

**Minutes of the meeting of Hawkshead Parish Council**  
**Held in the Lower Market Hall, Hawkshead on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2023 at 7.30 pm**

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

In attendance: 4 members of the public

**154/2023 Apologies**

RESOLVED Apologies received from Cllrs Berry, Spedding, Brown

**155/2023 Requests for Dispensations**

RESOLVED No requests received

**156/2023 Declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests in respect of Agenda items**

RESOLVED Cllr Woodhouse declared an interest in Planning items 7/2023/5713 and 7/2023/5714

**157/2023 Minutes**

RESOLVED the Chair was then authorised to sign the minutes of the meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> November 2023.

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

**158/2023 Police**

The Clerk had looked on the Police.uk website (18<sup>th</sup> December) and there were 4 crimes in the area dated October 2023

1 x violence and sexual offence – Hawkshead (nr Coop)

1 x burglary – Spika Lane Outgate

1 x burglary – near Field Head Old Farm

1 x other theft – Skinner Howe Lane

**159/2023 Westmorland and Furness Council**

Not present

**160/2023 Public Participation**

Member of public – after the heavy snowfall they had come to offer their disgust and anger at the treatment of the north end of the village, why was only the south end cleared. There were people who could not get to the Coop or out of their homes. Cllrs were unsure who had cleared the south end but felt it was done by private individuals. The PC has no grit as the County Council will provide any or allow the PC to use the snowplough/gritter on the highway. They want the contractor to do training but are not able to identify which course they want them to go on. If the PC were allowed to use the snowplough and gritter the highways around Hawkshead would have been cleared as it has been previously. Clerk to email Cllr Pender to express disappointment in the way Hawkshead was not helped and point out a salter, plough and funding to do the job are all in place but the previous council obstacles have caused issues highlighted by the events that happened on the 3<sup>rd</sup> we feel our hands are tied.

Member of the public wanted to make Cllrs aware that they had received a letter from Planning Authority regarding a shepherds hut which has been on their property for 2 years informing them that they have received a complaint that it does not have planning permission and this is being investigated. They feel the hut is an asset to the village as it offers a different type of accommodation for visitors and has been busy bringing people to Hawkshead.

Member of the public wanted to know if there had been any further updates on the Windermere Ferry service. Cllrs had received a report from the PC representative (the feedback from the Council was read out). They are concerned that service is currently very limited and is having an effect on the economy in Far/Near Sawrey and Hawkshead. Clerk to email Cllr Pender to ask if she can find out what the future plans are regarding the limited service being offered, how the Council plans to solve the problems being encountered with ferry maintenance issues and what sort of service they are going to provide.

Chair Initials ..... Date .....

Member of the public - snow and ice by doctors surgery can permission be sourced to place a salt bin on the adjoining land, is there anyway funding can be provided for one? Clerk to email to S Hill, Lake District National Park Authority to ask if they are willing to have one on their land?

### 161/2023 Ongoing Issues Action Results

RESOLVED emergency plan – It was agreed that 24 hours if the electricity is off the emergency plan would come into operation. Cllr Bremner had spoken to the Coop and unfortunately they are not allowed to supply any stock which has not been refrigerated at a certain temperature, it has to be returned to the depot.  
UNRESOLVED new parking spaces Red Lion Yard – discussion took place and it was felt that Victory Cottage might own the road. It was felt the middle post in the new car park spaces with the boundary with the Old Police Car Park has been moved. Clerk to pursue Land Registry for ownership information.  
UNRESOLVED leaning tree Old Police Car Park has not been removed. Clerk write a letter to the office at Grasmere. Cllr Woodhouse will pop into Boon Crag to see if anyone can help there.

### 162/2023 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  
UNRESOLVED Pothole near the Boatyard Hawkshead Hill E1/149991, E1/175119- ongoing  
UNRESOLVED Pothole by the houses on the bend Hawkshead Hill E1/149994, E1/175120 - ongoing  
UNRESOLVED Pothole near Tarn Hows junction on Hawkshead Hill E1/149995, E1/161777, E1/175121 – ongoing  
UNRESOLVED The footpath has raised due to tree roots by the outside the Grammar School Barn E1/165284  
UNRESOLVED raised footpath by the school E1/161777 – highways have it on their list.  
UNRESOLVED deep pothole on Hannakin hill E1/175112  
UNRESOLVED missing school warning signs E1/175118  
UNRESOLVED loose slab/slate outside Tigers Eye E1/177640  
UNRESOLVED loose slabs/slates outside the Queens and Chemis E1/177643  
UNRESOLVED saltbins being filled E1/177627  
UNRESOLVED all local drains need clearing E1/177362  
Cllrs discussed all the ongoing issues and feel that the service is extremely slow to repair issues. The drains should be part of the maintenance they need to be emptied of gravel but also checked that they are clear. The HIMS reporting system does not seem to help. Clerk to contact Cllr Pender to find out who is in charge of Highways so we can express the PCs disappointment at the service the parish is receiving.

### 163/2023 Finance & Governance Issues

RESOLVED Councillors authorised payment of the following accounts:-

Clerk wages (November 2023)	£	644.30
HMRC – PAYE	£	161.20
National Trust Old Police Car Park	£	156.00
Westmorland & Furness Council – Coring	£	1,009.20
Community Heartbeat Trust Rental (1/1/24-1/1/25)	£	72.00

RESOLVED the invoice from Metcalfes arrived after the agenda had been published, the payment had been agreed at the last meeting along with the funds to be transferred from the Reserve to Current Account payment was authorised as follows:

Metcalfes (Squares project)	£63,340.80
-----------------------------	------------

RESOLVED Councillors acknowledges income sources:-

Westmorland & Furness LIPs funding (Squares project)	£23,900.00
Westmorland & Furness Hawkshead Grant regeneration	£16,620.00

RESOLVED Budget setting 24/25 – the draft budget was viewed and discussion took place it was agreed that there would be a 1.5 % increase in the precept this year.

Chair Initials ..... Date .....

164/2023 **Planning**

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

Councillor Woodhouse did not take part in this part of the meeting Cllr Johnston took the lead.

7/2023/5713 – Kings Arms Hotel, The Square, Hawkshead, Ambleside, LA22 0NZ – Extension to north, replacement windows & doors, new signage, general refurbishment and internal alterations and new internal link to cellar. Cllrs viewed the plans and had no objections – Clerk to notify Planning

7/2023/5714 – Old Kings Arms, The Square, Hawkshead, LA22 0NZ – Extension to the north, replacement windows & doors, new signage, general refurbishment and internal alterations and new internal link to cellar. Cllrs viewed the plans and had no objections – Clerk to notify Planning.

Cllr Woodhouse rejoined the meeting

RESOLVED the following planning application had been received since publishing of the agenda and had a deadline prior to the next meeting, the Councillors agreed to consider the plans and formulate comments to the Planning Authority:-

7/2023/5742 – Wild Goose Cottage, Roger Ground, Ambleside, LA22 0QG – General refurbishment of cottage.

Repair and rebuilding of dilapidated barn and conversion of domestic storage space into family room, kitchen, utility and boot room. Cllrs 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:-

7/2023/5571 – Walker Ground Cottage, Vicarage Lane, Hawkshead, Ambleside, LA22 0PD – Alterations to the existing window on the north west gable elevation – Granted.

7/2023/5604 – Hawkshead Old Hall, Hawkshead, Ambleside, LA22 0NN – proposed electricity works - Granted

165/2023 **Hawkshead Project and Hawkshead Destination Project**

The invoice is being paid for the north end and it is believed it has stopped the volume of vehicles going through and slows them down this was all completed with grant money and is an improvement to the village. The south end will be looked at early in the new year, although funding will also need to be sourced.

Destination Hawkshead project - the grant money has arrived. Cumbria Tourism have provided quote for the website Cllr Woodhouse will have a word with committee to find out what is happening next.

166/2023 **Lengthsman**

The Lengthsman has been restricted by the bad weather but will continue with the jobs from last month, the Clerk to ask him to sort the brambles by the Old Police CP, do a general tidy and litter pick.

167/2023 **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*

168/2023 **Correspondence (for information only)**

To note the following e-mails received since last meeting

CALC – Feedback from Moore; Post Office Ltd Troutbeck; Community Catalysts; FOFU November 2023 Cumbria CVS; Articles for CALC news; Climate and Carbon Literacy training course; VAT on Sports facilities; AGM Minutes; Clerk Forum; PCCU info Christmas club, DWP info on Autumn statement, Summary how to access Hardship payments; Forum Date; Local vacancy to promote; We are winter ready campaign; CALC News; Is your community winter ready, W&F PC forum 12/12/23; ; 20mph speed limit applications for release Monday 4 December; Major incident update snow; CCRG Update on the weekends weather; Fraud prevention; Money Advice Outreach fund; Every life matter winter training programme; Local Health and Wellbeing survey; Snow event debrief questionnaire; Charge my street; CALC Christmas opening 2023; Precept 2023/24 information; Business support & grants now available; W&F budget consultation

Westmorland & Furness Council – Invoice for Coring; Water supply, Ambleside, Coniston and Ulverston; Weekly list w/c 20/11; Major weather disruption update and advice; Waste and Recycling collections and HWRCs; JACS winter preparation; Weather disruption update; Council Tax support grant; Urgent road closure C5020 Outgate 6<sup>th</sup> December; Emergency road closure U5022 Knipe Fold, Outgate

Rural Services Network - Rural Bulletin 14/11; Rural Bulletin 21/11; Rural Bulletin 28/11; Rural Bulletin 5/12; RSN Rural Funding Digest 23; Rural Bulletin 12/12;  
Coniston PC – Agenda and Minutes; Agenda 11/12 and Minutes  
NALC – Chief Executive Bulletin 16/11; NALC Newsletter; Chief Executive Bulletin 23/11; Newsletter 29/11; Chief Executive Bulletin 30/11; Star Council awards 2023; Newsletter 6/12; Chief Executive Bulletin 7/12;  
Cllr Pender – Posters for community drop in; Winter gritting in rural parishes; Temporary Emergency Road Closure – C5019; For Information; News release Council launches new community orchard grant scheme; Rural areas Coniston and Hawkshead ward; Rural areas Coniston and Hawkshead Ward urgent grit piles request; Newby Bridge/Hawkshead road closed; Hawkshead Square; Parish Council Forum  
Member of public – Complaint – spoiling the countryside – *Cllrs are aware that there is an ongoing case with LDNPA*  
Claife PC – Windermere ferry; Minutes and Agenda  
Cllr Brodie – Windermere ferry; Windermere ferry new update/newsletter  
Cllr Bremner – Nursery open day Monday  
Christmas Fair committee – update; Christmas Fair 2024  
Member of the public – highways drains  
Member of the public – grit bin query  
National Trust – Invoice for rent  
Member of the public – Assistance request  
*LDNPA Building requested further info*  
Cumbria Police – Newsletter November 2023 The Lakes & Rural Lakes; Ulverston, Low Furness, High Furness & Grange  
Local Businesses – Skip outside PoppiRed

169/2023 **Date of next meeting**

The next meeting will be Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2024 at 7.30 pm in the Lower Market Hall

The meeting closed at 9.07 pm