

**Minutes of the meeting of Hawkshead Parish Council**  
**Held in the Lower Market Hall, Hawkshead on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2024 at 7.30 pm**

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

In attendance: 3 members of the public present

113/2024 **Apologies**

RESOLVED None

114/2024 **Requests for Dispensations**

RESOLVED No requests received

115/2024 **Declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests in respect of Agenda items**

RESOLVED Cllr Brown declared an interest in the plans from Mitie and the Planning communication received after the agenda published 7/2024/5493 Pool Bridge (same plans as Mitie communication). Cllr Moulton declared an interest in the Councillor position (his daughter - an applicant)

116/2024 **Minutes**

RESOLVED the Chair was authorised to sign the minutes of the meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> July 2024.

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

117/2024 Police

The Clerk had looked on the Police.uk website on 16/9/24 the statistics for June 2024 there were 3 incidents – 1 violence and sexual offence, Scarhouse Lane (under investigation); 1 violence and sexual offence, Red Lion Yard (unable to prosecute suspect); 1 Anti-social behaviour, Barnfield (no timeline available) July 2024 there were 2 incidents – 1 other theft on or near supermarket (no suspect identified); 1 other theft, Barnfield (under investigation).

118/2024 Westmorland and Furness Council

Not present

119/2024 Public Participation

A member of public wanted to report that Continental Landscapes, who cut the grass at Hawksgarth haven't been since beginning of August, when they do attend they don't collect the grass which causes additional mess. Local residents have taken it upon themselves to cut the grass and keep the area looking tidy Clerk to raise with Cllr Pender to find out who needs to be notified of issues.

Member of the public also wanted to raise the amount of weeds a long the footpaths in front of Greenbank, Lime Tree cottages, and down by the Red Lion Yard Clerk to raise on Highways reporting system to see if they can be sprayed.

120/2024 **Update on Ongoing Issues and Actions from Last Meeting**

UNRESOLVED Response regarding snowplough and gritter – Clerk to ask Cllr Pender for an update

UNRESOLVED Update on weed spraying in the village – it was completed in the centre and see if they can do other areas as raised in public participation above

UNRESOLVED cars parking in the OPCP without permits – vehicles without permits continue to park in there. Clerk to get in touch with the Traffic Wardens

RESOLVED hedge on the corner of Hawksgarth narrowing footpath has been cut back

UNRESOLVED LDNPA using Main Street car park to wash bikes – this has continued Clerk to contact to ask them to stop re concern about drains getting blocked.

RESOLVED shops and businesses asked to tidy up their frontage

UNRESOLVED decision regarding looking after the footpath at Outgate – discussion took place regarding placing signage to minimise risks. Cllr Johnston will speak to the landowner re happy to support them.

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UNRESOLVED position of fence in Red Lion Yard – Cllr Spedding centre post pushed into the car park should come back. Clerk to contact owner of the boundary to make them aware that the PC is aware the fence has been moved, not happy and would have preferred to be approached/asked about this.

#### 121/2024 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 – The lengthsman is clearing as he goes around and also reporting on the WFC system. There is a blocked one on Hawksgarth which is blocked underneath the road needs jet washing through. Clerk will continue to report.

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

UNRESOLVED update on loose slabs/slates outside Queens and Chemist E1/177643 E1/201282 continue to report, this is also on the agenda for Destination Hawkshead meetings.

UNRESOLVED update on broken bollard by Merlin House E1/200971 still broken Clerk to report again

RESOLVED update on potholes near Outgate E1/201056

RESOLVED update on row of potholes outside Hawkshead School E1/201048

RESOLVED update on potholes at Gallowbarrow E1/201046

RESOLVED update deep pothole near the corner on the hill near Belmont E1/215111

RESOLVED update Dan Becks deep pothole has formed again a long with several along that section of road. E1/215115

UNRESOLVED Skinner How Lane the hedges needs cutting back as it is obstructing the road E1/215112 Clerk to continue to report

RESOLVED update on deep pothole on Hawkshead Hill on way down to Hawkshead heading between High Cross and Tarn Hows turn E1/215110

RESOLVED update on eroding road edge near Rough Close E1/215117

Dale Park Road road end eroding away Clerk to report

Openreach manhole covers are loose and rattling when driven over they road around it is also becoming eroded and already a good size pothole, opposite Suke cottage Clerk to report.

#### 122/2024 Finance & Governance Issues

RESOLVED Councillors authorised payment of the following accounts:-

Clerk wages (July with 11 hours permit processing)	£541.00
HMRC – PAYE (July)	£135.20
Clerk Wages (August)	£411.70
HMRC – PAYE (August)	£102.80
Lengthsman (July)	£189.00

RESOLVED invoices arrived after publication of the agenda, Councillors agreed payment of

Lengthsman (August)	£ 81.00
Moore Accounts (External Audit fee)	£378.00

#### 123/2024 Planning

RESOLVED Councillors considered the following planning applications

7/2024/5473 – Flag Cottage, Flag Street, Hawkshead, Ambleside LA22 0PE – Retrospective consent sort for maintenance, repairs and refurbishment. Cllrs viewed the plans and had no objections Clerk to report to Planning

RESOLVED planning application received after publication of the Agenda requiring a response prior to the next meeting Cllrs agreed to view the application:-

7/2024/5493 -Pool Bridge, Hawkshead, Ambleside, LA22 0RL – Proposed 24m high telecommunications lattice tower with galvanised finish – Cllrs viewed the plans and had no objections did however ask whether consideration could be given to colour of the tower such as brown to blend into the surroundings.

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

7/2024/5815 – Rose Cottage, Fountain Street, Hawkshead, Ambleside, LA22 0PF – Replacement of 7 windows – 5 at the front and 2 at the rear – Refused – Councillors were concerned that a local empty house has been refused and would like to know why. Clerk to ask for feedback

7/2024/5359 – Land and buildings to the north west of The Square, Hawkshead, Ambleside, LA22 0NZ – replacement windows – Granted.

**124/2024 Lengthsman**

Discussion took place and the Clerk should ask him to clear weeds, have a look at and fix the fence at the top of Hawksgarth (wooden fence putting a new post and rail on), have a look at the broken rail on the fence in the entrance to the park.

**125/2024 Destination Hawkshead**

No update

**126/2024 Councillor Vacancy**

4 applications were received, discussion took place, all applicants had some very good attributes which would benefit the Parish Council. It was decided to complete a paper vote - each Councillor wrote down their first 2 choices for the position. Malcolm Maclellan had the majority of the votes. Clerk to notify Malcolm and thank the other candidates, ask them if they would like their details kept for any future positions and any help the PC might need.

**127/2024 Speed Indicator Devices (SID)**

An agreement and contract had been received from Westmorland and Furness Council for the location of the SIDs along with the cost of the posts. Cllrs agreed locations, and considered the costs of the posts and all agreed for the agreements to be signed. RESOLVED Cllr Spedding and Cllr Johnston signed the Agreement.

**128/2024 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*

A Councillor had been approached by a member of the public about a blue car which appears to have been abandoned in Wordsworth Street. It has not moved for 6 months and is blocking access. Clerk to contact Police and Westmorland and Furness Council

Discussion took place regarding placing some planters under the new signs in the village. Clerk to have a look and get prices.

**129/2024 Correspondence (for information only)**

To note the following e-mails received since last meeting

LDNPA - Planning – response to query regarding Bragg Field decision; Contribute to our active travel improvements; Enhance your Tank Scheme; Contribute to active travel improvements online mapping platform; United Utilities community Fund  
CALC – Consultation on a new public space protection order within Westmorland and Furness; Reminder new CALC address; Westmorland & Furness Local Plan – Guidance for Members Parish & Town Councils; Letters from LDNPA Lakes PC vote of no confidence; Cumbria LNRS Summer Newsletter; Leisure & Active well-being survey; Climate FRESK Training; Training Bulletin 24/7; CALC Annual review 2024; Training Bulletin 30/7/24; CALC news; CALC Email distribution lists; New funding availability for rural community projects in Cumbria; Clerks Forum dates; Search is on for 2 Fell Top Assessors for a top job; South Lakeland Town and Parish Council Newsletter 6/8; Claife Parish Council Vacancy; CiLCA training; Reporting Scam/Phishing emails; Refugees, Asylum Seekers and Evacuees Support Grant; Healthwatch W&F Vacancies; Training bulletin 7/8; Emails; Election of 2 Directors for the CALC board; Police Reassurance Leaflet; Q&A sessions Refugees, Asylum Seekers and Evacuees Support grant; CALC News 12/8; Official portraits of HM The King; Training bulletin 14/8; Emergency Plan – Joint Emergency Management and Resilience contact; Training bulletin 28/8; CALC Locum List; Proverty proof training; Electoral Review W&F Briefing 11/9/24 7pm; 50<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting 12/10/24; Training bulletin 4/9; W&F Local Plan Design code; NALC community safety case study forms survey; CALC news July and August; Info for Parish and Town Councils.  
Cllr Pender – Request for spraying the cobbles E1/211899; Fibus Road Closures throughout W&F; Welcome signs; Claife/Cunsey Drainage works; Summer Art Exhibition in the Beatrix Potter Gallery Hawkshead; Meeting with Fibus; Post Offices; Wilder Arts Exhibition Hawkshead; Visitor pressures on the Lake District for info;  
NALC – Newsletter 17/7; Chief Executive Bulletin 18/7; Events 23/7; Newsletter 31/7; Chief Executives bulletin 1/8; Newsletter 7/8; Newsletter 14/8; Bulletin 15/8; Bulletin 22/8;  
Westmorland and Furness Council – Temp road closure – U5029 The Squares, Hawkshead 1/8; Reminder – Code of Conduct training; Temp Road Closure B5285 Little Langdale 14/8; South Lakes Funding Fair 17/9; Code of Conduct training slides; Focus on Funding extra Royal Countryside Fund; How to use smart meters; Focus on funding July 24; Playground strategy consultation; Temp road Closure order – motor rallies 24-25; Licensing List 36 19/8; Ward Boundary Review – initial Consultation; Cumbria Local Nature Recovery Strategy newsletter; Urgent Prohibition of all Traffic restrictions B5286 Clappersgate 3/9; Temp road closure C5028; Information for PCs;  
The Great Run Company – 13 Valleys Ultra  
Destination Hawkshead – Group meeting Agenda and Minutes; Committee member update for community on what money is being spent on; Meeting notes;

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Rural Services Network – Rural Bulletin 23/7; Rural Bulletin 30/7; Rural Bulletin 6/8/24; RSN Rural Funding Digest Aug 24; Bulletin 20/8; Bulletin 28/8; Bulletin 3/9/24; Digest Sept 24; Rural Bulletin 10/9  
Cumbria Police – HMICFRS Inspection results;; Police Fire & Crime Plan Consultation Survey; Operation Enhance; July 2024 The Lakes and Rural Lakes newsletter July; Ulverston, Low Furness, High Furness & Grange and The Lakes and Lakes Rural August  
Member of the public – Market Hall Stairlift help – *Market Hall committee decision*.  
Member of the public – offer of help  
Member of the public – Hawkshead Squares parking permits;  
Cumbria Tourism – Hawkshead & West of Windermere VAMP, Free climate Fresk Workshops; VAMP online meeting; Active Travel consultation; Free Climate Fresk training;  
Lengthsman – invoice, etc; WI jubilee bench; Drains  
Claife PC – Minutes and Agenda  
Coniston PC – Minutes and Agenda  
Highways – Speed Indicator Devices  
Member of the public – Cllr application  
Mitie – Proposed Base Sation Upgrade at CS129152 Hawkshead  
Member of the public – Cllr application  
Moore Accountants – Initial Review Queries  
Member of the public – Cllr application  
Life scape project – Cumbrian White-Tailed Eagle project  
Member of the public – Roger Ground footpath

130/2024 **Date of next meeting**

It was agreed that the next meeting would be Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2024 at 7.30 pm in the Lower Market Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.57 pm

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