

Minutes of the meeting of Hawkshead Parish Council
Held at Lower Market Hall, Hawkshead on Tuesday 28th September 2021 at 7.30 pm

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

In attendance: District Councillor Troughton and 5 members of the public

116/2021 **Apologies**

RESOLVED District Cllr Wharton

117/2021 **Requests for Dispensations**

RESOLVED No requests received

118/2021 **Declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests in respect of Agenda items**

RESOLVED No declarations received

119/2021 **Minutes**

RESOLVED the Chairman was authorised to sign the minutes of the meeting held on 15th June 2021 and the minutes of the meeting on 27th July 2021

Police, County and District Councils, and Public Participation

120/2021 Police

The Chair read out the local incidents (taken from the Police website) as follows – 1 criminal damage/arson Scarhouse Lane, 1 theft within the village

121/2021 District Councillors

Cllr Troughton introduced herself as the new District Councillor to the area. She talked about there are still business grants available for those suffering the effects of lockdown. She mentioned that there are locality grants available to Parish Councils. The bin collection service has disruptions due to drivers. Green Communities is up and running in some parishes.

Cllr Wharton had also sent a report which will be with the Minutes.

122/2021 County Councillor

Not present (a report was received after this meeting)

123/2021 Public Participation

Members of the public wanted to discuss items 9.1 and 9.2 on the Agenda - this was in particular to do with the Application 7/2021/5625 – Building 1, Land to the rear of Highcross, Roger Ground, Hawkshead, LA22 0QB – Use as a holiday home/dwelling (Use Class C3) and Enforcement notice appeal by – Crossley Properties Ltd Site – Land adjacent to Fell Foot, Hawkshead, Ambleside, LA22 0QB . They represent themselves and 9 other local households and feel that the application for use of the sheds as a single dwelling continues to show sporadic use and not demonstrate the sort of continual use required to justify the issues of Lawful Development Certificate. They believe the use of the sheds behind High Cross and Fell Foot for residential purposes is unauthorised and has not established continuously for more than 4 years. The Councillors agreed to discuss this particular planning at this time and asked the Clerk to reply as per item 127/2021.

National Trust – John Moffat sent a report that all is quiet it has been very busy summer, September remained busy. The Gallery and Hill Top open to the end of October half term. There are no empty properties in the Parish.

124/2021 **Ongoing Issues Action Results**

Chair Initials Date

UNRESOLVED Lighting at the Old Police Car Park - the Clerk was able to report that she had spoken to a Planning Officer explaining that it would involve 2-3 posts 4-5 ft tall with lights on a sensor and a solar battery meaning there would be no overhead cables and no digging involved. He felt that this was under Local Authority Permitted Development Rights. Cllr Woodhouse said he has some square posts in storage which need treating, he will do this. Clerk to find the email Cllr Spedding sent last year with the sample lights for Councillors to look at before the next meeting.

UNRESOLVED LDNPA electric charging points – no response had been received from an email sent over a month ago to several different people Councillors agreed to ask the Clerk to forward the email again stating that we realise with Covid an immediate response isn't always possible but a month seems adequate time.

UNRESOLVED placement of new Planter – work in progress

UNRESOLVED Cllrs and Clerk meeting with the bank to simplify systems – the Clerk reported that she had been to pay cheques in and enquired about the issues we have. They explained that we could turn the auto transfer function off so funds are not going backwards and forwards between the Reserve and Current account. Clerk to look at the budget and work out how much we would need to keep in the Current Account and bring to next meeting.

125/2021 Highways Issues

To note Highways issues in the Parish:

UNRESOLVED two roads identified for urgent attention with Cllr Brereton (Outgate W2081019686 & W2081023139, W2181032912, W2181037284, W2181047623, W2181047624, E1/474, E1/8982 (Hawkshead Hill W2081017865, W2081017866, W2081028138, W2181032911, W2181039622, E1/473).

There are potholes just before the Tarn Hows turn on Hawkshead Hill E1/473 ACTION Clerk to continue to report these potholes.

RESOLVED regarding overgrown hedges a long the Hawkshead to Newby Bridge road

UNRESOLVED Skinner How Lane E1/7534 – Clerk to report to the highways again

UNRESOLVED road eroding near Eel House E1/8985

Clerk to report potholes at the bottom of Dale Park Road

126/2021 Finance & Governance Issues

RESOLVED Councillors authorised payment of the following accounts:-

Tracey Thornley – Clerk wages July	£ 368.00
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A2A Advertising Ltd (Web hosting)	£ 78.00
Information Commission (Data Protection)	£ 40.00

RESOLVED Councillors acknowledged income sources since meeting:-

Old Police Car Park Permit	£ 208.00
Charitable Legacy from Mr JA Bond (to be used for planting And maintaining flowers, shrubs and trees to make Hawkshead A brighter place)	£10,005.08

RESOLVED first quarterly audit – Councillors had received the paperwork previously all agreed with the balance and Cllr Bremner signed them as correct.

127/2021 Planning

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

7/2021/5659 – Bettyfold, Hawkshead Hill, Ambleside, LA22 0PS – Proposed installation of a sewage treatment plant to replace the existing septic tank Clerk to notify planning no objections

7/2021/5674 – Gable Cottage, Hawkshead, Ambleside, LA22 0NZ – Lime render to rear elevation and gallows bracket Clerk to notify planning no objections

7/2021/5625 – Building 1, Land to the rear of Highcross, Roger Ground, Hawkshead, LA22 0QB – Use as a holiday home/dwelling (Use Class C3) Clerk to contact Planning that they strongly object to the submission as previously stated there was no substantial evidence of this being occupied and that the use of these buildings should be ceased.

7/2021/5645 – Hawkshead Hall Farm, Hawkshead, Ambleside, LA22 0NN – Stationing of five shepherds' huts and five camping pods all with self-contained facilities, together with associated minor groundworks

for pitch formation, parking and utilities servicing: including connecting mains foul drainage Clerk to report no objections
7/2021/5554 – Fell Foot, Hawkshead, Ambleside, LA22 0QB – replacement of dilapidated conservatory – this was put on the Agenda in error has already been granted.
T/2021/0135 – Tolverne, Roger Ground, Ambleside, LA22 0QG – Tree 25, Tree 26, and Tree 27 all Goat Willows fell for excessive shading. Replant in next planting season with 2 x Yew RB 150/175, 2 x Field Maples Bare Root 12/14 & 2 x Rowan Bare Root 12/14 – Clerk to contact Planning no objections

Planning arrived prior to the meeting but is close to the deadline, so Councillors agreed to view the plans:
7/2021/5726 - Borwick Lodge, Outgate, Ambleside, LA22 0PU – proposed orangery extension. Clerk to report to Planning - no objections

Councillors considered the Town and Country Planning (Enforcement) (written representations procedure) (England) Regulations 2002 – Enforcement – Enforcement notice appeal by – Crossley Properties Ltd Site – Land adjacent to Fell Foot, Hawkshead, Ambleside, LA22 0QB – Discussion had taken place during public participation and Councillors have asked the Clerk to write confirming their previous thoughts that they do not believe someone has been living there continuously, there is no proper evidence of this being occupied and local community have been consulted and confirm this. They feel strongly that the enforcement notice should be carried out as this is unfair on the rest of the community.

RESOLVED Councillors noted the following Notices of Grant/Refusal of Planning
7/2021/5122 2 Bank Cottage, The Square, Hawkshead, Ambleside, LA22 0NZ – Refurbishment including new roof covering, repair/replacement windows, re-wiring of the electrical supply and upgrading of the heating system, changes to internal layout at first and second floor - Granted
7/2021/5355 – The Market Hall, The Square, Hawkshead, LA22 0NZ – Removal of 2 wooden pillars and installation of PCFs to existing beams – Granted
7/2021/5612 – Ross Cottage, The Square, Hawkshead, Ambleside, LA22 0NZ – Subdivision of first floor bathroom to create an en-suite - Granted
7/2021/5615 – Rough Close, Hawkshead, Ambleside, LA22 0QF – Demolition of the existing timber outbuilding and replacement with a larger timber outbuilding – Granted

128/2021 **Hawkshead Project**

Cllr Woodhouse reported that no communication has been received, it was chased for an update in August feel it needs to be pushed again as it felt like it was moving forward but seem to be stuck again, Helen Haraslaans promises haven't happened we need a positive conclusion. Discussion took place Councillors felt that this project is taking workload from Highways so feel this should be a benefit to them. Clerk to send email to all contacts involved.

129/2021 **Lengthsman Duties**

The PC had received an application who has all the skills required, Cllr Brown agreed to continue to be the point of contact. It was agreed that this will be an initial 6 month contract and the hours will be 8 per month. Clerk to ask successful applicant to contact Cllr Brown. ACTION Clerk – notify applicant and raise a contract.

130/2021 **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*

Cllrs raised the mess in the recycling area – Clerk to contact Sue Warner, SLDC to see if she can help.

131/2021 **Correspondence (for information only)**

To note the following e-mails received since last meeting
CALC – Newsletter June/July; Cumbria CVS Summer volunteering events; National Resilience Strategy call for evidence; Communicating issues around climate; New developing your skills programme for Sept-Dec 21; Parish Survey – Result recent HMLR parish land ownership; Pre-action protocol letter sent to the Secretary of State following the decision to create two unitary councils for Cumbria; Chairman; CCRG this weeks figures and news on self-isolation; Parish Council apologies; TVMG summer newsletter; Friday round up; Cancelled event SL District association AGM 16/9; Local Government re-organisation update; SL District meeting

Chair Initials Date

16/9/21 7-9pm; South funding fair; TVMG letter; ZCCP newsletter and updates; Expansion plans and contact your MP; NALC policy consultation briefing; NALC newsletter; Cumbria highways update; Funding opportunities; Chief Executives bulletin; Rural Bulletin 14/9/21; ZCCP update – Climate courses/great big green week/Art gene artists; New code of Conduct for Councillors South Lakes – *Action Cllrs to read and will be an agenda item for the next meeting.*

Forestry Consultation – Stakeholder consultation – Forest Management carried out by Forestry England

32 West – News release – Bay Council leaders

Hawkshead Bowling Club – 3 youths

SLDC – Parliamentary Boundary review – SLDC response; News release – first drop in Covid 29/7; Don't lose your vote residents urged to check voter registration; Greening campaign for Town and Parish Councils; Appleby Horse fair migration; Blue green reported in lake; Successful property services partnership praised; Your change to help shape the future of South Lakeland; Green waste collection disruption warning; Weekly list 20/8; Candidates confirmed for Kendal by-elections; Cases rise by 9% in Cumbria; Council cleans up Appleby Horse Fair campsites; Locality Services – Town and Parish councils Newsletter August; Cumbria sees 54% rise in cases during August; Nominate your South Lakeland 'grot spot'; Cumbria covid cases jump 20% in last 7 days 9/9/21; Headstone safety a priority for council.

Member of the public – Windermere Ferry mooring line

Cllr Brodie – Windermere Car Ferry; Ferry update; Ferry cables

Member of the public – Geography project

Member of the public – ongoing query

Member of the public – Music workshops funding

Cumbria Police – July 21 Ulverston, Low Furness, High Furness & Grange; August 21 Ulverston, Low Furness, High Furness & Grange; The Lakes and Rural Lakes August 21

Coniston PC – Agenda and Minutes

University Hospitals – letter from Chair and Chief Executive report from CQC Inspection of UHMBT services

Member of the public – Declarations of interest – *Clerk asked to reply that following on from the training it was felt a declaration of interest was not required Cllrs also referred to the code of conduct*

PCSO Ross – response on report query

South Lakeland Area Support – Call for evidence for the national resilience strategy; Community flood training sessions

Member of the public – grass cutting tender query

LDNPA – proposed temp closure order – motor rallies 21/22

Sportivelakes – Velo Retro vintage cycling 5/9/21

Member of public – Queens Green Canopy – *a query regarding planting 2 trees on Hawksgarth Cllrs had no objection to this but felt that they should consult the local residents*

RBLI shop – preparation for remembrance

Cllr Wharton – Village grant funding

Received by post: Information regarding Charitable Legacy from JA Bond: *discussion took place regarding this funding and how to spend appropriately discussion took place regarding placing additional planters in different parts of the village (area outside the railings by the school/somewhere along the bypass)ACTION all to consider Value Office Agency – Request for information – Main St Car Park – a look at the paper to complete – Clerk to contact valuation Office to explain a non profit making car park.*

132/2021 **Date of next meeting**

The next meeting will be Tuesday 19th October 2021 in the **Lower Market Hall**, Hawkshead at 7.30 pm.

The meeting closed at 9.09 pm