

Minutes of the meeting of Hawkshead Parish Council
Held in the Lower Market Hall, Hawkshead on Tuesday 19th March 2024 at 7.30 pm

Present: Cllr Eileen Johnston(Chair)
Cllrs Brown, Bremner, Berry
Clerk – Tracey Thornley

In attendance: 1 member of the public

In the absence of the Chair and Deputy Chair a vote for the Chair of the meeting was taken Cllr Johnston was asked if she would fulfil the role she agreed and was proposed by Cllr Brown and seconded by Cllr Bremner

33/2024 **Apologies**

RESOLVED Apologies received from Cllrs Woodhouse, Moulton, Spedding and Westmorland & Furness Councillor Pender

34/2024 **Requests for Dispensations**

RESOLVED No requests received

35/2024 **Declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests in respect of Agenda items**

RESOLVED None

36/2024 **Minutes**

RESOLVED the Chair of the meeting was authorised to sign the minutes of the meeting held on 20th February 2024.

Police, Westmorland and Furness Council, and Public Participation

37/2024 Police

The Clerk had looked on the Police.uk website on 19 February 2024:- 1 crime in the area dated January 2024 – crime of violence and sexual offence – on or near Barnfield.

38/2024 Westmorland and Furness Council

Cllr not present

39/2024 Public Participation

*National Trust – Laura sent her apologies and the following update:- **Willam Heelis Office Building (Gallery)** We have circulated a position statement on the building which I think has been shared with the Parish Council – if not please let me know. While the building can not be improved to a level to host the Beatrix Potter collection we are keen to explore long-term financially sustainable options for the building and are open to any ideas from the PC and local community. Suzanne Pender has asked us to consider the building for local housing and the Estate Manager has been commissioned to explore this – likely very high cost though.*

***Ferry – Hill Top – Hawkshead Bus Service** This service restarts on Monday – however we have received the very disappointing news that not only will the ferry be out of service for 5 – 6 weeks (which we were aware of) but also WLC have been unable to secure permission to use the small jetty for their Bowness – Claife Service. This is a real concern for the bus as there will be no way of accessing Claife via the water for this period. The National Trust has agreed to be the sponsor of the bus so are financially liable if the service isn't used so this is very challenging. We will be working hard to try and promote the service from the Hawkshead end in the hope that people might park in Hawkshead, spend time/money in the village and visit Hill Top by bus. Visitors on the bus do not need to pre-book a ticket – unlike those visiting by car.*

***New Beatrix Potter Trail** We are working with our Curators, local primary school and a designer to design a village trail covering the key Beatrix Potter locations – we will share a draft with the PC for comment/thoughts once we have it and are launching the trail in July for the summer holidays. It will be a downloadable, self-led trail.*

Chair Initials Date

Member of the public wanted to know if the council had received any updates on the Ferry and their schedule for the maintenance work, they are concerned that there is a lot of work to do in the 5 weeks – Councillors had no updates that the member of the public was not already aware of.

40/2024 Ongoing Issues Action Results

UNRESOLVED snow gritter and plough – Ongoing
UNRESOLVED future ferry plans – ongoing
UNRESOLVED grit bin near Doctors surgery – Clerk to chase
UNRESOLVED dust cart collecting both recycling and general waste in the same cart Cllr Pender will follow this up Clerk to ask Suzanne if she had a response
RESOLVED gate at Black Beck – a new gate has been installed

41/2024 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
UNRESOLVED raised footpath by the school E1/161777 – highways have it on their list.
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
RESOLVED deep pothole by Hawkshead Field E1/190976 has been filled but needs attention again
New potholes at Outgate Clerk to report
New potholes at Gallowbarrow Clerk to report
Pothole near Eel House Clerk to report

42/2024 Finance & Governance Issues

RESOLVED Councillors authorised payment of the following accounts:-
Clerk wages £ 411.70
HMRC – PAYE £ 102.80
National Trust – remaining balance re rent increase £ 51.60
Lengthsman (invoice arrived after agenda published) £ 187.48
RESOLVED Councillors acknowledged income sources:-
Member of the public (bench in village) £ 441.66
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43/2024 Planning

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

T/2024/0034 – Laburnum House, The Square, Hawkshead – remove 1 laburnum – Cllrs have no objections but feel it would be nice for it to be replaced. Clerk to notify Planning
T/2024/0048 – Coach House, Hawkshead, Ambleside, LA22 0QE – T15 Beech – crown raise to 5m, prune to clear BT wires, garage and house by 3m. T12 Sycamore – reduce secondary leader over driveway, over prune max 2m of upper crown. T10 Beech & T11 Sycamore – reduce canopy by 3-4 m max. T19 Sycamore – remove. T23 – Sycamore, variegated – reduce by 1.5-2m and shape canopy. T18 Douglas Fir – remove. T20 – Norway Spruce – fell to ground level. T22 & T21 Norway spruce – fell to ground level. Cllrs viewed the plans and had no objections as long re-planting was completed. Clerk to notify Planning
7/2024/5110 – Land and Buildings to the North west of The Square, Hawkshead, Ambleside LA22 0NZ – Replacement windows and removal of security window bars. Cllrs have viewed plans no objections to new windows like for like however they feel that the bars should remain as a feature of the building. Clerk to notify Planning
7/2024/5118 – Gable Cottage, The Square, Hawkshead, Ambleside, LA22 0NZ – Internal dry lining to gable wall – Councillors viewed the plans and have no objections Clerk to inform Planning

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

44/2024 **Hawkshead Destination Project**

Update unavailable as the Clerk and Chair were unavailable for the meeting. Mountain Goat has started again which is great news, however they are parking in the residents spaces – blocking 3 spaces. Clerk to contact and suggest that they speak to the LDNPA to see if they can wait in their coach parking area.

45/2024 **Lengthsman**

Ask the Lengthsman whether he would be able to replace the posts on the boundary fence of Old Police Car park we are also looking at planting up the planters with ferns etc which are need less attention, the planters need more compost.

46/2024 **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*

47/2024 **Correspondence (for information only)**

To note the following e-mails received since last meeting

CALC- Vacancy for Deputy Town Clerk at Kendal TC; Official portraits of HM The King; Training on responding to LDNPA Planning Applications; BBC Radio Cumbria Make a Difference Awards; PFCC Winter Newsletter; D Day 80 flag of peace; Cumbria Fire and Rescue Community Risk Management Plan consultation; Community News; Buckingham Palace Garden Party; NALC Legal update February 2024; WAF Town and Parish Councils Forum – Biodiversity and nature recovery; How can CALC training help you; Cumberland Council and WAF apprenticeships; Our spring climate and nature newsletter; LDNPP – Latest National Park news top Lake District job opens; Cumbria in Bloom Spring Newsletter 2024; Appointment of a Director for the CALC Board South Lakeland area
Hawkshead Steering Committee – Notes; Various updates; Next meeting; Village website opportunity; Destination Hawkshead updates; Reminder of next meeting
Coniston PC – Agenda and Minutes;
NALC – Chief Executives Bulletin 15/1/24; Job listings; Chief Executives Bulletin; NALC events; Newsletter; Events; Newsletter 6/3/24; Chief Executives Bulletin 7/3/24; NALC events
Member of the Public – CCTV in the village
Member of the Public – Village planter – *It was agreed funds are available to replant the planter and to ask the MofP to source the plants as done in previous years. The new planters need more compost Clerk to source and look at perennials to keep them low maintenance*
National Trust – meetings; Lease and increase Old Police Car Park; invoice; Heelis Office update
Lakeland Trails – Hawkshead event
Members of the Public – obstructive parking
Cllr Pender – Drop in Surgeries Coniston and Hawkshead; Temp Closure Order over footpaths and bridleways in Grizedale Forest, Whinlatter Forest; Initial Discussion on social housing for Hawkshead/Hawkshead School declining numbers; Winter Arrangements for 2024/25; Cancelled green bins; Meeting re Hawkshead School and social housing; A590/M6 junc 36 safety improvements; The Micro woodlands; Initial Discussion on Social Housing
Westmorland and Furness Council – Private works agreement; Proposed locations of SIDs; Cumbria Local Nature Recovery Strategy Newsletter; Windermere Ferry service running to schedule
NHS – Lancashire and South Cumbria Cancer Alliance stakeholder spring 2024
Member of public – flooded planter
20splenty Org – Looking for volunteers to help to get 20mph limits
Hawkshead School – The future
Lengthsman – Grit piles
Claife PC – Meeting Agenda and Minutes
Elections – Bulletin2; Bulletin 3
A Wilson – Planters and BP characters; Article in the Sun newspaper
Member of public – bollard has sheared off by a vehicle
The Rural Bulletin 5 March 2024; RSN Rural Funding Digest March 2024; Rural Bulletin 12 March 24
Member of public – Car Parking charges
Member of public – NT
Brathay Trust – Brathay Marathon Saturday 18th May 24
Cumbria Police – Ulverston, Low Furness High Furness & Grant February 24; The Lakes and Lakes Rural February 2024

48/2024 **Date of next meeting**

The next meeting will be Tuesday 16th April 2024 at 7.30 pm in the Lower Market Hall

The meeting closed at 8.35 pm

Chair Initials Date