

**Minutes of the meeting of Hawkshead Parish Council
Held in Lower Market Hall, Hawkshead on Tuesday 21st March 2023 at 7.30 pm**

Present: Cllr Spedding (Deputy Chair)
Cllrs Bremner, Berry, Brown
Clerk – Tracey Thornley

In attendance: Cllr Brereton and 1 member of public present

23/2023 Apologies

RESOLVED Apologies received from Cllr Johnston and Woodhouse, District Cllr Wharton

24/2023 Requests for Dispensations

RESOLVED No requests received

25/2023 Declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests in respect of Agenda items

RESOLVED No requests

26/2023 Minutes

RESOLVED Cllr Spedding the Chairman of the meeting was authorised to sign the minutes of the meeting held on 21st February 2023.

Police, County and District Councils, and Public Participation

27/2023 Police

The clerk had collected the following data from the Police.uk website (on 21st March 2023) crimes in January 23:-

1 x public order - on or near the main car park – under Police investigation

1 x violence and sexual offence – on or near Spring Wood – under Police investigation

Councillors are concerned by the amount of violence and sexual offences in the area. Clerk to contact the PCSO to alert her to the concerns regarding reoccurring incidences.

28/2023 District Councillors

Not present

29/2023 County Councillor

Cllr Brereton said this would be his last meeting and that Cllr Suzanne Pender will take over from next month.

He was disappointed in the failure of electric ferry he has spoken to the Gazette about it and raised questions to Peter Thornton in the new council. There are plans to have an enhanced maintenance programme to keep the ferry running and extend the life span. Suzanne will take over

There is a 4.99 % council tax rise, there are plans to look at second homes and tax increases in the future. Kendal will be the main office instead of Carlisle. Highways team will be moving to Karen Johnson the local Director. Cllr Brereton has worked 6 years in the communities and the best organised parishes, all different and dedicated to what you are doing, he wanted to thank councillors for this. New email address will be the name followed by @westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk. They will try and keep continuity in the handover.

Potholes – are ongoing Highways are trying to get them done – form for claims for car damage can be found on the Council website.

30/2023 Public Participation

John Moffat from the National Trust wanted to give the Parish Council an update on what's happening in the NT.

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The numbers at Hill Top had plummeted whilst the Ferry has been out of action the Trust are willing to help to make case with support for the ferry.

Windermere Lake Cruises will be running their service to Ferry House. The Mountain Goat will also start a service to Ferry House, this will be a small timetable initially.

Beatrix Potter Gallery – is having to close for the year, it should have been open on Saturday but during maintenance work they found that the building needs some additional work which is going to take a significant amount of time. There were 21k visitors last year which was 50% less than in 2019 indoor visitors are not coming back like they used to. The Gallery will be open next year.

Hill Top visitor numbers have recovered well. Some of the art exhibition may be displayed at Hill Top.

The 2 empty residential properties will have the work completed by the end of the month and will be rented out. There will then be 100% occupancy of the properties in the parish.

Wray Castle – indoor opens this weekend, Wray campsite is open, Tarn Hows – offering mobility scooters hire again this has been popular and the Gondola opens next week. Staff recruitment has been good for this year and there are vacancies for volunteers.

The work on timber being cut down due to disease or storm damage will continue for this year.

31/2023 **Ongoing Issues Action Results**

UNRESOLVED Beck watch – insurance ongoing waiting to hear from Environment Agency The water level was high on Thursday volume of water coming down was huge but didn't flood. When the water is that high the drains can't cope and water backs up.

UNRESOLVED emergency plan – Chase up ENW to see if they have come up with any plans regarding communication in an emergency situation.

UNRESOLVED Pre-School future – ongoing

UNRESOLVED update on replacement benches around the village – ongoing will contact Cllr Troughton

UNRESOLVED vehicles driving the wrong way up the one way street – new signs have gone up Cllr Spedding will have a look at details for a camera and signage.

UNRESOLVED – update on the grit bins being filled ongoing Clerk to remind Cllrs

UNRESOLVED – pop up Post Office – ongoing

UNRESOLVED – public footpath proposal around Esthwaite Water –will discuss next meeting when more Cllrs are present.

32/2023 **Highways Issues**

Highways issues in the Parish:

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

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

UNRESOLVED All drains along North Lonsdale Road are blocked with mud E1/79317 – ongoing

UNRESOLVED A pot hole just past Rough Close/Brackenrigg on the edge of the road E1/88893E1/133271 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 Roadside near Lakes lodges a hole is developing in the edge of the road E1/1103351 E1/133268

RESOLVED streetlight outside Sun Inn not working E1/110326 this is now working

RESOLVED Drain Hawksgarth running out of it instead of into it. E1/110343 no reports of this problem

Several new potholes have appeared either side of Outgate - Clerk to report

Street light not working by the gate at the bottom of Red Lion yard - Clerk to report

Pot holes by PoppiRed – Clerk to report

Pot Hole outside the Market Hall – Clerk to report

Flood at Spring Wood needs reporting blocked drain – Clerk to report

33/2023 Finance & Governance Issues

RESOLVED Councillors authorised payment of the following accounts:-

Clerk wages	£383.50
HMRC – PAYE	£ 96.00
R G Parkins and Partners Ltd (Squares Project)	£840.00

34/2023 Planning

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

7/2023/5162 – Moss Beck, Outgate, Ambleside, LA22 0NH – Replacement windows and door to front, replace a landing window to rear and replacement render to front elevation – Cllrs viewed the plans and had no objections.

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

7/2023/5048 – Summer Hill Country House, Hawkshead Hill, Ambleside, LA22 0PP – Re planning of the internal layout together with alterations to the windows and doors on all elevations – granted
7/2022/5302 & 7/2022/5303 – Hawkshead Old Hall, Hawkshead, Ambleside, LA22 0NN – 1. Single Storey link extension joining house to side barn 2. Conversion to side barn to domestic accommodation 3. Reconfiguration of internal modern partition walls and associated internal alterations 4. Replacement of septic tank with package sewage treatment plant discharging to a flowing watercourse 5. Improvements to highway access – granted.

35/2023 Hawkshead Project

The Clerk reported that we were still waiting on a start date for the project and then it will be moving forward. Clerk will continue to chase for a date.

36/2023 Lengthsman

Cllr Brown will get in touch with the Lengthsman and confirm what works needs completing.

37/2023 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*

Councillors had received complaints regarding dog mess in the village and how it has become a real problem. Clerk to put a note in the Esthwaite Link asking people to clean up after their dogs.

A message had been received from the new owners of the Kings Arms explaining their plans – Clerk to send a thank you for letting the Parish Council know and they wish them well with the developments.

38/2023 Correspondence (for information only)

To note the following e-mails received since last meeting

Coniston PC – Agenda 20/2 and Minutes 16/1

CALC – Cost of living support; Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) Newsletter 17/2; Riverside trees find new homes; Cumbria Local Authority Climate update 28/1 – 10/2; Civility and Respect – March newsletter; Civility and Respect bespoke e-learning modules; Westmorland & Furness briefing update; March 23 Newsletter issue 5; Cumbria in Bloom Woodland Copse award and RHS big seed sow; Community hubs power loss questionnaire; LGR Newsletter 3/3; NHS Lancaster & S Cumbria Integrated care board March 23; Cost of living household support fund after LGR; CAfs newsletter – solar made easy/carbon literacy/lime workshops/climate solutions; Wednesday update 8/3; Integrated car board newsflash 10/3; LGR newsletter 10/3; CCRG – follow up on finding understanding and using weather info.

Fred Whitton Organisers – Fred Whitton challenge road closure 7th May

Rural Services Network – Bulletin 21/2; Fantastic response to rural cost of living survey; Bulletin 28/2

Cumbria Police – January 23 – Ulverston, Low Furness, High Furness and Grange newsletter; January 23 The Lakes and Rural Lakes.

SLDC – All systems go for Grange Lido and Promenade; Affordable homes scheme backed by £300,000 grant; Cabinet recommends budget for new council; Business confidence in South Lakeland remains strong; Budget agreed for new Westmorland and Furness Council; Nature in the community guide; Reassurance on Council services; Alternative energy support scheme opens today.

Lakeland Trails – Hawkshead event April 23

Malcolm Wilson Rally – Temp closure Grizedale forest

South Lakeland Area Support – Adult Education courses; Easter HAF locality flyers

Cornerstone 129152 – Pre-planning consultation

NALC – Newsletter 1/3; Chief Executive bulletin; Newsletter 8/3

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Cllr Brodie – Road closure signs re ferry
Highways – Temp road closure U5812 Outgate 21/3/23
Cumbria Action – Love Windermere conversation notes 6/3; Meeting for farmers March 20th; Face to face meeting on water quality engagement
Member of the public – Round Esthwaite Pathway

39/2023 **Date of next meeting**

The next meeting will be Tuesday 18th April 2023 in the **Lower Market Hall**, Hawkshead at 7.30 pm.

The meeting closed at 8.58 pm

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