

Minutes of the meeting of Hawkshead Parish Council
Held in the Lower Market Hall, Hawkshead on Tuesday 16th April 2024 at 7.30 pm

Present: Cllr Woodhouse
Cllrs Moulton, Brown, Bremner, Johnston
Clerk – Tracey Thornley
Westmorland and Furness Councillor Pender

In attendance: 2 member of the public

49/2024 **Apologies**

RESOLVED Apologies received from Cllrs Berry

50/2024 **Requests for Dispensations**

RESOLVED No requests received

51/2024 **Declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests in respect of Agenda items**

RESOLVED None

52/2024 **Minutes**

RESOLVED the Chair of the meeting was authorised to sign the minutes of the meeting held on 19th March 2024.

Police, Westmorland and Furness Council, and Public Participation

53/2024 Police

The Clerk had looked on the Police.uk website on 16/4/24 there were 2 incidents in the area for February 2024 – 1 criminal damage/arson on or near Spicka Lane – under investigation no suspect; 1 Other Theft - on or near Springwood – insufficient evidence investigation closed.

54/2024 Westmorland and Furness Council

Hawkshead Hill potholes on the Coniston side are being filled this week.

Ferry has gone out of service and due back on Friday 24th May Cllr Pender has already expressed her thoughts of how unacceptable the timing is and will receive weekly updates. There is a passenger ferry running and Mountain Goat is also picking passengers up from lake.

The primary school have asked for local housing to be reviewed their numbers are low and project the numbers getting lower due to lack of affordable housing. Cllr Pender would be keen to receive any information on possible sites and housing associations. There is a group set up with local organisations including the LDNPA and Cllr Pender asked whether a Councillor would be willing to be a representative for the Parish Council. Action – Cllrs to decide on representative.

55/2024 Public Participation

Member of public – asked about cost of the road junction works the Chair reported the details and confirmed that he was happy with it, he mentioned maybe it would have been better raised but all the plans had to conform with the highways regulations. Traffic is entering the village slower. Member of the public talked about the work not slowing the bikes down. Cllrs agreed that bikes are a problem but they are entitled to use the road but also need to be considerate to other road users.

Discussion took place regarding the highway by the Queens and whether it's a highway or footpath and whether bikes are allowed to cycle through there. Clerk to find out whether it's a highway.

Member of the public asked whats happening with the National Trust – properties Bend or Bump shop, Gallery, Ticket office empty in the village. Empty properties what are their plans is there an opportunity for housing? Cllr Pender mentioned that the Council has some empty homes money. Beatrix potter link really needs to be in the village with something for tourists to see Clerk to contact Laura Ruxton to ask what are their plans for the properties and the Council would be really pleased to see her at the next meeting.

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Complaints had been received regarding the Old Police Car Park issues with it being full when events are on with vehicles without permits Enforcement officers to be contacted.

Weeds in the village – Cllr Pender will ask for the Council to send someone out to do deal with the weeds.

Councillors have individually been approached by members of the public regarding rumours of a fuel station and Spar being built in the village and what does the PC know about this. The PC have received planning details last year for a Coop on the grounds in question but have not received anything about a garage. Clerk to contact Andrew Smith the Head Planner to see if they have any information regarding this.

56/2024 **Ongoing Issues Action Results**

UNRESOLVED snow gritter and plough – Cllr Pender reported that this ongoing on her list
UNRESOLVED future ferry plans – off for 5 weeks Cllr Pender will keep us informed of progress
RESOLVED grit bin near Doctors surgery
RESOLVED dust cart collecting both recycling and general waste – Recycling wagon broke down

57/2024 **Highways Issues**

Highways issues in the Parish:

UNRESOLVED All drains along North Lonsdale Road are blocked with mud E1/79317, E1/177362
UNRESOLVED Roadside near Lakes lodges a hole is developing in the edge of the road E1/1103351
E1/133268 E1/143069 ongoing
RESOLVED raised footpath by the school E1/161777
UNRESOLVED deep pothole on Hannakin hill E1/175112
UNRESOLVED loose slab/slate outside Tigers Eye E1/177640
UNRESOLVED loose slabs/slates outside the Queens and Chemist E1/177643
UNRESOLVED pothole near Eel House E1/199550
UNRESOLVED broken bollard by Merlin House E1/200971
UNRESOLVED leaning speed sign by Merlin House E1/200973
UNRESOLVED pothole by Rough Close E1/200974
UNRESOLVED manhole cover with disintegrated edges opposite the Coach House E1/200978
UNRESOLVED pothole at the junction near fishery E1/200980
UNRESOLVED potholes near Outgate E1/201056
UNRESOLVED potholes near Waterside House entrance Hannakin E1/201055
UNRESOLVED pothole outside Syke Cottage, Hannakin E1/201051
UNRESOLVED row of potholes outside Hawkshead School E1/201048
UNRESOVLED potholes at Gallowbarrow E1/201046

58/2024 **Finance & Governance Issues**

RESOLVED Councillors authorised payment of the following accounts:-

Clerk wages	£	411.70
HMRC – PAYE	£	102.80
CALC – Annual subscription	£	208.00
MTP Media – Leaflet re Destination Hawkshead project	£	1,891.00
P Haddow – Payroll services	£	240.00

RESOLVED Invoices that were received after the publish of Agenda were authorised to be paid:-

Lengthsman	£	313.03
Northern Print Distribution – Destination Hawkshead Project	£	1440.00
Aha Distribution Ltd – Destination Hawkshead Project	£	1036.80

RESOLVED Final Quarter accounts were checked and signed as a true record.

59/2024 RESOLVED Cllrs all agreed to appoint Mr D Vaughan as the Internal Auditor for the end of year accounts 2023/24

60/2024 **Planning**

The following planning had been received after publication of the Agenda due to deadlines Cllrs agreed to view and respond to the following:-

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RESOLVED 7/2023/5819 – Longcroft, Roger Ground, Ambleside, Cumbria LA22 0QG – Demolition of existing potting shed/greenhouse building and construction of a new ‘recreational’ building. Councillors viewed the plans and had no objections. Clerk to notify planning.

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

7/2024/5118 – Gable Cottage, The Square, Hawkshead, Ambleside, LA22 0NZ – internal dry lining to gable wall – refused.

61/2024 **Hawkshead Destination Project**

No update other than the grant funding has all been spent.

62/2024 **Lengthsman**

The Lengthsman had sent an update and identified a bench needing attention, Cllrs agreed to him fixing it. Clerk to also ask him to continue with sorting the fence out at the OPCP, if he spots saplings on his travels please remove. Have a look at the bent sign on the left hand side by the lodges and see if he can fix it or whether it needs reporting to highways.

63/2024 **Councillor Matters**

An opportunity for Councillors to raise issues on behalf of residents. *Note: no decisions can be made on these matters but they may be placed on a future agenda of the Council*

64/2024 **Correspondence (for information only)**

To note the following e-mails received since last meeting

Cllr Brodie – Ferry 5 year maintenance period 2024; Newsletter and daily updates;

Coniston PC – Agenda and Minutes;

Westmorland and Furness Council – Ferry running times; Windermere Ferry Key Stakeholder Newsletter – March 24; Permission required from Hawkshead Recreation ground for school warning signage replacement; Licensing – List 22 25/3/24; Temporary Prohibition of Traffic Restriction – B5285 near Coniston 15/4/24; Temporary Prohibition of all Traffic Restriction – B5286 Hawkshead 22/4/24; Licensing – List 23 1/4/24

NALC – Chief Executives Bulletin; NALC events 26/3; Newsletter 27/3/24; Chief Executives Bulletin 28/3; Newsletter 3/4/24;

Cllr Pender – Windermere Ferry Key Stakeholder Newsletter – March 24; Transport for the North board Leeds; No surgery this week; Windermere Ferry MCA Inspection Briefing; Windermere Ferry;

Member of the public – pothole location

Cumbria Tourism – Hawkshead Valley Access management plan; Hawkshead Leaflet, Destination Hawkshead – a few updates; Hawkshead & West of Windermere VAMP;

National Trust – apologies for meeting and update

CALC – Cumberland and Westmorland & Furness Apprenticeship Applications 24; Official Portraits of the King; South Lakeland – Community Development Team; Invitation to Community Power workshop; South Lakes Town & Parish Council Forum; Bus Service Improvement plan; CALC News; Final Reminder – South Lakes forum Bus Service Improvement Plan; NALC/CALC Subscription 2024/25; A blooming Lake District; Have your say on nature in Cumbria! Cumbria CVS – volunteer portal.

Elections – update; Elections Bulletin 4

Rural Services Network – Rural Bulletin – 26/3/24; Rural Bulletin 3/4/24; RSN Rural funding digest April; The Rural Bulletin – 9/4/24

LDNPA – 5 free spaces – 20 minutes in main Hawkshead Car Park next to re-cycling

Cumbria SA – Official notification to submit your authority’s return 2023/24

Mpt Media – invoice for leaflet production

Lengthsman – jobs completed; Bench query

Member of the public – Summer planting

Cumbria Police – Ulverston, Low Furness, High Furness & Grange – March 24; The Lakes and Lakes Rural – March 24

Hawkshead Steering Group – Destination Hawkshead Meeting

65/2024 **Date of next meeting**

The next meeting will be Tuesday 21st May 2024 at 7.30 pm in the Lower Market Hall this meeting will follow on from the Annual Parish Meeting which will begin at 7 pm

The meeting closed at 8.29 pm

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