

# Hawkshead Parish Council

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Minutes of a meeting held in the Lower Market Hall, Hawkshead on Tuesday 17 May 2016 immediately following the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council.

present

## Councillors

Bill Barr (Chairman); Ken Fordham; Ian Moulton and Andrew Brown. Clerk – John Poole.

## Members of the public

David Williams; Barbara Williams; Barbara M Brown; Meg Falconer; Kathleen K Coggan, Jeremy Coggan and County & District Cllr D Fletcher.

## Apologies

132 Cllr D Spedding (family commitment); Cllr L Larkin (business commitment) and Cllr C Wood (sickness).

## Minutes

133 The Chairman was authorised to sign, as a correct record, the Minutes of the last meeting held on Tuesday 19 April 2016.

## Requests for dispensations

134 **Resolved** that it be noted that no requests had been received since the last meeting for dispensations to speak or vote on any matter where a member has a disclosable pecuniary interest.

## Declarations of interest

135 **Resolved** that it be noted that no declarations of members' disclosable pecuniary and other registrable interests were made in respect of items on this Agenda. Members were reminded that, in accordance with the revised Code of Conduct, it is a criminal offence not to declare a disclosable pecuniary interest either in the Register or at the meeting.

## Police liaison and public participation

136 PCSO E Forrester was unable to attend this meeting but had sent her report which recorded one theft since the last meeting and one case of a dog attacking sheep. She issued a warning to beware of cold callers since there had been an increase in fraudulent activity. Two centres have been arranged to advise members of the public about how to avoid falling victim to this type of crime, namely, Coniston Tourist Information Centre on Thursday 2 June between 10am and 12noon and Grizedale Visitors' Centre between similar times on Thursday 14 July 2016.

137 A member of the public raised concerns about noise on the recreation ground during Lakeland Trials Events. It was pointed out, however, that noise levels had been reasonable this year due to the absence of incessant drumming, hopefully due to a letter sent by the Clerk earlier in the year. [See Minute 48/2016] A course of action was suggested to determine decibel levels but the Chairman referred the matter to the Recreation Ground Trust.

138 It was asked when the incorrectly sited blue indicator signs would be located correctly. The meeting was informed that work had commenced and would be completed in due course.

139 The point was raised that the Council pages of the village website compared poorly with surrounding parishes.

## Action results

- 140 Cllr Fletcher updated the meeting about flooding issues:- [1] The extent of work required to solve the problem in Fountain Street was still under discussion with the engineers. [2] Main Street was considered solved. However, the next heavy rainfall will put it to the test. [3] The County Council have unblocked the drain in Hawksgarth but future agency responsibility is under debate.
- 141 Road engineers have plans to reduce the width of North Lonsdale Road as a traffic calming measure.
- 142 Cllr Wood was in the process of seeking the co-operation of local traders regarding the siting of A-Boards outside their premises. **Action** – Cllr Wood.

## Correspondence

- 143 NHS Healthwatch Survey.
- 144 Lakeland Trails re event on 16 April 2016 – this had been received by all Councillors. It raised concerns about a letter sent by the Clerk subsequent to Council's decision recorded at Minute 48/2016.
- 145 New funding for Transparency Code Compliance 2016/17.
- 146 Email exchange with Mr D Williams who was present in the public gallery. His questions were answered.
- 147 CALC District Meeting – 7 pm Thursday 9 June 2016 at Stricklandgate House. Sent to Cllrs 29/4/16.
- 148 Centenary Fields – protecting valuable green spaces. To Chairman of the Recreation Ground Trust.
- 149 CCC requesting copy bank statement and signed schedule to process a grant application. Clerk replied 15/05/16. [See Minute 160 below]
- 150 Local Government Boundary Commission – draft recommendations.
- 151 SLDC meeting agenda for 18 May 2016.
- 152 Nicola Ireton re transport for sixth formers and students in further education. Clerk replied 17/5/16. Cllr Fletcher suggested that as a last resort parents could contact Cumbria County Council Integrated Transport Scheme to see if there were any spare seats available. **Action** – Clerk to inform Mrs Ireton.
- 153 Clerks & Councils Direct – May 2016.
- 154 Brathay Windermere Marathon and associated road closures. Sent to Cllrs 15/5/16.

## Better highways

- 155 The Clerk had received a complaint about litter in the Squares so had requested a sweep of the village. Job Reference SR 7967.
- 156 The direction signs at Hawkshead Hill with the Tarn Hows road were missing from the finger post. This was reported by the Clerk on 16 May 2016 to Cumbria County Council Traffic Team.
- 157 Several potholes required attention between Moor Top through to Roger Ground and Hawkshead. **Action** – Cllr Barr.

## Finance

- 158 Since the last meeting the snowplough/gritter had been used on one occasion.
- 159 The following accounts were approved for payment:- Recreation Ground Trust - £3,655; Clerk's April salary - £280.88; PAYE - £70; Clerk's reimbursements - £77.99p.

## Hawkshead project

- 160 The Clerk reported that a grant of £9,000 had been approved by Cumbria County Council. [See Minute 123/2016] Payment will be made in June 2016. [See 149 above]
- 161 A tendering process for an Economic Impact Survey was being prepared. **Action** – Cllr Wood.

## Planning

- 162 Application T/2016/0048 to remove branches from a Norway Spruce, Sycamore and Yew at Coach House, Hawkshead Field met no objections. No reply necessary.
- 163 Application T/2016/0058 to remove hanging branches from one Birch in the main car park met no objections. No reply necessary.

## Items for inclusion in next agenda

- 164 Declarations of acceptance of office – to be completed by Cllrs Larkin, Spedding and Wood.
- 165 Completed Declarations of Interests to be handed to the Clerk.
- 166 To review cash reserves and allocate surplus funds as appropriate.

## Date of next meeting

- 167 Tuesday 21 June 2016.

The meeting ended at 8.25 pm.