

**Minutes of the meeting of Hawkshead Parish Council**  
**Held in the Lower Market Hall, Hawkshead on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2024 at 7.30 pm**

Present: Cllr Spedding (Chair)  
Cllrs Johnston, Berry, Brown, Maclennan welcome to the Council and signed the Acceptance of Office form, Westmorland and Furness Councillor Pender  
Clerk – Tracey Thornley

In attendance: No members of the public present

131/2024 **Apologies**

RESOLVED Cllrs Moulton, Bremner

132/2024 **Requests for Dispensations**

RESOLVED No requests received

134/2024 **Declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests in respect of Agenda items**

RESOLVED None

135/2024 **Minutes**

RESOLVED the Chair was authorised to sign the minutes of the meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> September 2024.

**Police, Westmorland and Furness Council, and Public Participation**

136/2024 Police

The Clerk had looked on the Police.uk website on 14/10/24 the statistics from August 24:

1 x crime on or near Spika Lane – Violence and sexual offence - under investigation

1 x crime on or near Spika Lane - Criminal damage or arson – under investigation

137/2024 Westmorland and Furness Council and National Trust

Westmorland and Furness Cllr Pender reported that winter gritting is being pushed to cover the roads leading to Hawkshead and the squares confirmation yet to be received. Councillors asked about any progress on using our own contractor Cllr Pender has continued to chase this and talk of using Hawkshead as a pilot scheme.

Ferry – concern that it has not been running as frequently as it should have been Cllr Pender has asked for data on this.

Local housing – continuing to looking possible locations in the village. Cllr Pender is still trying to find out ownership of ground behind Spring Wood, she will contact Mrs Sharp and ask if they have any agreements, legal paperwork regarding the land. Land behind Hawksgarth was also suggested but this would need a discussion with the landowner.

Art exhibition in the National Trust Gallery – was a success with 1000 visitors over the summer weekends.

Discussion regarding the Squares and enquiries received regarding permission for market type stalls to be there occasionally – Clerk to check with Land Registry regarding ownership and then permissions.

National Trust - not present and no updates received.

138/2024 Public Participation

None

139/2024 **Update on Ongoing Issues and Actions from Last Meeting**

UNRESOLVED Response regarding snowplough and gritter – Cllr Pender is pursuing this as above

UNRESOLVED Update on weed spraying in the village – reported online no response yet

RESOLVED cars parking in the OCP without permits – Clerk has spoken to the Traffic Wardens and provided details of when there appears to be more vehicles without permits present.

UNRESOLVED LDNPA using Main Street car park to wash bikes – no response from LDNPA there is also one of their vans parking in there Clerk to chase

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RESOLVED decision regarding looking after the footpath at Outgate – Cllr Johnston spoke to the landowner who is happy to keep the footpath open is getting the fence fixed and will put a sign up. Grateful if we could help with the strimming once a year by Lengthsman all agreed this would be acceptable. RESOLVED position of fence in Red Lion Yard – Clerk to alert National Trust as the Landowner that the fence has been moved.

UNRESOLVED research on planters to be placed under the welcome signs – Clerk provided examples of some that attach to the posts with prices. Cllr Spedding is also going to have a look into other ideas

#### 140/2024 **Highways**

UNRESOLVED update on the drains blocked on the North Lonsdale Road E1/79317 and now all local drains need clearing E1/177362 and all other drains E1/177362 E1/215114 .

UNRESOLVED update on hole developing on the road edge near Lakes Lodges E1/110351, E1/133268 E1/143069 Clerk to continue to report

UNRESOLVED update on loose slab/slate by Tigers Eye E1/177640 Clerk to email Cllr Pender

UNRESOLVED update on loose slabs/slates outside Queens and Chemist E1/177643 E1/201282 Cllr Pender is getting this fixed along with getting the tarmac fillers put back to slabs/slates in this area.

UNRESOLVED update on broken bollard by Merlin House E1/200971 E1/219828 ongoing

UNRESOLVED Skinner How Lane the hedges needs cutting back as it is obstructing the road E1/215112 E1/219827 Cllrs were unsure if this had been completed.

UNRESOLVED Dale Park Road road end eroding away E1/219824

UNRESOLVED Openreach manhole covers at Hannakin opposite Suke Cottage E1/219826

UNRESOLVED Blocked drains at Hawksgarth E1/219829

Roger Ground – stone trough is leaking looks like it is cracked located by the letter box, there is a pipe coming out the wall might be lead this will need investigating. Clerk to report on system and ask the Lengthsman to have a look

#### 141/2024 **Finance & Governance Issues**

RESOLVED Councillors authorised payment of the following accounts:-

Clerk wages (September includes PAYE refund)	£1112.70
Lengthsman (September)	£63.00
Information Commissioner – Data Protection	£40.00
Groundsman (Inv No V2099 & V2117)	£1440.00

UNRESOLVED to confirm second quarter accounts – to be completed at the next meeting due to bank statements not arriving in time for the meeting.

UNRESOLVED Cllrs will consider before the next meeting anything that needs to be added

#### 142/2024 **Planning**

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

7/2024/5480 – Pillar House, Church Hill, Hawkshead, Ambleside, LA22 0PQ – installation of a stair lift – Granted

#### 143/2024 **Lengthsman**

Broken posts on the entrance to the recreation park need urgent attention Cllrs agreed to ask him to get this job completed.

#### 144/2024 **Destination Hawkshead**

Cllr Pender had given an update on most items above, there were 2 items that they had asked the PC to look at:

- Paving slabs outside the Chemist – Cllr Pender has this on her list.
- Parking spaces outside Park House made into disc parking rather than resident only to help encourage people to stop for an hour like other towns/villages in the area have. Cllrs agreed to this and asked the Clerk to get this underway.

145/2024 **CALC Surveys**

Discussion took place, Cllrs are happy for the Clerk to complete these on their behalf and queries can be emailed to all for a response. Clerk complete surveys.

146/2024 **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*

Judith Myers asked whether the Parish Council would be able to assist Brownies with a contribution Cllrs recognise what a good facility this is for the village and will ask her to write with her request and decision can then be made at our next meeting.

Beck above the village – report received that tree cuttings had been left in it last week causing concern regarding blockages. Cllr Spedding went and had a look they have taken 2 trees out he removed some branches but there was one which was far too big to lift on his own. Discussion took place regarding who owned the trees. Cllr Berry will try and find out who owns the ground.

Member of the public has contacted a Cllr regarding a large dormer which has recently been added to Keen Ground Lodge, no one had any recollection of this going through the planning process. Clerk to Contact Planning

Cllr Johnston will source a Remembrance Day wreath and will present the wreath on the day.

147/2024 **Correspondence (for information only)**

To note the following e-mails received since last meeting

CALC – Electoral Review of Westmorland & Furness – Briefing for parishes and community groups; Launch of new Cumbria people and nature network website; W&F Branch forum – Highways & Local Councils South Lakes Briefing; CALC Annual review 2024; Training Bulletin 18/9; Charge my Street webinars; Invite to workshops for Cumbria LNRS mapping; Training Bulletin 25/9/24; Message from the Lieutenancy of Cumbria Thank you and Remembrance; CALC AGM 12/10/24; Waste queries contact for Town and Parish Clerks; Follow up slides & drop in session W&F Branch Forum W&FC; NALC/CALC Financial Services Ombudsman campaign survey; Training Bulletin 2/10/24; CALC Surveys 2024; An invite from LDNPA; CALC AGM Agenda and supporting papers; A595 Grizebeck Improvement Project update; Cumbria inter Faith week 10<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> Nov 24; CAFS/Zero Carbon Cumbria Community Climate Grants  
Grizedale stages – Coppermines Grizedale Stages Rally 2024 Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December;  
Cllr Pender – LDNPA car park Hawkshead; Gritter/Snowplough; Vehicle issue; Recycling Hawkshead; W&FC Cabinet meeting; Hawksgarth; Hawkshead public realm – remediation work on high street; Pre-Planning Consultation Cornerstone 1284407; Recruitment of Parish Clerks; Highways drop in sessions  
Moore Cumbria – Signed External Auditor Report & Certificate 23/24  
Cumbria Police – Operation Enhance; September 2024 Ulverston, Low Furness, High Furness & Grange; September 2024 Lakes and Lakes Rural.  
NALC – Chief Executives Bulletin 19/9; Utility Aid; NALC newsletter 25/9/24; Chief Executives Bulletin 26/9/24; NALC Newsletter 2/10/24  
Destination Hawkshead – meeting  
Information Commissioners Office – Data Protection fee renewal reminder  
Westmorland and Furness Council – Remembrance Day events; Winter Route amendments; Abandoned vehicle; Council support multi agency plan to reduce number of suicides across W&F; Get smoke free this Stoptober; Targeted Short breaks activity open to register throughout October; Councils submit devolution response to Government; Popular monthly markets return; SIDs confirmation of posts; Survey shows high confidence within W&F business sector; Council launches new ‘Go Green’ collection in libraries; Council announces new Joint Local Health and Wellbeing Strategy; Resurfacing works to complete multi-million pound A592 investment; Join over 2,000 residents and share views on 20mph speed limit proposals; New intermediate care bedded unit helping hospital patients return home; Kendal Market Improvement scheme set to start; Improvements proposed to help customers at Kendal Town Hall; Traffic Warden – OPCP; Handyperson scheme rolled out across all areas; Council confirms £2 million in school maintenance works, completed over summer holidays  
Brathay Events – Windermere Marathon 2025;  
Rural Services Network – Rural Bulletin 24/9/24; Rural Bulletin 2/10/24; Rural Bulletin 8/10  
LDNPA – Shard/Brathay fence works; Planning – decision Rose Cottage;  
A2A – Parish Council .gov.uk domains  
Ivy House – Permission – Clerk to respond to them explaining they will need to contact LDNPA/WMFC but also pass on concern regarding impact it may have on other businesses in the area.  
Groundsman – invoices

Home Instead South Lakes – Upcoming events  
Cumbria Tourism – Hawkshead & West Windermere Transport Workshop  
Cllr Bremner – Village Litter Picking; Grit bin check  
Cllr Berry – Beck  
Member of the public – OPCP vehicles without permits  
Member of the public – Nomadic Books – street trading enquiry  
Lengthsman – Invoice and other info

148/2024 **Date of next meeting**

It was agreed that the next meeting would be Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2024 at 7.30 pm in the Lower Market Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.11 pm