

**Minutes of the meeting of Hawkshead Parish Council**  
**Held in the Upper Market Hall, Hawkshead on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2024 at 7.30 pm**

Present: Cllr Spedding (Chair)  
Cllrs Berry, Bremner, Johnston  
Clerk – Tracey Thornley  
Westmorland & Furness Cllr Pender

In attendance: 2 members of the public present

96/2024 **Apologies**

RESOLVED Cllrs Brown, Moulton

97/2024 **Requests for Dispensations**

RESOLVED No requests received

98/2024 **Declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests in respect of Agenda items**

RESOLVED None

99/2024 **Minutes**

RESOLVED the Chair of the meeting was authorised to sign the minutes of the meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> June 2024.

**Police, Westmorland and Furness Council, and Public Participation**

100/2024 Police

The Clerk had looked on the Police.uk website on 15/7/24 the statistics had not been updated since the last meeting.

101/2024 Westmorland and Furness Council

Cllr Pender asked if the Parish Council had received an invitation to meet with other local PCs and the Lake District National Park Authority (LDNPA) at Brock Hole, an opportunity to meet the Chief Executive and voice any issues. Cllr Spedding agreed he would go.

Destination Hawkshead – quiet in the village, the issue of paying for parking in the evening continues to be an issue, the new village signs still not completed she will continue to chase these.

She is working with the Primary School concerns over low children numbers, looking into locations for affordable housing.

Cllr Johnston asked if there was any news regarding the posts for the SIDs at Outgate the pub is now open and more people crossing the road.

102/2024 Public Participation

National Trust – the Chair read an update from Laura Ruxton as follows:-

**Estate Information** - New tenant in Castle Barn Cottage, Hawkshead Field Cottage will be on the market in a few weeks post decoration. There will be no voids once these are let.

**Transport** - the bus trial is going well despite generally lower visitor numbers this summer. The numbers have come up to over 50 people per day using the bus from the lake shore.

**Hawkshead Visitor Activity** - Wilder Lakes exhibition that will be in the old Gallery property in August and September. Beatrix Potter Trail is with the designer this week and will be signed off for print. Once printed we would like to distribute these with businesses and will work through the Destination Hawkshead Group to do this. In addition we would like to put some fixed signs of relevant places in the village to make the trail interactive – we will approach the chair of the Parish Council with a list of requested locations.

Member of the public reported that the old police car park has recently had 2 or 3 cars without the correct permits, making it difficult for permit holders to find a space. Clerk to write to all the holiday companies who have properties in the village to ask them to inform their guests that if they park in the OCP they will get a ticket.

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Member of the public asked who has responsibility for the hedge obstructing the footpath on the corner of Hawksgarth – Clerk to contact the owner and ask if they could get this trimmed back.

Member of the public asked if the PC knows of any planned road closures - 20<sup>th</sup> August Hawkshead Show day – after the May meeting Highways and NW Electricity have been contacted to ask if they could help with making sure there aren't any road closures. United Utilities to be contacted.

#### 103/2024 **Update on Ongoing Issues and Actions from Last Meeting**

UNRESOLVED Response regarding snowplough and gritter - Cllr Pender has meetings coming up

UNRESOLVED Update on weed spraying in the village – Clerk to ask the Lengthsman if he has a licence for spraying

#### 104/2024 **Highways**

UNRESOLVED update on the drains blocked on the North Lonsdale Road E1/79317 and now all local drains need clearing E1/177362

UNRESOLVED update on hole developing on the road edge near Lakes Lodges E1/110351, E1/133268 E1/143069

RESOLVED update on the raised footpath caused by tree roots by the barn E1/165284

UNRESOLVED update on loose slab/slate by Tigers Eye E1/177640

UNRESOLVED update on loose slabs/slates outside Queens and Chemist E1/177643 E1/201282 ask the Lengthsman if its a job he could possibly do and how much it would cost.

UNRESOLVED update on broken bollard by Merlin House E1/200971

RESOLVED update on the leaning speed sign by Merlin House E1/200973

RESOLVED update on pothole at the junction near fishery E1/200980

UNRESOLVED update on potholes near Outgate E1/201056

UNRESOLVED update on row of potholes outside Hawkshead School E1/201048

UNRESOLVED update on potholes at Gallowbarrow E1/201046

A deep pothole near the corner on the hill near Belmont

Dan Becks deep pothole has formed again a long with several along that section of road.

Skinner How Lane the hedges needs cutting back as it is obstructing the road

#### 105/2024 **Finance & Governance Issues**

RESOLVED Councillors authorised payment of the following accounts:-

Clerk wages	£411.50
HMRC – PAYE	£103.00
Community Heartbeat Trust (phoneline rental)	£ 72.00
Clerk Expenses (compost/stamps/postage/thank you present)	£160.85
Lengthsman	£153.00

RESOLVED Councillors acknowledged the following income sources:

Old Police Car Park permits	£2672.00
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RESOLVED Councillors viewed the accounts and agreed the figures in the first quarter audit and budget.

RESOLVED Councillors agreed to the payment of the Clerks 11 additional hours for the processing 2023/24 parking permits. Clerk to inform payroll.

#### 106/2024 **Planning**

RESOLVED Councillors considered the following planning applications

7/2024/5337 – Sun Inn, Main Street, Hawkshead, LA22 0NT – The application is being made to enable the existing building previously trading as the Sun Inn to be changed from public house/hotel to be let as a whole unit for group accommodation bookings. Cllrs viewed the plans and after discussion agreed to object as they felt it was of detriment to the village losing a business and it was felt that there was no demand for extra holiday accommodation.

7/2024/5359 – Land and Buildings to the north west of the Square, Hawkshead, Ambleside, LA22 0NZ – Replacement windows. Cllrs viewed the plans and had no objections as long as security bars on the window remained a feature.

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

7/2024/5188 Summer Hill Country House, Hawkshead Hill, Ambleside, LA22 0PP – Replacement of existing wooden workshop with timberframed oak garage/car port Granted  
Enforcement notice – Land near West View, Gallowbarrow, Hawkshead  
Tree Preservation Order – Land at Allens House, Hawkshead Hill

**107/2024 Lengthsman**

Ask the lengthsman to do a good tidy in the village pulling up weeds, litter picking, trimming hedges on footpaths, the Main St car park drain also needs clearing.

**108/2024 Destination Hawkshead**

There had not been a meeting so no update available.

**109/2024 Councillor Vacancy**

No applications have been received, it is on the noticeboards in the village, place an ad on social media.

**110/2024 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*

It had been noticed that staff from LDNPA had been seen using the Main St Car Park to wash muddy bikes and concern that they do not have permission and will cause problems with the drains.

The hedge on the corner of LDNPA car park is overgrown – Clerk to contact to ask for them to cut it back  
OPCP hedge on the footpath needs cutting back – Clerk to contact Groundsman

Shops/Businesses in Hawkshead outside areas needing attention – Clerk to send email asking for businesses help with tidying up outside their properties.

Cllr Johnston has been approached by residents of Attwood regarding the footpath which was installed by the LDNPA on their ground but is not maintained by them, to ask if the PC would help with maintenance it was agreed to be an agenda item for the next meeting.

Red Lion Yard fence posts enquiry from member of the public - have they been moved. The middle post has been pushed back onto our land and needs squaring up this will be on the agenda for the next meeting

**111/2024 Correspondence (for information only)**

To note the following e-mails received since last meeting

Glorious gravel – Notification of Gravel Cycling Event 13th July

Westmorland and Furness Council – Code of Conduct Training for Parish Councillors – 31 July from 5.30 – 6.30 pm; Public Space Protection Orders – New Consultation for Westmorland and Furness

Cllr Pender – Arson Stickers in the News; For information; Temporary Road Closure C5022 Hawkshead 17/7/24; Lakes letter of no confidence; Road Closures

Rural Services Network – Rural Bulletin 25/6/24; Rural Funding Digest June 24; Rural Bulletin 2/7/24; RSN Rural funding digest – July 2024; Rural Bulletin 9.7.24;

South Lakeland Area Support – Cumbria CVS Focus on Funding June 24; Coronation Community Orchards Funding; Natural Kendal July 24 newsletter and compost demo event

CALC – Community Governance 2025; Training Bulletin 26/6/24; New briefing note – Financial Services Compensation scheme; Westmorland and Furness Local Plan Briefing; NALC Legal Bulletin Update June 24; The Lakes Parish Council vote of no confidence in the LDNPA; Training Bulletin 3/7/24; Westmorland and Furness Local Plan Briefing; Cooption of Councillors; W&F Adult Learning – September 24 courses; Star Council Awards 24; W&F Local Plan – Consultation 8th July– 9th September 24

NALC – Chief Executives Bulletin; NALC events; Newsletter 3/7/24; Chief Executive Bulletin; Job listings; NALC Events

Cumbria Tourism – Hawkshead & Windermere VAMP Online meeting; VAMP meeting online

Claife PC – Minutes and Agenda

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

Forestry Commission – Stakeholder Consultation – Forest Management

Lake District National Park Authority – Have your say on the biodiversity supplementary planning document

Parliament UK – Safety of Lithium ion batteries and e-bikes/scooters

A Wilson – New village street maps

**112/2024 Date of next meeting**

It was agreed that the next meeting would be Tuesday 17th September at 7.30 pm in the Upper Market Hall and there would be no August meeting unless something urgent required one.

The meeting closed at 8.46 pm

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