

**Minutes of the meeting of Hawkshead Parish Council
Virtually by Zoom on Tuesday 22nd September 2020 at 7.30 pm**

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

In attendance: County Cllr Brereton, District Cllr Wharton

83/2020 Apologies

RESOLVED Cllrs Brown, Fordham, Moulton

84/2020 Requests for Dispensations

No requests received

85/2020 Declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests in respect of Agenda items

No declarations were received

86/2020 Minutes of Meeting – Minutes of the meeting held 28th July 2020 by Zoom

RESOLVED Minutes of the Meeting held on 28th July 2020 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chair

Police, County and District Councils, and Public Participation

87/2020 Police

Reports had been received from PCSO Ross as follows:-

21/7/2020 – 18/8/2020 there were 6 incidents of note in the Hawkshead area, these were 2 crimes of assault recorded and 2 arrests made, 2 incidents of highway disruption – dead animal and stationary vehicle, 1 crime of public order, 1 criminal damage recorded

18/8/2020 – 18/9/2020 there were 4 incidents of note in the Hawkshead area, these were 1 concern for welfare resulting in a Mountain Rescue, 1 crime of theft – no suspects, 2 rtc's – 1 damage only, 1 minor injury.

Crime Prevention – as you are aware Cumbria Constabulary took part in several multi-agency operations to tackle the issue of wild camping and anti-social behaviour over the summer. At the start of the lockdown imposed by the Government, the Police could issue fines for being away from your home address. However, this power was removed from early July when the Government permitted overnight stays in England.

Wild camping is a civil trespass matter to be addressed by the land owner concerned and it is their decision whether to take action and therefore, reports about camping need to be directed to the relevant land owner.

The Police now have the powers to disperse groups of more than 6 gathered without reasonable excuse. We are trying to do this by the 4E's engagement, explaining, encouragement and as a last resort enforcement.

The Ulverston Community Team are compiling a database of Farmers with a view to setting up a local 'Farmwatch' or similar. If anyone with a rural interest wants to be included please email me with your details debbie.ross@cumbria.police.uk

Chair Initials Date

88/2020 Cumbria County Councillor

Cllr Brereton apologised for not attending a meeting for a while and reported that there had not been much activity, he attended a full Council meeting 2 weeks ago regarding the Covid response, addressing issues of trying to keep businesses open. There had been problems with fly camping (leaving tents and equipment behind). Pubs closing earlier may attract more to visit for the weekend, as has been happening and there have been problems with raves in caves locally at Hodge Close. Concern that there are still a lot of visitors coming to the area from lockdown areas.

Recent Windermere Ferry Advisory Group meeting was positive, there have been a few issues with maintenance but hoping to be back to the regular schedule. Social distance rules on the ferry and no cash payment has been an issue. They are developing an App to book tickets online to help with the no cash payment issues. The committee resolved to not increase the fees next year. There have been issues with motorbikes which are being looked into.

Cllr Brereton enquired about the chippings at Outgate Quarry and whether they were still there, Councillors were able to confirm that they have been removed and all the fencing has also gone now too.

He has a local committee meeting tomorrow and asked if there were highways issues which continue to be a problem in the area. There is a budget available for highways maintenance. Cllr Brereton has asked that the PC to prioritise 3 roads in need of the most attention. He asks that these are sent to him before his meeting tomorrow, he felt that there were parts of roads in the area that were well overdue work especially those continuously on the agenda list with issues which keep recurring.

Cllr Woodhouse asked about the supply grit for the roads this winter and being able to access some for the snowplough there had been difficulties in the past, it would be useful to have a contact and set of procedures before the colder weather starts. Cllr Brereton will raise this as an issue and get back with contact information.

89/2020 District Councillor

Cllr Wharton apologised for his late arrival, he reported that there hadn't been a meeting this month but he had been in touch with Sara Spicer, Ranger, Lake District National Park Authority (LDNPA) who has just returned from furlough who covers this area. He felt that the cooperation between all the authorities during the past 6 months had been most beneficial to all and they were looking at how to continue this into the future.

Windermere Ferry was able to confirm Cllr Brereton's report, also mentioned that there is progress for a replacement vessel with a budget being set by the end of the year. Options are being looked into for a new vessel including ability to carry more vehicles, a possible electric powered one.

90/2020 Public Participation

No public present

Cllr Brereton then left the meeting.

91/2020 **Ongoing Issues Action Results**

UNRESOLVED accessibility of the public footpath from Roger Ground to Hawkshead village – ongoing Clerk to enquire what is happening.

RESOLVED response from the Lake District National Park Authority regarding electric car charging and funding available – the clerk contacted S Hill with the funding information received he confirmed they had seen this but were not in favour of using this, would rather organise their own in the future.

UNRESOLVED B4RN scheme – not sure whether there is enough interest and whether people are awaiting to see what BT are planning.

RESOLVED ownership of road at Roger Ground – after research it appeared that the road belongs to local residents and that the LDNPA have in the past paid towards the maintenance of the road as the public footpath also has access along the road.

UNRESOLVED the A Boards advertising by the south entrance of Hawkshead – the board in question has been removed but there is now one advertising the Artisan market it was agreed that Cllr Woodhouse would go and ask for it to be removed as this was only fair on other businesses in the village.

UNRESOLVED car parked near Pullwoods – Cllr Woodhouse went to visit the owner and offered assistance, they responded that they didn't want assistance. Cllrs have received several complaints regarding this car, as it is an obstruction preventing freeflow of the traffic, there have been a few near misses and with concerns regarding the dark nights and weather conditions changing it was felt to be dangerous. Clerk to report to PCSO pointing out concerns.

92/2020 Highways Issues

To note Highways issues in the Parish

UNRESOLVED Roger Ground – water continuing to run down the road and road starting to erode (W1980989349) (W2080996154) (W2080999073) ongoing

UNRESOLVED Pool Bridge at Town End the middle of the road on the bridge is splitting (W2080993359) (W2081001406) Clerk to get an update from Cllr Moulton

UNRESOLVED pot hole road from Outgate to Drunken Duck (W2081001409) work is being carried out

UNRESOLVED blocked drain by the YHA (W2080998948) (W2081009632)

UNRESOLVED blocked drain/gully on Hawkshead Hill near houses (W2081001413)

UNRESOLVED blocked drain past Roger Ground towards Grizedale (W2081001415) (W2081009632)

UNRESOLVED potholes at the bottom of Dale Park Road (W2081009630)

UNRESOLVED enquiries made regarding making the road by the school and Heelis Place completely one way (W2081009654)

Discussion regarding the request from Cllr Brereton in item 888/2020 for the PC to identify 3 high priority roads needing attention it was agreed to ask Cllr Brereton to put forward Hawkshead Hill, Roger Ground and Outgate – these are all long term areas where we are repeatedly reporting pothole and other highway issues. Action Clerk

93/2020 Finance & Governance Issues

Resolved Councillors authorised payment of the following accounts: -

Tracey Thornley – Clerk wages (July)	£350.60
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Tracey Thornley – expenses (D Vaughan thank you, Zoom monthly fee)	£ 55.39
A Thompson – Groundsman (mowing around the village and car park)	£576.00
Inland Revenue (PAYE)	£33.40

Resolved since the issuing the Agenda additional invoices had been received as follows, Councillors authorised the payment of the following:-

Information Commissioner – Data Protection	£40.00
A Thompson – Groundsman (second invoice mowing contract)	£288.00

Resolved Councillors acknowledged income received

Various Old Police Car Park Permits	£333.00
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Discussion also took place regarding the new NALC payscales which had recently been issued (dated 1 April 2020), all Councillors agreed that the Clerk should continue on her grade and receive the national increase to be backdated to 1st April. Clerk to notify payroll.

94/2020 Lengthsman

The Lengthsman has been in touch to say he has a full-time job but works term time only. He is willing to continue with his duties during the holidays if this is suitable. Discussion took place and Councillors decided to ask him to continue and they will monitor to see how it works.

95/2020 Planning

Resolved Councillors considered planning applications and formulated comments to the planning Authority:-
7/2020/5463 – Tolverne, Roger Ground, Ambleside, Cumbria, LA22 0QG – Local needs dwellinghouse, plot one (resubmission following withdrawal of planning application 7/2020/5079) Cllrs viewed the plans and had reservations regarding the high specification of the dwelling house with the local community having a shortage of low cost housing in the area, whether these would be affordable and therefore object to the plans. ACTION Clerk to notify Planning.

7/2020/5510 – Tolverne, Roger Ground, Ambleside, Cumbria, LA22 0QG – Local needs dwellinghouse, plot two (resubmission following withdrawal of planning application 7/2020/5079) Cllrs viewed the plans and had reservations regarding the high specification of the dwelling house with the local community having a shortage of low cost housing in the area, whether these would be affordable and therefore object to the plans. ACTION Clerk to notify Planning.

Resolved Councillors noted the following Notices of Grant/Refusal of Planning/Appeals/withdrawn applications:-

7/2020/5245 – Summer Hill Country House, Hawkshead Hill – Change of use from a Guest House including owners accommodation to single residential house (including use for short term letting) Decision – refused.

7/2020/5522 – Kowbells, Roger Ground, Ambleside, LA22 0QG – Approval of details reserved by conditions no 12 (surface water drainage scheme) and condition 154 (construction method statement and construction phase traffic management plan) of planning permission 7/2018/5434 full planning permission for new dwelling including new access. This is for information only.

7/2020/5234 – Woodlands, Roger Ground, Ambleside, LA22 0QG – extension and alterations. Decision – granted.

96/2020 Hawkshead Project

A detailed quote for the next stage had been received and circulated to Councillors, clarification is needed on a couple of points, once these had been received. Clerk to check that the SLDC who have not yet released the £20k grant is still in place. Everyone confirmed that this project needs to be moved forward.

97/2020 Councillor Matters

Doctors parking space in the square opposite the Coop – discussion took place as to whether the Doctors now use this space. Clerk to contact the surgery to see if they still need/use it and if they no longer need it contact SLDC to ask for the sign to be removed.

98/2020 Correspondence

Resolved the following e-mails received since
Coniston PC – Agenda 20/7/20; Supplementary Information
Power for people – Update local electricity bill
SLDC- Newsletter edition 8; Coronavirus Briefing update; BT Payphone removal consultation 2020; Residents start receiving annual canvass communications; Latest data show Covid-19 increase in Carlisle; Fast-track pavement licensing scheme; Natural Flood management project to begin at cherish town park; Climate change Action plan and customer and locality services; Partnership extended to support carbon neutrality aims; Focus on Funding; Businesses urged to apply for grants before deadline; Climate change community fund launch; Pausing of shielding – guidance assets; Long awaited Footbridge installed in Cartmel; Reminder Town & Parish

Council Briefing 25/8/20; Great British September clean 11-27 September; New play area opens in Grasmere; One week left business support grant; Covid 19 update; SLDC supports community clean ups; News release – Plan review deadline; Key role to drive cultural investment; Cumbria community resilience network update; Green waste collections resume; SLDC highlights importance of Covid safety in licensed premises; SL Local Plan Review; Free training; Places available on green business start up programme; Food businesses reminded about allergen safety; CALC newsletter; NHS test and trace – latest guidance on Covid 19 testing.

TRO – A5084 Water Yeat

Member of the Public – Market Charter

NHS Morecambe Bay Trust – new lead Chaplain at UHMBT; Shortlisted national diversity awards; Director of Finance leaves

Forestry England – Trees Dale Park Road

Cllr Hall – resignation

Cumbria CC – Covid 19 statement from C Cox; BT packages £5 a month

Brathay – Ambleside Trail 60 event 13th September

Claife PC – Minutes; Draft Minutes 17/8/20; Agenda 8/9/20

J Moffatt – NT update

CALC – Chief Executives bulletin; Coronavirus – information for Parish and Town Councils; Devolution White Paper – Lillian Burns Report; Chief Executives Bulletin 27/7; Highways Asset Management Strategy 2020-25; Cumbria Arts and Culture Network newsletter 29/7; Community resilience groups – comms update; Mental Health Provider Forum Bulletin; Messages to share; Action for Health and Mental Health provider; Great Cumbria litter pick 15/16 Aug; Eligibility of Town and Parish Council business grants; Cumbria Arts & Culture Network 5/8/20; Chief Executives Bulletin 14/8; Cumbria Arts & Culture Network 12/8; Nominations to CALC Executive Committee 2020; Respect the outdoors campaign; Cumbria in bloom update; Update on libraries; Additional support for neighbourhood planning groups in urban and deprived areas; Letter to Parish Councils; CALC Executive nominations; Cumbria Emergency Support helpline closing; Action for Health & Mental Health provider forum; South Lakeland Local Plan Review; National Pay Award – NALC briefing on salary award; Developing your skills programme Sept – Dec 2020; Action for health and mental health provider forum bulletin; Corporate message – Cumbria County Cabinet approve proposal for local government reform; Remind SLDA meeting 17/9/20; Planning white paper summaries, links and responses; NACO newsletter; CALC AGM Agenda and papers 26.9.20

Member of public – LDNPA have reduced car parking to £4.20 all day as a trial

V Upton – W2081009654 – re making a road strictly one way

Rural Services Network – Rural Bulletin 11/8; Rural Bulletin 18/8; Rural Bulletin 25/8

Cumbria CC – Windermere Ferry Advisory Group; Ferry Advisory Group meeting change of date

PCSO Ross – Police Report

South Lakeland Area Support – Peter McCall Cumbria’s Police and Crime Commissioner

Hawkshead Grammar School Foundation – Grant scheme

The Lap – Event passing through 12/9/20

Cllr Brodie – Ferry Advisory Group

Forestry Consultation – Forest Management carried out by Forestry England SA-FM/COC - 006972

99/2020 **Date of next meeting**

The next meeting will be Tuesday 20th October 2020 either in the Lower Market Hall, Hawkshead or via Zoom at 7.30 pm.

The meeting closed at 8.43 pm