

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

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

In attendance: 2 members of the public

138/2023 Apologies

RESOLVED Apologies received from Cllr Berry, Pender

139/2023 Requests for Dispensations

RESOLVED No requests received

140/2023 Declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests in respect of Agenda items

RESOLVED No requests received

141/2023 Minutes

RESOLVED the Chair was then authorised to sign the minutes of the meeting held on 17th October 2023.

Police, Westmorland and Furness Council, and Public Participation

142/2023 Police

The Clerk had looked on the Police.uk website (20th November) and there were no crimes reported in our parish for September 2023

143/2023 Westmorland and Furness Council

Cllr Pender had called the Clerk to send her apologies and gave a brief update:-

The Community grant had been confirmed and needs to be progressed. She had received confirmation that the new 30 minute parking spaces should be in place in April 24.

She is looking into the possibility of an art exhibition in the NT buildings next year getting local artists, sculptures etc to bring their work.

144/2023 Public Participation

Member of the public has been reporting a lot of potholes and discovered that if you word the report with safety hazard the work seems to get completed more quickly.

Member of the public wanted the PC to be aware of current Ferry issues with different parts currently broken to include pulley wheels, mooring line, bent ramp can only operate on certain depths of water and felt that it would not be running for a number of months of the year. It is also due to be on dry dock for work but the area usually used is not available so not sure where or when this work will be completed. Clerk to write and find out why it is frequently closed and what future plans are.

Police Car Park tree has been loosened in the recent weather and is leaning towards the cars. Clerk to get in touch with the National Trust.

Questions have been asked regarding the Squares Project and what it has achieved – its purpose was to detract people from accessing the road and causing issues in the square by the Coop, however the Council restricted the width of the entrance. There were engineering issues which had to meet the criteria of Highways. It was felt that all public had been given opportunities to have their say on the project.

There is a loose paving slab outside Tigers Eye tipping up when people get out of their cars and there are also loose slates outside the chemist and the Queens. Clerk to report on the highways system.

145/2023 Ongoing Issues Action Results

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UNRESOLVED emergency plan – Clerk had a draft copy for Councillors to look at, discussion took place all were happy. Cllr Bremner will have a chat with the Coop to see if they will provide milk etc in a situation like this.

RESOLVED details of planning 7/2021/5123 Land to the rear of High Cross – open enforcement case E/2023/0156 it was felt that the LDNPA have this in hand.

UNRESOLVED new parking spaces Red Lion Yard – it is unclear who owns the road – Highways replied it is not them as did LDNPA it was suggested that we try the Land Registry. Cllrs asked the Clerk to follow this up as it is not the first time this question has been raised.

RESOLVED leak on public footpath from cottage at Outgate – it has been fixed.

146/2023 **Highways Issues**

Highways issues in the Parish:

A new pothole between the Esthwaite lodge park and the top of Hannakin hill -Clerk to report

UNRESOLVED All drains along North Lonsdale Road are blocked with mud E1/79317 – ask for these to be emptied.

UNRESOLVED Roadside near Lakes lodges a hole is developing in the edge of the road E1/1103351 E1/133268 E1/143069 Clerk to report again.

UNRESOLVED Pothole near the Boatyard Hawkshead Hill E1/149991 - ongoing

UNRESOLVED Pothole by the houses on the bend Hawkshead Hill E1/149994 - ongoing

UNRESOLVED Pothole near Tarn Hows junction on Hawkshead Hill E1/149995 – ongoing

UNRESOLVED The footpath has raised due to tree roots by the outside the Grammar School Barn

UNRESOLVED raised footpath by the school E1/161777 – highways have it on their list.

The whole parish drains are in need of attention some are full of the gravel which are causing flooding issues they have not been cleaned out for years. Clerk to ask for these to be cleared out.

147/2023 **Finance & Governance Issues**

RESOLVED Councillors authorised payment of the following accounts:-

Clerk wages (October 2023)	£383.70
HMRC – PAYE	£ 95.80
Clerk Expenses (planters, plants, bulbs)	£289.49
British Royal Legion (Poppy Wreath)	£ 25.00
Lengthsman (Sept/October)	£256.50

RESOLVED Councillors acknowledged income sources:-

Pioneer (replacement planter plus soil, plants etc)	£ 244.99
Old Police Car Park Permits	£ 139.00
VAT return 22/23	£1599.36

UNRESOLVED Budget setting 24/25 – Cllrs have had a look and will make a decision at the next meeting.

RESOLVED funding for the final bill for the Squares Project was discussed there is a significant amount of VAT which we should claim back ASAP.

148/2023 **Planning**

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

T/2023/0163 – Hawkshead Esthwaite Primary, Main Street, Hawkshead, Cumbria, LA22 0NT – prune Acer at entrance by 2m to clear building Cllrs viewed the plans and had no objections Clerk to notify Planning.

7/2023/5641 – Rose Cottage, Red Lion Yard, Hawkshead, Ambleside LA22 0NU – replacement of 2 No windows, one front elevation and one rear elevation. Timber windows to be fitted. 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:-

7/2023/5648 – The Croft, Victoria Street, Hawkshead, Ambleside LA22 0NX – Approval of details reserved by condition 3 (energy statement) on planning permission 7/2023/5459 – Amendment to design of the building, condition 2 (plans) on planning permission 7/2022/5652 for alterations & extensions to redundant utilities block to create café/restaurant/bar. For information only.

149/2023 **Hawkshead Project and Hawkshead Destination Project**

End of village completed, waiting for the final invoice.

Destination Hawkshead Project – funding website, signs etc a member of the public had been in touch offering help with media they should be contacted regarding website development/involvement – Clerk to contact them.

150/2023 **Lengthsman**

Discussion took place and it was agreed to ask for him to deadhead the flowers in the pots around the village, clear the brambles in the Old Police car park.

151/2023 **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*

None

152/2023 **Correspondence (for information only)**

To note the following e-mails received since last meeting

NALC – Chief Executives Bulletin 12/10; NALC newsletter 18/10/23; Chief Executives Bulletin 19/10/23; Chief Executives Bulletin 26/10; Chief Executives Bulletin 2/11/23

Cllr Brodie – Windermere Ferry Meeting; Windermere Science evening

Westmorland and Furness Council – Weekly list 13/10; Destination Hawkshead project info; Weekly list

23/10; Remittance advice – Lips funding; Grant award – Hawkshead destination; Statutory Consultation for PC – various bridges – deadline 30/11/23

Cllr Pender – Temp Road Closure C5021 High Wray; Surgery November (Friday 24/11/23 1-1.30 pm Minstrels gallery.

CALC – Local, Regional and National funding opportunities; Local Nature recovery strategy; Biodiversity net gain – information guide for local councils; Food and Financial resilience; Changes to postal and proxy voting;

Free trees for community groups and schools; Storm Babet update; Emergency plan update; Storm Arwen

fund briefing; NALC legal update – October 23; Public consultation survey; Draft NALC response – Govt

consultation on very hard to reach broadband areas; Climate and Carbon literacy training; Local Government services pay agreement 2023 – **it was acknowledged that the Clerk was to be paid the backdated pay from**

April in the next payroll; Community survey for the joint health and wellbeing strategy; UU – Windermere poster to promote drop in sessions; AGM Minutes; Streetlink

South Lakeland Area Support – Fibrus Fund; CCRG online briefing session

Rural Services – Rural bulletin 24/10; Rural bulletin 31/10; RSN Rural funding digest Nov 23; Rural bulletin 7/11; Post Office Ltd Troutbeck; FOFU November 2023;

Claife PC – Agenda and Minutes

Matthews Benjamin – feedback cottage at Outgate

Lengthsman – update; Invoice and update

PCSO – Rural thefts

Lakedistrict.gov – Notice of intention to prohibit traffic over footpaths and bridleways in Grizedale forest during motor rallies

Metcalfes – Application for payment public realm work

Elections – Elections 2024 Bulletin 1

Cumbria Police – October 2023 – The Lakes and Lakes rural; Ulverston, Low Furness, High Furness & Grange

CAFs – workshop Cumbria Cllrs – climate science and solutions

Member of the public – parking fees

Hawkshead Xmas Fair Committee – Christmas Fair 2023 update

Member of the public had been touch regarding the drains outside their properties – Clerk to write back that we will be in touch with Highways about the drains and asked Metcalfes to also have a look.

153/2023 **Date of next meeting**

The next meeting will be Tuesday 19th December 2023 at 7.30 pm in the Lower Market Hall

The meeting closed at 9.27 pm

Chair Initials Date