

**Minutes of the meeting of Hawkshead Parish Council
Held in Upper Market Hall, Hawkshead on Tuesday 17 January 2023 at 7.30 pm**

Present: Cllr Woodhouse (Chair)
Cllrs Brown, Bremner, Johnston, Spedding, Moulton
Clerk – Tracey Thornley

In attendance: 2 members of public

1/2023 **Apologies**

RESOLVED County Cllr Brereton, Cllr Berry

2/2023 **Requests for Dispensations**

RESOLVED No requests received

3/2023 **Declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests in respect of Agenda items**

RESOLVED No requests

4/2023 **Minutes**

RESOLVED the Chairman of the meeting was authorised to sign the minutes of the meeting held on 20th December 2022

Police, County and District Councils, and Public Participation

5/2023 Police

The clerk had collected the following data from the Police.uk website (on 16/1/23) there were no incidents

6/2023 District Councillors

Not present

7/2023 County Councillor

Cllr Brereton sent his apologies and the following update:-

Regards the Town Squares project, I have been copied into the correspondence between Helen's team and the parish council; some of my members highway money is allocated and will need to be put towards a work order before 31 March. Please keep me apprised and if I can be of assistance in urging/advising an officer site visit just let me know; otherwise liaise directly with Helen and copy me on the email.

Re gritting, replenishing salt heaps and grit bins, and indeed road sweeping, I am afraid provision of late has been poor, and the ad hoc arrangements of the County and District do seem unfit for purpose going into the new authority. I have had words with Peter Thornton in this matter, who is the Cabinet member on County for Finance/the Economy and will take up the role of Highways on the new W&F Council. He concedes arrangements this winter have at times been "shambolic", so I have urged that they look to the excellent Working Together pilot that seems to have been killed stone dead by Covid and take those lessons forward re partnership working and procurement in the new authority. Obviously, I will not be your representative in the new council, but I know Suzanne Pender will be very proactive in this matter and we discussed how to service an effective handover at the last shadow authority meeting.

Finally, you may have heard (or may not, as it was slipped out just before Christmas) that the £15m replacement electric vessel for the Windermere Ferry has been shelved; very disappointing given that Peter Thornton was only recently reassuring us at Local Committee that all remained on course and budget. As and when I know more and we get some answers from Peter and senior officers involved I will update you all. I know Anne and other members of the Local Windermere Ferry Advisory Group including myself are very disappointed.

A report was received from Cllr Brodie regarding the recent news regarding the Ferry as follows:-

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- replacement ferry plans postponed; reasons given include economic (inflation, high costs of steel) and funding uncertainty for Council and lack of suitable tender companies.
- instead of replacement, a maintenance and improvements programme to prolong the life of Mallard to be developed.

Questions arising from this information are:-

What is the Plan B maintenance and improvement programme for the Mallard?

Will the Marine and Coastguard Authority accept plan B and allow the Mallard to continue in service

If the Mallard continues in service will the plans for a ticketing app. go ahead? The app. will provide critical information about who is using the ferry and when.

What is the shortfall in funding that has prevented replacement plans to go ahead?

Why wasn't the funding gap recognised sooner?

Could a change in specifications (e.g., drop plans for powering with electricity, provision of on-board shop) reduce cost sufficiently to bridge the funding gap?

Will the Westmorland and Furness Authority retain the ambition to replace the ferry?

Suzanne Pender, our shadow authority Councillor, has requested answers from Owen David, the Programme Manager, to several of the same questions.

8/2023 **Public Participation**

Member of the public voiced concern regarding what will happen to the ferry in the future, discussion regarding the amount of money already spent on a study and now they will start again. Will the new Westmorland and Furness Council be as keen to keep the Ferry they need to know how important it is to the local community, they need to understand the problems. Discussion took place and the Clerk was asked to write to the Chair of Cumbria County Council to ask what is happening with the future of the ferry and will there be engagement with the local community.

Member of the public raised the issue of potholes in the parish – complaining that the roads are a disgrace – the Chair confirmed that we are reporting the issues, he had bumped into a Highways worker and asked if we should be doing something else to get these potholes filled, explaining that we were reporting on the Highways online system they confirmed that the correct procedure is being completed.

9/2023 **Ongoing Issues Action Results**

RESOLVED Charitable legacy JA Bond – Pauline has kindly planted the bulbs with help from Jeremy the Chair wished to thank them for their help.

UNRESOLVED Beck watch – Whatsapp group is working well, the water looked like it might go over (due to volume of water rather than blockages)

UNRESOLVED emergency plan – Generator is going to be moved, Clerk has spoken to ENW who are currently looking at systems of communication after Arwen and will keep us in the loop with progress.

UNRESOLVED Pre-School future - ongoing

RESOLVED update on response from Planning department regarding Red Lion decking area E2022/0207 – enforcement notice had been issued and it has been removed

UNRESOLVED update on replacement benches around the village - ongoing.

UNRESOLVED response from LDNPA regarding Heelis Place the play equipment and the bench has been replaced – no communication regarding the play equipment this is ongoing

UNRESOLVED vehicles driving the wrong way up the one way street – still a concern as it is a regular occurrence Clerk to ask PCSO if they can have presence in the area, a large percentage of locals are offenders. Discussion took place regarding other deterrents.

UNRESOLVED – update on the grit bins being filled – some had been filled but not all of them

10/2023 **Highways Issues**

To note Highways issues in the Parish:

UNRESOLVED Potholes by the Outgate passing place E1/44445, E1/70756, E1/79322, E1/898807, E1/110354– ongoing

UNRESOLVED Hannakin potholes E1/46161, E1/70753, E1/79319, E1/109070– ongoing some had been part-filled.

UNRESOLVED Sunk cover on the road at Barnfield Junction E1/46156 – ongoing

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UNRESOLVED All drains along North Lonsdale Road are blocked with mud E1/79317 – ongoing
 RESOLVED Dan Becks under the road drains are blocked causing flooding each time it rains E1/79318, E1/89810. E1/109057
 UNRESOLVED A pot hole just past Rough Close/Brackenrigg on the edge of the road E1/88893 ongoing
 UNRESOLVED 2 potholes opposite each other just past south entrance to Belmont E1/89803 E1/110357 ongoing
 UNRESOLVED hole in telecom cover outside Brown Cow Cottages E1/103031 ongoing
 UNRESOLVED Hawkshead Old Hall potholes E1/103033 ongoing
 UNRESOLVED Roadside near Lakes lodges a hole is developing in the edge of the road E1/1103351
 UNRESOLVED streetlight outside Sun Inn not working E1/110326
 UNRESOLVED Drain Hawksgarth running out of it instead of into it. E1/110343
 UNRESOLVED potholes at the bridge at the bottom of Esthwaite on road to Sawrey E1.109164

11/2023 Finance & Governance Issues

RESOLVED Councillors authorised payment of the following accounts:-

Clerk wages	£383.50
HMRC – PAYE	£ 96.00

RESOLVED Councillors acknowledged the following income sources

Old Police Car Park Permits	£166.00
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RESOLVED to confirm and sign the precept for 2023/24 the final figure was agreed as there was no confirmation of a small grant this year the precept had been slightly increased to cover this.

RESOLVED to complete and agree the 3rd quarter budget and accounts the accounts were reviewed agreed as a correct record and signed by Cllr Bremner.

12/2023 Planning

RESOLVED Councillors considered planning applications and formulated comments to the planning Authority: None

9.2 To note the following Notices of Grant/Refusal of Planning/Appeals/Withdrawn/information only applications:- None

13/2023 Hawkshead Project

The Chair reported that we were waiting for confirmation of funding of £3900 from SLDC, the Tenders had been resubmitted with revised prices, Councillors spent time studying the accounts and it was felt that if the funding was secured there are sufficient funds to go ahead with the project. Clerk to keep in touch with Councillors with progress of funding and if agreed Councillors will need to confirm their final decision on going ahead ASAP.

14/2023 Lengthsman

With the bad weather he hadn't been out but he will start again soon. A post and wire fence has fallen down in the Old Police Car Park, a new post is there ready to be replaced, Lengthsman to asked to continue with road sign washing in the parish and fix the fencing.

15/2023 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*

16/2023 Correspondence (for information only)

To note the following e-mails received since last meeting
 SLDC – Helping the homeless this Christmas; Parish Precept 2023/24; Support is only a phone call away; Flood Advisory service teleconference update.
 South Lakeland Area Support – Spring term courses; Household support small grants fund.
 CALC – New opportunity – ZCCP sector group leads; Local Government Re-organisation (LGR) – Newsletter 16th December; Helping homeless this Christmas; Funding opportunities info and community climate grants; Council services over Christmas; Police and Crime Commissioner ask public their view on budget proposals; SLDC Services over Christmas; CALC news November and December 2022; Thank you from South Lakes PTC;

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Wednesday update 4/1/23; Sustainable warmth grants in Cumbria; Cumbria Community Resilience Group;
Cumbria Local Authority Climate update 23/12 – 6/1
Westmorland & Furness Council – Council plan adopted; Merry Christmas
Claife PC – Gritting Contractor training; Meeting agenda and minutes
Christmas Fair – new year dates
Cllr Brodie – Ferry Replacement plans; Highways issue E1/106290
Cllr Pender – New Windermere Car Ferry
LDNPA – Update vandalised toilets
Highways – Hawkshead grit issues
Coniston PC – Meeting Friday 23rd December deferred to 16 January
Highways – Temp Road closure C5050 Barngates
Cllr Troughton – Locality Grant- *Clerk to write to Cllr Troughton to ask whether new benches would be an acceptable application for this grant*
Zurich – Insurance renewal
Hedgehogrus – Hedgehog Highway project
Student – Research on Youth Councils – Survey request
LDNPA – E/2022/0207 Land at Red Lion Inn
Lakes PC – change of address
R Warwick – Tender update
Cumbria Police – Ulverston, Low Furness, High Furness and Grange November – December 2022; The Lakes & Rural Lakes – November – December 2022

17/2023 **Date of next meeting**

The next meeting will be Tuesday 21st February 2023 in the **Lower Market Hall**, Hawkshead at 7.30 pm.

The meeting closed at 9.12 pm