

**Minutes of the meeting of Hawkshead Parish Council**  
**Held in Lower Market Hall, Hawkshead on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2022 at 7.30 pm**

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

In attendance: 2 members of the public present

19/2022 **Apologies**

RESOLVED Cllr Moulton District Councillors Wharton, Coward, Troughton

20/2022 **Requests for Dispensations**

RESOLVED No requests received

21/2022 **Declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests in respect of Agenda items**

RESOLVED No declarations were received.

22/2022 **Minutes**

RESOLVED the Chairman was authorised to sign the minutes of the meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> January 2022

**Police, County and District Councils, and Public Participation**

23/2022 Police

No update online

24/2022 District Councillors

As above Cllrs sent apologies the Chair read out the following report from Cllr Wharton:-

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT REFORM** *The division of Cumbria into two, Cumbria East and West is progressing and there will be elections for a Shadow Council in May, which will run in parallel with SLDC and Cumbria County Council between May and April 2023. Broughton and Coniston ward will be split into two. Broughton, Kirkby, and ENMO and Pennington Parishes will become High Furness and the remainder will become Coniston and Hawkshead ward. There will be just one Councillor per ward.*

**OMICRON BUSINESS SUPPORT** *There are grants available for business, particularly those in hospitality and retail that have been affected by the Omicron variant outbreak. Go to the link to apply <https://www.southlakeland.gov.uk/business-and-trade/business-support-grants-coronavirus-covid-19/>*

**COUNCILLOR LOCALITY ALLOWANCES** *District Councillors are given a £1000 allowance to give for local community improvements. Janet and Tracy have given £1500 to support the X112 bus and £500 to help with publishing costs of this magazine. Heather has donated £500 for an emergency generator for Hawkshead and Ian has donated his allowance to Green related community projects around the various Parishes.*

**SEWAGE DISCHARGES** *There were several discharges into Coniston Water last year from the Waste Water Treatment plant last year and it seems that there has been some discrepancies into the number of times and amounts that were discharged. We are trying to organise a public meeting where residents will be able to discuss the problem with representatives of United Utilities.*

**POST STORM ARWEN EMERGENCY RESPONSE** *At the time of writing, we are bracing ourselves for Storms Dudley and Eunice. The sheer scale of devastation caused by Arwen was unprecedented. One thing for certain is that these events will be increasingly frequent. So, we are in the process of working with the various Parishes to formulate and update Emergency plans, which are coordinated with the County wide Emergency plans. In addition, we are talking with Ulverston Resilience Group and we are looking to develop localised resilience groups, support hubs and safe refuges. Over the next few weeks, we will be holding public meetings around the parish to discuss the best way ahead for each area. We will publish dates through the various social media when we can confirm in more detail about the Public meetings.*

Chair Initials ..... Date .....

25/2022 County Councillor  
Not present

26/2022 Public Participation

Member of Public – wanted to ask if the Parish Council could help to find out about the new housing at Coniston which is ran by Castle and Coast Housing Association, regarding their policy for allowing people to apply. A young couple who are in temporary accommodation in Hawkshead, both have local links one originally from Coniston have been told they can not apply. Discussion took place and Councillors asked the Clerk to write to Castle and Coast and ask for a copy of their housing policy for local residents.

Member of public – mentioned that they had had an interview on BBC Radio Cumbria on potholes after they had a burst tyre and broken wheel bearing and how the County Council are paying a lot of claims for damages to vehicles. Potholes should be reported on the new online highways system.

Member of the public wanted an update on what was happening regarding the sourcing of the new Ferry and the public consultation as they were under the impression that the deadline will be 31<sup>st</sup> March which doesn't provide much time for comments and feedback. They explained their concerns to the meeting and it was agreed that they could send notes of these to the Clerk who will send these through to our representative on the Ferry Advisory Group.

Kentdale Scouts Association have asked if the Hawkshead unit would start up again, if anyone has children who would like to join or could provide help please contact Nick Heather via the Clerk.

Member of the public had raised concern regarding the recycling bins and rubbish that has appeared outside the Kings Arms mainly by the ginnel under their kitchen window. Clerk to contact the Kings Arms and ask them to move the bins off the highways.

Concern has been raised regarding vehicles parking on the pavement (mainly in the morning) outside Travel Chapter in the village making it difficult for pushchairs or wheelchairs to get past. Clerk to report.

27/2022 **Ongoing Issues Action Results**

UNRESOLVED Lighting at the Old Police Car Park - Feedback that it was an improvement, Dave will have a look at something slightly better sensor on it and ask the Clerk to purchase.

UNRESOLVED placement of new Planter – the planter has been put together and soil purchased the planter will be in place before the next meeting and Evonne will ask school to purchase plants

UNRESOLVED Charitable legacy JA Bond – ongoing

UNRESOLVED Beck watch committee/meeting – Dave Spedding had met with the Environment Agency they are keen to help. Permission needs to be sourced from Ed Johnson regarding putting a concrete step in to divert the water away from the village. Clerk to contact Ed to meet with one of the Councillors

RESOLVED Groundsman mowing tender process – tenders had been received and circulated prior to the meeting to Cllrs, discussion took place and all voted for Andrew Thompson. Clerk to notify all tender applicants.

UNRESOLVED Cllr Troughton locality grant – Cllr Troughton has agreed our grant and Claife PC were approached to see if they were interested in doing the same, Claife have suggested using Park House, as they have gas to help with heating and cooking rather than the Market Hall, discussion took place regarding this, with a few concerns. ACTION Cllr Johnston will call Judith Myers from the Park House committee to see what they think.

28/2022 **Highways Issues**

To note Highways issues in the Parish:

Potholes by the Outgate passing place – Clerk to report plus additional 9 between there and Belmont

Pothole outside the south gate at Belmont – Clerk to report

Grate raised just past fishery- Clerk to report

Potholes junction at fishery – Clerk to report

Hannakin potholes are getting worse.

29/2022 **Finance & Governance Issues**

RESOLVED Councillors authorised payment of the following accounts:-

Tracey Thornley – Clerk wages	£365.40
D Parkinson – Lengthsman	£128.00
Zurich Insurance – annual insurance premium	£381.53

RESOLVED Councillors authorised payment of the invoice below which was received after publication of the agenda:-

Willacy Contractors (quality top soil & delivery)	£123.36
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RESOLVED Councillors acknowledged receipt of the following payments received

Old Police Car Park parking permit	£25.00
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30/2022 **Planning**

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

T/2022/0007 -Hawkshead Field, Hawkshead, LA22 0QE – Fell 2 trees (T18&T22) Councillors viewed the plans and had no objections Clerk to notify Planning.

7/2022/5062 – Land at Bragg Field, Hawkshead, Ambleside, LA22 0QW -Convenience store with external ATM and associated parking (for rental tenure: first occupant: Co-operative Group Food Limited) Councillors viewed the plans and had no objections

RESOLVED Councillors noted the following Notices of Grant/Refusal of Planning

7/2021/5933 – Tolvern, Roger Ground, Ambleside, LA22 0QG – Ground floor extension – Granted.

31/2022 **Hawkshead Project**

RG Parkins is putting a package together for tendering

32/2022 **Lengthsman**

The hedge and banking behind the recycling needs attention, plus the rest of recycling area. Discussion then took place and it was agreed to ask the Lengthsman to start at one end of the village and weed and clear paths through to the other end.

33/2022 **Snowplough**

No action since last meeting

34/2022 **Queens Platinum Jubilee**

Beacon on Latterbarrow – it was agreed that this will be organised by the PC, the Clerk is to contact John Moffat, National Trust to check that if this ok, Cllr Woodhouse will speak to the tenant farmers to check they are happy for it to go ahead too.

35/2022 **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

36/2022 **Correspondence (for information only)**

To note the following e-mails received since last meeting

Coniston PC – Agenda

CALC – District Association meeting 27/1/22; NALC Policy consultation briefing – OFCOM postal regulation consultation; Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) Newsletter 13/1; South Lakeland District Association (SLDA) meeting 27/1/22; Action for Health and Mental Health provider bulletin; LGR newsletter 28/1/22; The Queens Platinum Jubilee – letter for Town and Parish Councils; Connecting Cumbria Newsletter January 2022; Minutes of SLDA meeting; Cumbria Highways new reporting process; LGR newsletter 3/2/22; Cumbria County Wildlife Sites event 17/2/22; New CALC newsletter format.

Electric Explorer – enquiry

Chair Initials ..... Date .....

SLDC – Cumbria past the peak of latest wave despite case rates high; Weekly list 10/1; Application process for Omicron business grant; New cases falling as prep for “Plan A”; Winter edition – Senior Community Friendship; Proposed hackney carriage far increase; 4/2/22 covid cases continue to fall; Weekly list 31/1; CAFs webinar series.

Lancashire Council – Community Electric Car club

Member of public – Query

Zurich Insurance

Walking in England – Article

Claife PC – Agenda and Minutes

Frieda Scott -Charitable Trust

Cllr Coward – sewage discharge – Coniston water and surrounding areas

Coniston PC – special meeting 3/2/22

Member of public – Query – *Discussion to took place and Councillors all agreed that enough time had been spent answering these queries and there should be no further response.*

Member of public – Queens jubilee

Member of public – Lake District green lanes alliance

Cllr Brodie – Windermere ferry

Member of public – Dangerous pavement

Lengthsman – Invoice and photos

Gleam – Gleam briefing green lanes in Lake District

Environment Agency – Follow up from meeting re Hawkshead grid clearance

37/2022 **Date of next meeting**

The next meeting will be Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2022 in the **Upper Market Hall**, Hawkshead at 7.30 pm.

The meeting closed at 9.20 pm