving.

He talked about landowners being encouraged to create temporary car parks/campsites for 56 days this year, to stop fly camping and inappropriate car parking.

A Councillor asked if there were any landowners planning to do this in the area. Cllr Brereton did not have this information as this is being done through LDNPA. Question was asked if he was aware of anyone in the local area applying for it. Cllr Brereton is not aware of anyone in this area.

44/2021 Public Participation

A Member of the Public wanted to discuss item 9.2 on the Agenda 7/2021/5123 – Land to rear of High Cross, Hawkshead, Ambleside, LA22 0QB – Use as 2 dwellings. He introduced himself as a Local Town Planning Consultant and has been asked to representative the neighbours and local occupants at this address. He wanted to clarify for the Parish Council that although the correspondence from the Planning Department, Lake District National Park Authority (LDNPA) says for information only, the Parish Council can comment on this and he has been in touch with LDNPA to confirm that in future their correspondence for this kind of issue will clarify this.

The planning is for a Certificate of Lawfulness for the 2 dwellings. They are claiming that the properties have been lived in continuously for 10 years, it was felt that this was not the case. His clients are saying that they believe that the dwellings have not been continuously occupied for 10 years, if the PC have any information or believe the applicant is wrong any information would be very gratefully received. Council tax and electricity have come through High Cross. The owner of the dwellings lives in Ribchester not on the electoral roll and everyone currently living there is on other electoral roles. It is a factual matter to be considered, have they been living there continuously for 10 years, this will be very important information. LDNPA give an 8 week period to determine the application and have to decide whether its lawful or not, they have asked for response by end of March. They ask the Parish Council to consider this and write to LDNPA to confirm whether they consider that the properties have had full residency. Councillors decided to discuss this further under the Planning section.

Members of the Public who purchased Fell Foot in November as a holiday let – wanted to add that they were concerned that there wasn't any information on properties behind theirs, they were not aware that they were there or that anyone was living there. All the Deeds were signed with no indication that the property had any neighbouring planning applications etc.

Member of the Public also present regarding the above planning and particularly interested in the certificate of lawfulness and the implications of this would be? Would the sheds be there forever or would they be able to build on the site? It was confirmed that the implication would be that they would be able to build on the site and there would not be the option of a local occupancy clause placed on the property.

45/2021 **Ongoing Issues Action Results**

UNRESOLVED Lighting at the Old Police Car Park – Cllr Spedding had circulated prior to the meeting ideas of solar lighting which are a self contained unit, they would need to be placed on a post. All agreed that these were a good idea and felt that 2-3 lights would be sufficient. The Clerk was asked to contact the National Trust again to ask if they have any objections to posts being placed in the ground. ACTION Clerk

UNRESOLVED LDNPA Car Park electric charging point a response had been received suggesting that there is insufficient power supply to the car park to run a charging point and the Parish Council may be better to look elsewhere in the village to locate one. Cllr Spedding is curious about there not being sufficient power supply and it was agreed that he should contact LDNPA for clarification on this. ACTION Cllr Spedding

46/2021 **Highways Issues**

To note Highways issues in the Parish:

UNRESOLVED blocked drains in Roger Ground towards Grizedale (W2081001415) (W2081009632) (W2081023134) – these are still blocked with gravel Cllr Brereton will chase, Clerk to continue to report UNRESOLVED three roads identified for urgent attention with Cllr Brereton (Outgate W2081019686 & W2081023139, Hawkshead Hill W2081017865, W2081017866 & W2081028138) – Cllr Brereton will get an update, Clerk will continue to report the potholes

UNRESOLVED wall knocked by Hawkshead Hall (W2081023131) ongoing

UNRESOLVED potholes by the road junction leading to Sawrey near the fishery (W2081023135) Clerk to report again

UNRESOLVED Potholes by Hannakin (W2181037263) Clerk to report again

To report new potholes forming on the road by Hawkshead Hall – Clerk to report

To report edge of the road is collapsing on the stretch of road before the Dale Park junction and heading out of Hawkshead

47/2021 **Finance & Governance Issues**

RESOLVED Councillors authorised payment of the following accounts: -

Tracey Thornley – Clerk wages (February)	£358.40
HMRC (PAYE)	£ 7.00
Tracey Thornley – Expenses – Zoom Subscription	£ 14.39
Tim Brown – Lengthsman Duties	£ 84.50
S Taylforth – Gritting	£441.60

A query on the details on the invoice for the gritting and record of where the Contractor has been was raised. The Clerk confirmed that the amount also included Claife and this would be invoiced, Clerk will forward a copy of the invoice to Councillors for information. ACTION Clerk to invoice Claife PC and forward copy of invoice to Councillors.

48/2021 **Planning**

RESOLVED Councillors considered planning applications and formulate comments to the planning Authority-

7/2020/5861 – Croft Meadow House, North Lonsdale Road, Hawkshead, Ambleside, LA22 0QS – siting 11 no. additional lodge units and associated landscaping, including a pond. Councillors viewed the application and have no objections to the plans. ACTION Clerk to notify Planning.

7/2021/5106 – Hawkshead Hall Caravan Park, Hawkshead, Ambleside, LA22 0NN – Use of land for camping and caravans – maximum aggregate number of 50 units being either motorhomes, caravans, or tents, and regularisation of existing access tracks and hardstandings. Councillors viewed the application and have no objections to the plans. ACTION Clerk to notify Planning.

7/2021/5145 – Blelham Tam, Wray, Ambleside, Cumbria – Amendment of condition 3 on planning permission ref 7/2005/5621 to allow permanent retention of Scientific Monitoring Buoy. Councillors viewed the application and have no objections to the plans. ACTION Clerk to notify Planning.

RESOLVED Councillors noted the following Notices of Grant/Refusal of Planning/Appeals/Withdrawn/information only applications:-

7/2021/5123 – Land to rear of High Cross, Hawkshead, Ambleside, LA22 0QB – Use as 2 dwellings - as per public participation clarification had been received that comments can be sent to LDNPA. Clerk to organise an extra ordinary meeting to discuss this planning when all Councillors can be available. ACTION Clerk to organise an extra ordinary meeting

49/2021 **Hawkshead Project**

No response has been received from Highways regarding the plans, this is currently holding up the next stage. Cllr Brereton will chase this with Highways.

50/2021 **Snowplough**

Cllr Brown had sent a report that there is currently 6-7 tons of grit in stock which would be sufficient for 2 trips out. He was concerned that there is talk of bad weather coming in the next couple of weeks and did the Council feel we should ask for a top up, there is sufficient space to store the grit. Cllrs agreed that it would be good to be prepared. ACTION Clerk to ask if it is possible to have some more grit ready.

51/2021 **Councillor Coward – Community Grant -replacement planter**

The Clerk had circulated a sample selection of planters which were made of recycled goods and looked authentic, Cllrs agreed to go ahead with one of these, if the planter costs slightly more than the grant then it was ok to use funds available to complete the purchase. Cllr Bremner will ask the contact at the Primary School if they are interested in planting and looking after the planter as a project. ACTION Clerk to order a planter/Cllr Bremner to speak to the school

52/2021 **Lengthsman Duties**

The Lengthsman had put the sign back up and litter picked around the recycling centre in the car park. No other jobs were flagged up at the moment.

53/2021 **Councillor Matters**

Trees by Heelis Place – this has been flagged up again as a tree came down onto the road earlier in the week narrowly missing a car. The LDNPA have been contacted by a member of the public who lives in the properties as these trees were of concern last year and they were told they were all safe. There is one tree remaining on that particular site that residents are concerned about, they are also concerned whether the assessment these are receiving are adequate. All agreed for the Clerk to write on behalf of the PC to voice concern. ACTION Clerk

54/2021 **Correspondence**

Resolved the following e-mails received

SLDC – LFR news release – Infections fall; Weekly list 12/2; Elections Bulletin 2; Briefings confirm Bay bid backing; Council meeting 23/2; List 05 15/2; Lateral flow community testing sites in Cumbria; Flood Advisory service update; Government to consult Bay Unitary bid; Council Plan for recovery and renewal agreed; Council approves new budget and sets council tax; Green bin collections partially restart; Weekly list 26/2; Morecambe Bay leaders urge Chancellor to back plans Eden Project; Business support grant criteria expanded; NHS Staff ask public to keep going in fight against covid; Re-organisation in Cumbria – The Bay and North Cumbria; Vaccination data published; CAFs events.

South Lakeland Area Support – Experiences of Hate Crime; Online Arthritis Support; Calling all Parents/Carers; Wellbeing and Mental Health during Covid; Covid useful information

M Davis, WBTC – Local Government Reform Information

Cllr Coward – Green campaign meeting 16/2

CALC – EPC 21 – Model Design code – NALC consultation briefing; Action for Health and Mental Health Provider Forum; EPC1-21 Right to regenerate; Free Communications webinar 17/3; Local Government reorganisation consultation 22/2; Bid writing 101 workshop – 10/3; Re-opening road map announcements; CALC and CCC Annual meeting; Wildlife jobs in Cumbria; EPC2-21 Model design code; Letter to Parish Councils; Friday round up; Supporting documentation CALC meeting 4/3; Roots of remembrance; NACO protocols marking the death of a senior national figure; NALC legal update Feb 21; Carbon Calculator for

parishes; Presentation slides Nature Recovery event 25/2; Newsletter February/March 21; CALC LGR online event; News regarding May elections; ACT Gazette Spring 2021; CALC event 18/3.

Climate Action – Green Campaigne South Lakeland

PCSO Harris – Property Marking Kits

Cllr Wharton – Free online funding workshops for Lake District Farmers; Green Co-ordinator; Electric Charging Points; NP launch pop up campsite guide; Windermere Ferry Advisory Group; Electric Vehicle Charge point in your parish.

PCSO Ross – Police Report February 2021.

NT – Update

G Holmes CCC- Mobile testing unit at Ambleside.

Claife PC – Agenda 23/3

Member of the Public – virtual meeting with A Jones

Cumbria Police – Join the conversation over our social media pages; Feb 21 – The Lakes and Rural Lakes; Ulverston, Low Furness, High Furness and Grange

Cllr Spedding – Lakeland Trails – ***Cllr Spedding confirmed that the Recreation Committee had replied that the event could be held in August, it is a vital income for the Recreation Ground Trust and extra car parking is usually organised.***

L Dickinson – Audit Environmental initiatives for greening campaigne

Member of the public – enquiry re local occupancy

Cumbria CC – Windermere Ferry Advisory Group meeting 3/3

Planning – 7/2020/5861 Croft Meadow House; 7/2021/5106 Hawkshead Hall Caravan Park; 7/2021/5123 Land rear of High Cross; 7/2021/5145 Blelham Tarn

T Brown – Lengthsman duties

Rural Bulletin – Issue 2/3

S Hill – Electric charge points

Minstrels – Outdoor seating query – ***Discussion took place regarding more seating in the area, Councillors were concerned that it will cause problems with access for the public, especially as tables and chairs get moved to chase the sun. Clerk to respond with these concerns.***

Highways – Holbeck Bridge Repair works March 21

Member of the Public – Lancs life – ***Clerk asked if anyone had any information on events going on in the area, there was nothing to report.***

55/2021 **Date of next meeting**

The next meeting will be Tuesday 20th April 2021 either in the Lower Market Hall, Hawkshead or via Zoom at 7.30 pm.

The meeting closed at 8.57 pm