

Hawkshead Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of Hawkshead Parish Council

Held in the Lower Market Hall, Hawkshead on Tuesday 16th December 2025 at 7.30pm

Present: Chair Cllr Spedding; Cllrs Johnston; Brown; MacLennan and Moulton
Clerk – Janet Taffs
1 Member of the public in attendance

168/12/25 Apologies

RESOLVED that apologies for absence for received from Cllr Bremner and Berry

169/12/25 Requests for Dispensations

RESOLVED It was noted that no member declared any dispensations on items on the agenda.

170/12/25 Declaration of Interest

RESOLVED It was noted that no member declared any interests on items on the agenda.

171/12/25 Minutes

RESOLVED The minutes of the meeting of Hawkshead Parish Council held on Tuesday 18th November confirmed to be a true record and signed by the Chair.

172/12/25 Public Participation

172.1 To receive reports from

- **Police**

No reports of any crime in the area.

Local PCSO Debbie Ross and CBO Sophie Jones visited Hawkshead Primary School to talk to Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 about people who help us. The children found out about the work the police do and how we keep people safe.

- **Westmorland and Furness Councillor**

Cllr Pender was unable to attend, no report received.

- **National Trust**

No update relevant to Hawkshead.

172.2 Comments and representations from members of the public in relation to any item on the agenda.

No comments

173/12/2025 Update on Ongoing Issues and Actions from Last Meeting

173.1 UNRESLOVED There was an update on the snow plough and gritters situation.

Shaun has completed the practical assessment and passed.

The gritter has been purchased and new tyres fitted. The rubber on the snow plough has been changed.

The contract was signed between W&F and the Parish Council.

Received £1000 . Locality donation from Cllr Suzanne Pender to support Hawkshead Parish Council to fund the local gritting project in rural areas, enabling access to services and health care, school, college and work.

The hourly rate was discussed and it was felt that £55 was more reasonable to charge the parishes.

Subject to review as the first year will be a learning curve. A discussion on how to raise the funds that have been used from the previous fundraising would be replenished, funds for repairs. The Parish Council will advertise the gritting routes and seek donations towards the service.

The contract between parishes was discussed. A couple of amendments to be made.

The lone working policy was agreed. The buddy system will be checking in with Cllr Brown before and after the winter service has been provided.

As decisions are being made in the early hours, no WhatsApp group.

173.2 UNRESOLVED the cracked water trough on Roger Ground E1/221633 E1/238786 Clerk complained to W&F as this has been going on a year now. It needs looking at before this winter.

173.3 UNRESOLVED Housing Action with communities in Cumbria are still continuing to look for available space.

173.4 UNRESOLVED Clerk updated on the building in the centre of the square. Clerk emailed the agent for an update on 11/11/25 no response. Clerk phoned on 8/12/25 they were very helpful and friendly.

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There are two tenants but not anticipated to be in the building until January 2026. The owner is signing a maintenance contract. So hopefully the building will be being brought up to date and look more inkeeping in the village. To keep on the agenda for now.

- 173.5 RESOLVED The SIDs placed under trees were discussed in July and it was agreed to trim the branches. This does not appear to have helped and further works would have to be carried out by a contractor. See lengthsmans report.
Clerk contacted W&F. The 20mph limit cannot simply be extended. It would need to go to full consultation again and they are now consulting on 27/28 There does not seem to be any resolution on the siting of the SIDs that complies with W&F and the lighting issues we have from the tree cover.
- 173.6 UNRESOLVED no progress on the litter bin by the Chocolate shop and on the Rec. More of a summer problem. Look again next year.
- 173.7 UNRESOLVED The Old Hawkshead sign, still being restored
- 173.8 RESOLVED Rat situation. It was agreed that the Parish Council are unable to help and it is down to individual property owners.
- 173.9 UNRESOLVED The noticeboard on the side of the Kings Arms have informed us that the notice board that was on the building is not for purpose.
They will source a new one, "Hawkshead Community Noticeboard" is the wording the Cllrs agreed as before.
- 173.10 RESOLVED The Facebook page has been set up and notices being posted. It will also be used to advertise the gritting.
- 173.11 UNRESOLVED The pothole on the Miles without styles walk form Hawkshead to Wray on the LDNPA work program to repair, they recently replaced the gate stoop and did a temp repair on the path, unfortunately this has washed away before they have got back.
- 173.12 UNRESOLVED the signage in the village. The Clerk reported the large sign advertising Billys to LDNPA they responded that It is likely to be unauthorised given its size and position on a building which is not the premises that the advert relates to. It will passed on to their enforcement team for investigation.
- 173.13 To confirm the terms for parking permits.
As we have a persistent late payer. The Cllrs agreed a formula for payment dates. The first invoice that was issued, had no payment terms, therefore would be 30 days as per government guidelines. From now on we will ensure the terms of 30days are added to avoid any confusion.
If the invoice remains unpaid, a second reminder will be issued, with 30 days to pay. If payment is not received then the car park space entitlement will be revoked.
- 173.14 UNRESOLVED?? The parking with LDNPA Cllr Pender confirmed that the Parish Council would not support the residents only spaces by the chocolate shop to become a 1 hour free parking for non-residents Another complaint had been received, from a visitor to the village who refused to stay because of the parking charges. Forwarded to Cllr Pender. Following the meeting with LDNPA and the points raised on the parking Very good news from last night's meeting with the LDNPA at Hawkshead, the park authority are to introduce a £3 one hour parking rate in Hawkshead from April, rather than the £5.50 minimum and also to committed to urgently clearly sign post the free 30 mins slots for local people popping to Chemist or Doctors
In support of the community and local businesses And recognition of the exceptional parking situation in Hawkshead
- 173.15 The clerk updated on the situation with the possible merger of Claife with Hawkshead. Claife are not in a position to consider at this time and will review the situation annually.

174/12/25 New matters arising

- 174.1 Request for the Parish Council to erect a sign for the 30mins free parking. It was felt there is a large sign on each bay and the Parish Council will promote through local avenues to spread the word. Extra signage would be difficult as the Parish Council do not own the land.
- 174.2 Request to make a contribution towards the Christmas lights expenses was discussed and it was felt that it does benefit the village and the full amount for the cherry picker could be paid for by the Parish Council. Clerk to contact with options to pay direct, with a revised invoice, so the Parish Council can claim the vat back or the amount requested less the VAT as the Parish Council would not be able to reclaim. It was felt that the Christmas fayre figures should be available to view. Clerk to contact to ask where they are available.
- 174.3 Request to Cllrs that the dispensations and declarations of interest are reviewed and up loaded to the web site. One had not been loaded, this has been sent, so now up to date.

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175/12/25. Highways

To note Highways issues in the Parish

- 175.1 UNRESOLVED the drains blocked on the North Lonsdale Road E1/215114 and now all local drains need clearing E1/177362 Complaint submitted on 6/11/25 reference E1/265826
- 175.2 UNRESOLVED The hole developing on the road edge near Lakes Lodges E1/110351,
- 175.3 UNRESOLVED Potholes in the Outgate area E1/226058 Clerk submitted a complaint on the condition of the road. Reply from Highways We can confirm that our team have reviewed your enquiry regarding potholes on the carriageway at the location reported on the B5286, Outgate. The team have advised that our Safety Inspection team have recently raised this report and the relevant team have been made aware. Any appropriate action that may be required will be completed in due course. Thank you for the additional information you have provided, we have referred this to the relevant team.
- 175.4 UNRESOLVED potholes outside Gingerbread Shop E1/245629 Chased on 2/10/25 and what 3 words provided. Put a complaint in on 6/11/25 as water is collecting in them and you are unable to see. Clerk uploaded photos on 11/11/25
- 175.5 RESOLVED To update on signs that have been knocked down opposite the T junction for Sawrey/Grizedale opposite Bowling club E1/245219 Chased 2/10/25
- 175.6 UNRESOLVED the grid at the Coniston Junction on the way to Outgate. E1/253802 Assigned to highways, date not known.
- 175.7 UNRESOLVED the grid at Springwood E1/253804 Assigned to Highways on 22/7/25 Chased for a response 6/11/25
- 175.8 UNRESOLVED To update on the school road markings following the road resurfacing. E1/257392 Referred to the highways team School have chased Our PCO was at Hawkshead school and they asked her is there was anything she could do..
- 175.9 UNRESOLVED Unable to establish a location Cllr Berry to confirm with the lifting of the tarmac on Flag street.
- 175.10 UNRESOLVED the flag stone near the Kings Arms has been reported to highways ref E1/267957
- 175.11 UNRESOLVED the drains near Hawksgarth have been reported to Highways but see lengthsman's report also. E1/267960
- 175.12 RESOLVED The request for a road sweeper round the village E1/267961
- 175.13 UNRESOLVED LDNPA lights in the main car park are not working clerk reported that all lights are out

176/12/25 Finance & Governance Issues

- 176.1 To authorise payment of the following accounts:-
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| Clerk wage | £ 510.65 |
| Lengthsman | £ 18.00 |
| Shaun Taylforth training hours | £ TBC |
| Community Heartbeat | £ 72.00 |
- 176.2 To acknowledge income sources:
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| Car parking permits | £ 10.00 |
| Main street car park | £ 00.00 |
| W&F Locality donation from Cllr Pender. | £ 1000.00 |
- 176.3 Monthly update of the finances. Balances of accounts as of 09/12/25 Current account 5021.00, deposit £22803.66
- 176.4 The Cllrs discussed the budget for 2026/27 The Precept has been received. £ 12,297.87 Annual running costs are 22636.98 The clerk pointed out that the estimated income from the Old Police Car Park had reduced in the last two years with less permits being issued. The money in reserve for the car park maybe too low now. New quotes to be obtained for tarmacking the Old Police Car Park. Claipe Budget 2026/7 £16,820. Precept set at £13,285.25 – compared to £13,260.75 previous year
- 176.5 UNRESOLVED The clerk reported that she has contacted the internal auditor for Haverthwaite and is awaiting a price.
- 176.6 UNRESOLVED The clerk updated on the online banking situation. Currently waiting for Bankline to accept the request to have two signatories to authorise payments. Clerk will chase.
- 176.7 Clerk to update on the accessibility and Assertion 10 webinar attended.

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177/12/25 Planning Application The following planning applications were discussed

No applications received.

178/12/2025 Planning permission decisions. The following decisions were noted.

178.1 7/2025/5344 Location: 2 Brown Cow Cottages, Hawkshead, Ambleside, LA22 0PH
Proposal: Remedial works to alleviate the damp inside the property The Authority has made a decision (Granted) on this application.

178.2 7/2025/5345 Location: 2 Brown Cow Cottages, Hawkshead, Ambleside, LA22 0PH
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178.3 T/2025/0220 Location: St Michael & All Angels Church, Hawkshead, LA22 0PQ
Proposal: 3 x Lawson Cypress trees (Listed as T3, T4 & T5 in notification) Fell to ground level.
The Authority has made a decision (Granted) on this application

178.4 7/2025/5013 Location: Woodlands, Roger Ground, Ambleside, LA22 0QG
Proposal: Double garage - dual pitch roof, rendered construction with slate roof to match the house
The Authority has made a decision (Granted) on this application

179/12/2025 Lengthsman

Tod has asked if he could meet with the SID installers and discuss what works he is able to carry out and possibly a tree surgeon will be required. Cllr Brown to contact.

Drains Tod does inspect and clear the drains and reports any broken grids and jetting that is required to W&F. This could possibly be carried out earlier as the leaves were a problem after the storms.

The noticeboard was removed at the OPCP, the Clerk reported it was wobbly, it was felt it could cause harm if it fell so removed. Considered quote to replace and refit. Notice board replacement quote.

Approx. £230 to used the Reserves for car park maintenance to cover the cost.

180/12/2025 Councillor Matters

Cllr Bremner had reported leaves in the LDNPA car park, this has been reported and the response was that the new contractor had been appointed and should have been carried out by now. Street light had recently been reported and they will pass the details on.

181/12/2025 Correspondence

- Council offers festive free parking in the run-up to Christmas
- Have your say on the future of the lake district
- Request from Cllr Pender for photographs of the telephone poles
- Response to the complaint over the boundaries change from Claife PC
- Winterwise campaign details.
- Nature recovery fund information
- Hyperfast drop in session poster.
- Local Government Boundary Commission questionnaire
- SP Electricity provided details of the works next year with maps.

182/12/25 Date of Next Meeting

To confirm the next meeting will be Tuesday 20th January 2026 7.30pm at Hawkshead Lower Market Hall

Meeting concluded at 9.10pm

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