

Minutes of the meeting of Hawkshead Parish Council
Held in Lower Market Hall, Hawkshead on Tuesday 19th April 2022 at 7.30 pm

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

In attendance: 2 members of the public

57/2022 **Apologies**

RESOLVED Cllr Brown, Cllr Berry

58/2022 **Requests for Dispensations**

RESOLVED No requests received

59/2022 **Declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests in respect of Agenda items**

RESOLVED declarations of interest were received from Cllrs Moulton, Spedding, Bremner, Woodhouse

60/2022 **Minutes**

RESOLVED the Chairman was authorised to sign the minutes of the meeting held on 15th March 2022

Police, County and District Councils, and Public Participation

61/2022 Police

A response from the police had been received regarding out of date statistics online they reported to use the system the Clerk had already been accessing but on her recent search it show 1 crime of ASB and 1 crime of criminal damage during January. The Clerk had looked at the figures prior to the meeting and the system showed 9 crimes in the larger area labelled “Coniston Area” when zooming in on Hawkshead it show no crimes. There were 2 in Grizedale (2 x violence & sexual offence) 2 in Coniston (1 x theft 1 x violence & sexual offence).

A member of the public asked for it to be read out and recorded that they had an attack on their property on the night of 29th January and feel the community should be aware and may be able play their part in solving this crime.

62/2022 District Councillors

Not Present

63/2022 County Councillor

Not Present

64/2022 Public Participation

National Trust sent an update from John Moffat which included the following:-

The Beatrix Potter Gallery is currently open Mon to Thurs only – they are on reduced opening at present due to staffing challenges, both recruitment and sickness

Hill Top house currently open Sun to Weds and garden only Thurs/Fri, but that is being reviewed at present
Wray Castle open Wed to Sun, grounds and café 7 days per week

Message for all our places is to please check website before visting, they are having to constantly review
No vacant properties in the parish and none coming up that they are aware of.

A member of the public wanted to discuss the Windermere Ferry and what the current situation was regarding a public consultation. Clerk to contact Cllr Brereton and Cllr Brodie for an update regarding this.

Survey on potholes the member of public had reported 65 potholes and only half had been temporarily repaired, he had asked for data regarding the pothole reporting in the area under the freedom of information act but the Council replied that the system was unable to provide the data requested. Cllrs confirmed that the Clerk will continue to report potholes in the Parish.

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The small wall by the old bank building has been knocked and the area looks untidy – Action Clerk to contact National Trust to see if the wall belongs to them.

A member of the public had raised concerns regarding empty properties in the area in particular High Barn near Moor Top and Gable Cottage in Hawkshead. Clerk to write to the Forestry Commission and the Housing Trust to ask what is happening with these properties.

65/2022 **Ongoing Issues Action Results**

UNRESOLVED Lighting at the Old Police Car Park - ongoing look into place some at different areas within the car park

UNRESOLVED placement of new Planter – Cllr Bremner will speak to the gardner at the primary school to organise plants which she will be reimbursed for and ask about planting bulbs around the village for spring next year.

UNRESOLVED Charitable legacy JA Bond – ongoing

UNRESOLVED Beck watch – ongoing

UNRESOLVED emergency response funding for a generator – Cllr Johnston had spoken to the Outgate Reading Rooms committee who confirmed that they would donate £500. The grant application had been sent to Hawkshead Society for the Benefit of the Community who have a meeting later in the week. Once funding is in place Cllrs to source a suitable generator.

UNRESOLVED bins outside the Kings kitchen window – it was felt that these should be on the cobbles behind the property

66/2022 **Highways Issues**

To note Highways issues in the Parish:

Potholes by the Outgate passing place – Clerk to report

Pothole outside the south gate at Belmont – Clerk to report

RESOLVED Grate raised just past fishery- Clerk to report

Potholes junction at fishery – Clerk to report

Hannakin potholes – although the large pothole had been filled the large area of ground where the top layer has lifting is getting worse - Clerk to report

Tree obstructing the road at the top of Skinner Howe Lane Massive pothole road crumbling – Clerk to report

Speed awareness signs to be placed in Outgate - the Clerk had sent a letter to Highways asking for permission for the placement of the signs, the outcome being that it will be on the Agenda of the Casualty Reduction and Safer Highways group. They also sent a list of criteria to be met and policy from Cumbria Road Safety Partnership. The Outgate community who are funding the signs wanted it known that they are happy to take responsibility for maintaining the signs etc, it is for purely safety purposes. Clerk to write to Peter Hoskins confirming this.

Drain just past the Sawmill Hawkshead Hill - Clerk to report

Speed sign is flashing 30 when should be 20 Cllr Spedding will speak Pandora signs

67/2022 **Finance & Governance Issues**

RESOLVED Councillors authorised payment of the following accounts:-

Tracey Thornley – Clerk wages	£292.40
Tracey Thornley – (purchase 2 nd solar light)	£ 30.99
Patsy Haddow – Payroll services	£120.00
CALC – membership subscription	£174.07

RESOLVED Councillors acknowledged the following income sources:-

VAT	£527.60
Locality Grant – Cllr Troughton (Emergency Plan generator)	£500.00

The Clerk reported that Outgate Reading Room had sent a donation for the Snowplough £100.00

Clerk to send a thank you for money and confirm it will be ringfenced for next winter.

RESOLVED the final quarter accounts had been circulated prior to the meeting the audit was agreed and completed and signed by Cllr Bremner

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RESOLVED the appointment of David Vaughan as the internal auditor for year end accounts was agreed. Clerk to get the final accounts and audit paperwork to David.

RESOLVED The annual salary review for the Clerk took place there had been delay from NALC regarding an increase in the scales which has meant the last pay increase was in 2020. It was agreed to increase the Clerks pay to scp 16 in line with other local clerks.

68/2022 **Planning**

RESOLVED Councillors considered planning applications and formulated comments to the planning Authority:-

Cllr Moulton left the meeting

7/2022/ 5123 – 15 Hawksgarth, Hawkshead, Ambleside, LA22 0NP – Proposed extensions – Councillors viewed the plans and had no objections.

Cllr Moulton re-joined the meeting and Cllr Woodhouse left the meeting.

7/2022/5192 – Howe Farm, Hawkshead, Ambleside, LA22 0QB – Resurfacing of existing yard hardstanding - Councillors viewed the plans and had no objections

Cllr Woodhouse re-joined and Cllr Spedding left the meeting

7/2022/5197 – Claife View, Roger Ground, Ambleside, LA22 0QG – Change of use of dwelling from an agricultural workers dwelling to a local occupancy dwelling – Councillors considered the plans and no objections

Cllr Spedding re-joined the meeting

7/2022/5198 – Hawkshead Old Hall, Hawkshead, Ambleside, LA22 0NN – Re-roof and replace cement render with lime render – Councillors viewed the plans and had no objections

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

7/2022/5112 – Field Head Farm, Outgate, Ambleside, LA22 0PY – two storey extension, single storey porch, external & internal alterations - granted

7/2021/5946 – Lime Tree Yard, Barnfield, Hawkshead, LA22 0PJ – Demolition of existing garages and workshop and construction of new light industrial buildings, including dwelling space and associated car parking – refused.

69/2022 **Hawkshead Project**

No response from Rob at R G Parkins – Clerk will chase this.

70/2022 **Lengthsman**

The Lengthsman has resigned discussion took place regarding advertising the position. Clerk to action advertising.

There was also discussion regarding the re-cycling area and in particular the rubbish in the hedges around the site. Clerk to contact LDNPA to see if they can do a litter pick to tidy this up, as we have been paying the Lengthsman to this.

71/2022 **Queens Platinum Jubilee 2nd June 2022**

Beacon lighting – need to find out what time lighting should commence. Parishioners of High Wray are having a celebration in their village hall, Cllr Woodhouse will let them know what time it's going to be lit so they can incorporate this into their plans. Clerk to find out what time Beacons are to be lit.

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72/2022 **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*
None

73/2022 **Correspondence (for information only)**

To note the following e-mails received since last meeting

CALC – Wednesday update 9/3; 2 new Councils for Cumbria; Parliamentary constituencies secondary consultation; Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) Newsletter 10/3; SLDA Wildlife Sites event; New NALC briefing – GB1-22 Ukraine; Support for Ukraine – survey; Wednesday roundup 16/3; LGR – Town and Parish Council session 15/3/22; News release – Council backs the great british spring clean 2022; South Lake District Association meeting 24/3/22; Major milestone for LGR; LGR newsletter 16/3; Wednesday update 23/3; Updates and Events from the ZCC team; LGR Newsletter 25/3; Wednesday update 30/3; LGR newsletter 31/3; ACT update e-newsletter; Year end accounts; Practitioners Guide 2022; Minutes of the South Lakeland District Association meeting 24/3; Wednesday update 6/4; Year end accounts and audit training; CALC new resilience project; LGR newsletter 7/4; LGR – interim appointments; Invitation to other councils; Building community resilience – questionnaire; Smaller councils committee letter to small councils.

Member of the public – query – local incident not reported in police section of Minutes

Cumbria Police – Ulverston, High Furness & Grange; The Lakes & Lakes Rural Feb 22; The Lakes & Lakes Rural – March 22

Member of public – Ferry

Member of public – Outgate speed awareness equipment

SLDC – Eligible business urged to apply for covid grants before too late; Covid cases double in 7 days (18/3);

Free covid testing ends in Cumbria for most people; Weekly list 31/3; Briefing note – homes for Ukraine scheme;

Platinum jubilee in south Lakeland; Cost of living support available.

Cllr Brodie – Windermere Advisory Group

Coniston PC – Agenda and Minutes

Member of the public – Ferry; Ferry update

Member of the public – virtual meeting with A Jones CCC

Market Hall Committee – re generator

Asics Windermere Marathon – 22 May 22

Cllr Brodie – Ferry Public consultation

PCSO Ross – Theft of heating oil/diesel

PKF Littlejohn – CU110 HPC – 2021/22 AGAR external Auditor instructions

Lengthsman – resignation

LDNPA – visitor are action plan

LDNPA – views sought on action on second homes/holiday lets; Updated link

Rural – The Rural bulletin 29/3/22

Elections – Notice of Election

Member of the public – respond to DEFRA landscape consultation

Member of the public – Lake bylaw 1977

Member of the public – Windermere Ferry and potholes

PCSO Ross – Police crime statistics

Cumbria CC – Speed awareness sign acknowledgement

74/2022 **Date of next meeting**

The next meeting will be Tuesday 17th May 2022 in the **Lower Market Hall**, Hawkshead at 7.30 pm.

The meeting closed at 8.51 pm