

**Minutes of the meeting of Hawkshead Parish Council
Held in Lower Market Hall, Hawkshead on Tuesday 15th March 2022 at 7.30 pm**

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

In attendance: County Councillor Brereton, District Councillor Troughton

38/2022 **Apologies**

RESOLVED District Councillor Wharton

39/2022 **Requests for Dispensations**

RESOLVED No requests received

40/2022 **Declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests in respect of Agenda items**

RESOLVED No declarations were received.

41/2022 **Minutes**

RESOLVED the Chairman was authorised to sign the minutes of the meeting held on 15th February 2022

Police, County and District Councils, and Public Participation

42/2022 Police

There was no update available online again this month – Clerk asked to send the police a message that the system in place is inadequate with no updated data on the police website for our area.

43/2022 District Councillors

Cllr Troughton – confirmed that the Locality funding applied for should have arrived with the Parish Council, the Clerk confirmed she had received the remittance advice but had not received an up to date bank statement. She informed the councillors that Claife PC had not applied for the same funding so the funds went elsewhere. She asked what plans were in place regarding the emergency resilience plan Councillors were able to confirm that the venue will be agreed this evening, once all funds in place a generator will be purchased, a local resilience group will then be formed, an advert will be placed in the Esthwaite Link (which is delivered to all households) looking for volunteers this will also make the local community aware of what will be in place in an emergency situation. Cllr Troughton also mentioned that in Coniston the food etc had been supplied by local pubs and shops, something which will need to be considered in the plan.

Cllr Troughton enquired about an issue on the last minutes regarding whether a response had been received from Castle and Coasts re their housing policy, Cllrs explained the situation and Cllr Troughton asked if we could forward her contact details to the member of the public she will try and help.

The Chair read out the following report from Cllr Wharton:-

MAY ELECTIONS *There will be Councillor elections in May for the new Westmorland and Furness Council. It will be a Shadow Council, running in parallel with SLDC and Cumbria County Council until April 2023, when it takes over. 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 *Grants are still 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/>*

SEWAGE DISCHARGES *We are currently investigating discharges into Coniston Water last year from the Waste Water Treatment plant last year and are currently discussing this with United Utilities.*

Chair Initials Date

EMERGENCY RESPONSE AND RESILIENCE We have had several meetings various agencies and it is clear that the gap between District and County level and what happened in each area was too great. The response in each areas varied greatly and we established that we need to create small resilience groups, coordinated between parishes, with central emergency hubs. So, we are looking at having public meetings around the area in order to discuss the best way ahead.

ILLEGAL OFFROADING On March 6th, we held a joint Police operation to deter and educate motorists from illegal off-roading. PCSO Paul Harris led the operation and there were representatives from SLDC, Park Rangers, the Trail Riders Federation, the Green Lanes Alliance, local Councillors and residents. The area covered, Gawthwaite, Coniston Fells and the Rusland and Crake Valleys. The operation was extremely well coordinated and it was great seeing so many different groups working together in the local Community. We will be looking at similar operations over the coming tourist season, including road safety and speeding.

WINDERMERE FERRY ADVISORY GROUP The group met yesterday, which I could not attend due to Covid. The agenda was more an update on activities and outages over the past few months. It was suggested that fares remain the same this year. The intention for a replacement Ferry was mentioned, but there was no reference to timescales, which realistically will not be stated until the new Council commences.

WATERBIRD PROJECT The re-enactment of the world's first ever seaplane flight on Windermere will start, with trials in mid-June and public displays in September. The operational base will be on the Graythwaite estate. I will update next month.

VISITOR MANAGEMENT The first few months of this year have been extremely busy and the Tactical Visitor Management Group is beginning to put plans in action, in coordination with Safer Lakes. Unfortunately, the 56 day rule for pop up camping and car parking has not been extended this year, but the 28 day rule still applies. So the Park will be helping to develop these facilities to cope with the extra demand at peak times.

MIKE MCKINLEY, LDNPA CHAIRMAN Mike had been the Chair of the National Park for the past 7 years and unfortunately passed away in early March after a short illness. He led the Park through many difficult and challenging times and with passionate, professionalism and humour. He will be missed and I feel proud to have worked and learnt from him.

Contact us on 077784 30926, if you have any queries/concerns or would like any more information.

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44/2022 County Councillor

Cllr Brereton – apologised for missing the last meeting. Highways have a lot of reports of potholes and are trying to get through a big backlog, major potholes will get emergency action. Discussion took place regarding the new reporting system a couple of jobs have recently been half done but reported as completed on the system. He will keep chasing Highways with any jobs we feel need urgent attention. Discussion regarding a large tree which fell in the last storm blocking the Drunken Duck Road which was reported and many complaints sent to highways, it is a major timber lorry route into Grizedale and the wagons and emergency vehicles will not fit down the road. Highways had been and placed a few cones around the area, the road is already starting to erode on the edge where vehicles are going round the obstacle. Clerk to forward correspondence to Cllr Brereton.

Hawkshead Squares – Cllr Brereton wanted to let Cllrs know there is a budget highways members fund, there is money there which needs allocating to a project.

Ferry – Cllr Brereton had attended the Ferry Advistory Group meeting all positive presentations, moving forward quite quickly by the middle of next month there will be a public meeting (probably after Easter). He felt there was a good proposal in place and briefly explained the initial plans for a new vessel. All emergency procedures will be reviewed, an app is being looked at for purchasing tickets, there will no longer be ticket books the app will take over. There is a plan for alternative signing around the lake to Hawkshead.

B4rn - the government paused the voucher schemes, there is talk that the voucher schemes may come back and Hawkshead, Claife, Skelwith were pretty much first in line as most actions were in place. They are

hoping to start things again August/September time. Cllrs raised concern that B4rn communication with the landowners was the problem, and have they changed their tack as a lot of landowners hadn't been spoken to.

45/2022 **Public Participation**

No members of the public were present.

46/2022 **Ongoing Issues Action Results**

UNRESOLVED Lighting at the Old Police Car Park - a second light was purchased and put on the post it may need an additional lights for the ends of the footpaths, Cllrs to have a look at this

UNRESOLVED placement of new Planter – the planter is now in place with soil, Cllr Bremner will speak to the lady at the primary school who does gardening with the children to organise plants which the Parish Council will reimburse her for.

UNRESOLVED Charitable legacy JA Bond – ongoing

UNRESOLVED Beck watch – Cllrs had had communication with the local landowner and they have given permission for access, requirements were to have the code for the key safe so he can access the back of his property. Clerk to contact Environment Agency to liaise to put key safe up, and that they will need to speak to Fran Berry regarding the delivery of the rake.

UNRESOLVED Cllr Troughton locality grant has been confirmed, Cllr Johnston had spoken to Judith re Park House yes there was no problem to use the facility. Discussion took place regarding both venues as the Market Hall also has gas for cooking, is more central in the village, has more space and are willing to have the appropriate electric hook up for a generator installed. Cllr Johnston will do a final check with the Market Hall committee who have a meeting tomorrow. Storage of the generator was discussed as the Market Hall insurance may not cover storing such an item it was agreed that Cllr Brown will facilitate storage. Additional funding will need to be secured Cllr Johnston will approach Outgate Reading Rooms and Cllr Spedding will contact Hawkshead Society for the Benefit of the Community. Discussion regarding specifications followed it was felt 10kw would be adequate, generator to be on wheels so it can be moved easily.

RESOLVED Coast and Castle no response – Clerk to forward Cllr Troughtons details to the member of the public

UNRESOLVED bins outside the Kings kitchen window – Clerk had contacted them and they were moved but are back again causing an obstacle course with the scaffolding in the area too. Clerk to contact again.

RESOLVED cars seem to have stopped parking on the pavement outside Travel Chapter

47/2022 **Highways Issues**

To note Highways issues in the Parish:

Potholes by the Outgate passing place – Clerk to report

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 - Clerk to report

Tree obstructing the road at the top of Skinner Howe Lane – Clerk to report

Speed awareness sign to be placed in Outgate - the Clerk to send a letter to Highways asking for permission

48/2022 **Finance & Governance Issues**

RESOLVED Councillors authorised payment of the following accounts:-

Tracey Thornley – Clerk wages	£365.40
D Parkinson – Lengthsman	£128.00
Hawkshead Market Hall	£ 95.70

49/2022 **Planning**

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

T/2022/0026 – Ann Tysons Top Cottage, Vicarage Lane, Hawkshead – Fell 1 cypress tree - Councillors viewed the plans and had no objections Clerk to notify Planning

7/2022/5112 – Field Head Farm, Outgate, Ambleside, LA22 0PY – Two storey extension, single storey porch, external and internal alterations – Councillors viewed the plans and had no objections Clerk to notify Planning.

T/2022/0040 -St Michael and All Angels, Church Hill, Hawkshead, LA22 0PQ – Fell 1 cypress tree – 5 day notice – Councillors viewed the plans and had no objections Clerk to notify Planning.

7/2022/5089 – Land near the Drunken Duck Inn, Barnsgates, Ambleside, LA22 0NG – Single storey home for family of director of The Drunken Duck Inn (outline application) – Councillors viewed the plans and would like to do a site visit to see exactly where it will be located, all agreed to meet at 5 pm on Friday at the Drunken Duck. Clerk to contact the owner and ask if they have the proposed position pegged out and ask for permission to go on his land. Councillors will then contact the Clerk to report their decision before the deadline.

RESOLVED Cllrs agreed to view Planning applications received after the agenda was published as the deadlines were prior to the next meeting:-

7/2022/5168 – PoppiRed, Main Street, Hawkshead, LA22 0NT – Extension to existing café and shop (Resubmission of 7/2021/5945) – No objection but preferred the previous more of an asset to the village – Councillors view the plans and had no objections. Clerk to notify Planning.

7/2022/5158 -Sunny Brow Farm, Outgate, Ambleside, LA22 0PU – Demolition of small outhouse (connected to house) to right hand side of house, and the building of a new single storey extension. First floor extension of existing first floor kitchen to left hand side of house – Councillors view the plans and had no objections Clerk to notify Planning.

RESOLVED Councillors noted the following Notices of Grant/Refusal of Planning/Appeals/Withdrawn/information only applications:-

7/2021/6029 – Hawkshead Hall Farm, Hawkshead, Ambleside, LA22 0NN – Resurfacing of the existing yard hardstanding – granted.

50/2022 Hawkshead Project

Clerk to contact R G Parkin for a progress report.

51/2022 Lengthsman

The area around the recycling in particular around the hedge is still messy.

52/2022 Snowplough

Nothing to report

53/2022 Queens Platinum Jubilee

Contact had been received from John Moffat, National Trust who was happy for this to go ahead. Residents from High Wray want to have a celebration in their hall and watch the beacon. Cllr Woodhouse will liaise with them. Planning will continue the date is set as Friday 3rd June

54/2022 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

55/2022 Correspondence (for information only)

To note the following e-mails received since last meeting

CALC – Check for flooding training; Advert for CW Board role for Cumbria Coastal Community Forest; ACT news update; Connecting Cumbria Newsletter Feb 22; Request to promote NALC policing online event; Message from Met Office advisor; Civility & Respect February Newsletter; Local Government Re-organisation (LGR) newsletter; New CALC newsletter – information on new format; Cumbria Independent Custody visiting scheme; Cumbria in Bloom; CALC vacancy; LGR newsletter 25/2; Cumbria Wildlife Trust event 15/3/22; Venue for meeting 24/3; CALC news; Buckingham Palace Garden parties 2022; Mike McKinley; Wednesday round up; LGR newsletter 2/3/22; LRG update 15/3/22; Salary increase scales 2021/22; SLDA Country Wildlife Sites – rescheduled; Webinar – Buildings costs rising.

Claife PC – Emergency plan

P Haddow – Wages administration change in fees – **Councillors all agreed the increase was acceptable.**

Chair Initials Date

Cllr Wharton – Storm Dudley
SLDC – Local resilience prepare ahead store Dudley and Eunice; Election of Cllrs of Westmorland & Furness Council; Storm Franklin; Below inflation Council Tax rise as final SLDC budget approved; Applications open for final additional restrictions grant scheme; Respect other choices on Covid; Leaders statement on Ukraine; 2 year funding for strategic cultural partners; Support for those affected by Covid; Villages special character to be further protected; Test sites closures;
Coniston PC – Agenda and Minutes; Lengthsman appointment
LDNPA – Temporary closure of paths – motor rallies
PCSO Ross- Sheet worrying; Op Vulcan
Hawkshead Market Hall – Invoice
Member of Public – Pop up bakery – **Councillors agreed that there is a market charter in place and Friday was always the day that this was market**
Lakeland Trails – Hawkshead event
Lengthsman – Invoice and photos
Fred Whitton Challenge – notification of event 8/5/22
Climate Action – Greening campaign
The Lap – events 14/5 and 10/9
Member of public – Councillor vacancy application – **all agreed that she would be suitable Councillor and Fran Berry was co-opted on to the Parish Council. Clerk to welcome her to the PC provide her with details of the next meeting, and send her the Declaration of Interests paperwork and a copy of the Councillor Code of Conduct.**
Member of public – pending Ferry feasibility report

56/2022 **Date of next meeting**

The next meeting will be Tuesday 19th April 2022 in the **Lower Market Hall**, Hawkshead at 7.30 pm.

The meeting closed at 9.48 pm