

Minutes of the meeting of Hawkshead Parish Council
Held at Lower Market Hall, Hawkshead on Tuesday 15th June 2021 at 7.30 pm

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

In attendance: 1 member of the public

82/2021 **Apologies**

RESOLVED Apologies received from Cllr Brown, Cllr Spedding and Cllr Bremner County Cllr Brereton

83/2021 **Requests for Dispensations**

RESOLVED No requests received

84/2021 **Declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests in respect of Agenda items**

RESOLVED No declarations of pecuniary interests received

85/2021 **Minutes**

RESOLVED the Chairman was authorised to sign the minutes of the annual parish council meeting held on 18th May 2021.

Police, County and District Councils, and Public Participation

86/2021 Police

The Clerk had contacted the PCSO regarding a more local to the area report but they are not doing this anymore and the map on the website can be used to get crime figures for the area.

87/2021 District Councillors

Not present

88/2021 County Councillor

Cllr Brereton sent his apologies and a report which the Chair gave a brief overview of, the full report was as follows:-

Owing to a major work project I am battling with this week, and the need to minimise attendance at your meeting tonight, I will submit a report along with apologies for not being able to attend in person. Good luck on your first meeting back in the hall for a while; hope to see you at the next one perhaps.

Hopefully you have received some update as required from Helen and Victoria that has helped to progress the Town Squares project. I think a meeting later in the summer would still be of benefit to all concerned and will continue to push for this. As I think you know Victoria is leading the response to heightened visitor numbers and traffic management across the whole Lake District at the moment, so we will have a chance to address some of the more worrying and persistent behaviour. My member's highways fund is now also recharged so perhaps if it can be put towards the no-entry signs then that is one option.

Unfortunately, I won't be able to attend in person tonight. Please share the below update with councillors and ask them to update me by email after the meeting on any matters arising or outstanding they need my help with.

B4RN for High Furness: The roll-out of Broadband 4 the Rural North in High Furness continues apace, with work in Duddon, Kirkby Ireleth, Hawkshead, Claife and Skelwith Parishes well advanced. We really just need people to sign up with a no-commitment expression of interest from each parish at this stage, via the B4RN.org.uk website. I know Hawkshead and Claife are pushing on very well and also suggest Satterthwaite keeps in touch as to whether they can benefit from the roll-out in your area. We now have a dedicated member of B4RN staff for our area, called Dan Robinson, who is very good at answering questions and helping communities to organise at the local and hyper-local levels. B4RN will produce printed leaflets for businesses and residents if required; so far it seems one, two or three parishes working together with volunteers from each "hyper-local" area as being the best approach.

Chair Initials Date

Not quite your patch but the **Friends of X112 group** are pleased to announce new services including a new route from Coniston to Broughton, and onwards to Kirkby, Askam, Dalton and Barrow via the extended X7 route, beginning Weds 23 and running Weds and Fridays to begin with. As always the group is doing sterling work but needs volunteers and fundraising, as the County continues to persist with its policy of not allowing funds to directly subsidise the running of bus routes, even though the Friends of group is now a charity and they believe they are contracting community transport. Hopefully the new routes and days will be well supported and the council can be persuaded to divert at least some funding to maintain and establish all our rural routes, including the X112 from Coniston as well.

On the **highways** side dissatisfaction has been registered once again about the poor signage and short-notice diversions with the works at Rothay Bridge; not technically my division but the knock-on effects were widespread. I have complained and I know Will Clark next door was also on the case. I have also spoken to Peter Hoskings about the thorny issue of maintaining unsealed roads in the area, which is a work in progress he admits, and they are looking to clarify some legal and liability issues before coming up with a strategy to manage this type of road in future, that will not meet with some form of legal action from one campaign group or another.

Likewise, I have followed up with Karen Dockery in the steward's office about managing verges, trees and the very minor roads in the area; she hasn't committed to anything yet but the verge maintenance schedules for the year ahead have just been published so I will go back to her.

There is a new **South Lakes environment fund** that can be used on verges, roads, footpaths, biodiversity corridors, wildflower areas etc, so if you have any suggestions as to what and where these projects might be appropriate in your parish I am happy to champion these.

As mentioned above the **local members' highways funding** pots have been replenished for financial year 2021/22 so if you have any specific requests for new or upgraded signs, lines, traffic calming measures anywhere in the parish do please let me know and I will see if some of this funding can be allocated.

No update re the ferry at present but if anything is concerning you and/or local businesses about how it is operating please do let me know by phone or email. I know we were pushing for the improved signage and at the last meeting of the advisory group we were told this scheme is now being designed so I will chase on this issue. Nothing to update re the replacement vessel at this stage either.

Hope the above is all of use/interest and do please let me know if there are other matters under discussion tonight that I should be aware of or can help with.

89/2021 Public Participation

National Trust sent an update regarding their properties locally, read out by the Chair as follows:-

The Beatrix Potter Gallery is open as planned – though it looks like our ability to open up more is going to be further delayed around restrictions on social distancing, the same applies to Hill Top where we are having to turn away lots of visitors given the very small nature of the house.

No houses currently vacant in the parish and none coming up that I am aware of.

Member of the public asked on behalf of the Treasurer for the Recreation Ground whether they would be able to receive the grant, it was confirmed that this had been budgeted for and Councillors ask for the request in writing for accounting purposes and a cheque will then be issued. There was also talk about how the Recreation Ground could source income.

Member of the public had completed the Internal Audit and wanted to discuss the banking system used by the Parish Council he felt that it is over complicated and that the PC need to look at an investment account and current account which are simpler, Cllrs all agreed. ACTION Clerk to set up an appointment with the Cumberland (as the most local to Hawkshead) and a long with the Clerk, Cllrs Woodhouse and Johnston would attend (Cllr Woodhouse will let her know available dates)

Member of the public had been in touch regarding the Old Police Car Park and cars parking in there in the evening without permits. ACTION Clerk to notify the Parking Enforcement Officers.

Concern was raised regarding cars parking at Town End junction ACTION Clerk to bring to the attention of the Police.

90/2021 **Ongoing Issues Action Results**

UNRESOLVED Lighting at the Old Police Car Park - National Trust have been in touch to say happy as long as the PC checks whether planning will be required. Prior to the meeting the Clerk contacted the Planning department who confirmed that planning permission would be required. ACTION Clerk will get further information.

UNRESOLVED LDNPA electric charging points – Cllr Spedding has been working on this but no report tonight due to absence.

UNRESOLVED placement of new Planter arrangements with Primary School – Cllr Woodhouse will get the old planter removed and new one placed, he has sourced some top soil. ACTION Cllr Woodhouse

91/2021 **Highways Issues**

To note Highways issues in the Parish:

UNRESOLVED two roads identified for urgent attention with Cllr Brereton (Outgate W2081019686 & W2081023139, Hawkshead Hill W2081017865, W2081017866 & W2081028138) Although work has been completed higher up Hawkshead Hill there are still significant pot holes nearer the bottom. Cllr Woodhouse has seen a member of Highways looking at the potholes at Outgate and informed him they were category 5 and would be filled in 10 working days after he has visited and completed a report. This has not been done. ACTION Clerk to contact about both roads.

UNRESOLVED potholes by the road junction leading to Sawrey near the fishery (W2081023135) Clerk to report

UNRESOLVED Potholes by Hannakin (W2181037263) Clerk to report

UNRESOLVED edge of the road is collapsing on the stretch of road before the Dale Park junction and heading out of Hawkshead, this has been filled with gravel but this is still a problem. Clerk to report

UNRESOLVED Pothole at top of the hill near the fish farm – Clerk to report

UNRESOLVED Pothole by Hawkshead Field – Clerk to report

Hawkshead Hall bridge stones have been knocked out – Clerk to report

Outgate opposite Outgate Reading Rooms by the wall is falling – Clerk to report

The edge of the road just past Rough Close has the road eroding on the edge and there is a significant hollow – Clerk to report

Chairman has spoken to various landowners regarding overgrown hedges a long the Hawkshead to Newby Bridge road and Skinner How Lane

92/2021 **Finance & Governance Issues**

RESOLVED Councillors authorised payment of the following accounts:-

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| Tracey Thornley – Clerk wages (May) | £ 459.96 |
| HMRC – PAYE | £ 17.20 |
| Andrew Thompson (mowing contract) | £ 432.00 |

RESOLVED Councillors acknowledged income sources since March meeting:-

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| Old Police Car Park Permits | £ 1925.00 |
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RESOLVED The Annual Governance Statement and Accounting Statements had been agreed, the Certificate of Exemption and Statements were authorised to be signed by the Chairman and Clerk. Clerk to send to the Auditors

93/2021 **Planning**

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

7/2021/5405 – Attwood, Outgate, Ambleside, LA22 0PY – Demolition of existing outbuilding, erection of single storey building Cllrs viewed the plans and have no objections Clerk to notify Planning

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

7/2021/5427 – Hawkshead Hall Farm, Hawkshead, Ambleside, LA22 0NN – Agricultural shed - for information only.

94/2021 **Hawkshead Project**

Ongoing – still trying to get a response from Highways. Tim Farron has been contacted and we have received a response that he will look into this, nothing so far. ACTION Clerk to chase Victoria Upton and Helen Karaslaan from Cumbria County Council, copy Cllr Brereton, Tim Farron, Rob Warwick and Rose Lord to see if someone can get a response so we can move the project forward.

95/2021 **Lengthsman Duties**

The Lengthsman has resigned. Discussion took place regarding a replacement, the clerk circulated a copy of the advert used last time. Cllrs agreed to advertise the position locally on noticeboards etc. ACTION Clerk to advertise

96/2021 **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*

97/2021 **Correspondence (for information only)**

To note the following e-mails received since last meeting

SLDC – One year on: Climate Change Action Plan; Minister confirms strong backing for Bay Council; Weekly list 14/5; Next steps for Parish/Town Councils; New Council Leader confirmed; Reminder – climate science & solutions 101; CCRG vaccine FAQ; Covid infections increase but remain below national average; Health inequalities discussion; New SLDC Chairman & Vice Chairman; Weekly list 21/5/21; New look Kendal Town Hall opens doors; Every Life Matters summer training; Coronavirus pandemic impacting on business confidence; Eligible businesses urged to apply for Restart Grants; Chaining skills for Members; Campaign launched to clean up SL; SLDC Code of Conduct/effective member training; List 16 24/5/21; Fridges flytipped at Broughton on Furness; Leaders confirm backing for the Bay; 40 new Covid cases 3/6/21; Information on Action for wellbeing; Grant from outgoing Chairman supports Debt Centre Project.

Cllr Brodie – Claife new clerk

BBC Radio Cumbria – How many loos

Brathay – Windermere Marathon

CALC – Advice on Face to Face meetings; April/May Newsletter; Local Nature Recovery Strategy Pilot; Changes to the guidance for the public re funerals; MHCLG Electronic ballot MP calls to Action content; ACT news update; Friday Round up; Letter to Parish Councils; Testing the new Highways system; South Distinctive Area Parish Elect to the LDNPA; Public Health Alert change to Covid guidance 260521; British Spring clean; 39 new Covid cases recorded; Cumbria Arts & Culture Network Newsletter 25/5/21; Election of Parish Rep to LDNPA; ACT news update; Connecting Cumbria Newsletter; SLDA meeting 10 June 21; Online employability courses; Reminder LDNPA Plan; A to Z briefing note for 10 June meeting; HIAMs launch focus 2021; Action for Health and Mental Health Provider Forum Bulletin; ACT news update.

Cumbria Police – The Lakes & Lakes Rural Newsletter; The Lakes & Lakes Rural Newsletter; May 21 Ulverston, Low Furness, High Furness & Grange

Claife PC – Meeting 24/5/21

Cumbria CC – Temporary Road Closure – U5056 Nr Sawrey

LDNPA – letter re Partnerships Plan consultation

PCSO Ross – Reply regarding query accessing local crime figures

NALC – Chief Executives Bulletin

Member of the Public – Query Declarations of Interest – *Discussion took place and Cllrs have asked the Clerk to ask the members of the public for Minute numbers of the concerns they are raising.*

FA – Football pitch Hawkshead access

A Thompson – Contractor – mowing invoice

LDNPA Planning – Compliance Investigation E/2019/0374 – Land r/o Fell Foot and High Cross Hawkshead.

Cllr Coward – meeting dates

Tim Farron MP – Hawkshead Squares Project (Case No TF130547)

Member of the Public – Concern regarding youths in the village - *Concerns over 2 groups of youths, drinking, smoking etc causing disruption in the village. Reports of damage concerns and their own safety, these occurrences seem to happen during the week nights. ACTION Clerk to forward the email to the PCSO and confirm that the Parish Council also have concerns and ask for a police presence during week day evenings.*

98/2021 **Date of next meeting**

The next meeting will be Tuesday 27 July 2021 in the **Upper Market Hall**, Hawkshead at 7.30 pm.

The meeting closed at 9.02 pm

Chair Initials Date