

**Minutes of the meeting of Hawkshead Parish Council**  
**Held in the Lower Market Hall, Hawkshead on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2025 at 7.30 pm**

Present: Cllr Spedding  
Cllrs MacLennan, Johnston, Bremner, Brown, Berry  
Clerk – Tracey Thornley

In attendance: 3 members of the public present

18/2025 **Apologies**

RESOLVED Cllr Moulton and Westmorland and Furness Councillor Pender

19/2025 **Requests for Dispensations**

RESOLVED No requests received

20/2025 **Declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests in respect of Agenda items**

RESOLVED None

21/2025 **Minutes**

RESOLVED the Chair was authorised to sign the minutes of the meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> January 2025.

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

22/2025 Police

The Clerk had looked on the Police.uk website on 17/2/2025:- December 2024 - 1 Criminal damage or arson – on or near the Square -investigation complete no suspect identified; 1 other theft – on or near the Square – under investigation; 1 vehicle crime – crime on or near Red Lion Yard – under investigation.

23/2025 Westmorland and Furness Council and National Trust

Westmorland and Furness Councillor – had sent a report outlining what she has been working on as follows: Coniston Medical Centre closure meeting further update after; Coniston bathing water meeting, UU have started working on asset improvement; Road closure at Clappersgate and 4 way control causing many issues, have written to CEO and Cabinet, ENW have been there 4 months now; Formal consultation on 20mph has started last phase of process; Devolution Cumbria in next phase will mean Mayoral election, should mean more influence on transport and infrastructure but not clear yet; Ferry has been off again, very frustrated about performance; Other update now the Chair of South Lake Locality Board.

National Trust – a newsletter update had been received a copy available on the PC website next to these Minutes.

24/2025 Public Participation

A member of the public wanted to voice concern that the Old Police Car Park is full in the evenings and they cannot get parked – some vehicles without permit stickers – Councillors confirmed that there are over 100 permit holders and less spaces than this, which has always been the situation. The wardens do not attend in the evening but Cllrs if in the area will have a look and see if the vehicles without permits can be identified.

A member of the public wanted to report that the gullies appear to be blocked at Hawksgarth and the wall is starting to lean over on the field side onto the road, the wall on both sides from Keen Ground towards the Coniston turn are starting to move too. Clerk to report to Highways.

A member of the public wanted to ask if there were any developments of the grass cutting on Hawksgarth as a couple of residents are keen to do it. Councillors confirmed that the grass cutting in Hawksgarth is not the responsibility of the Parish Council and that the Westmorland and Furness Council agree and pay the contractors who do this job. It was agreed that the member of public would speak to Cllr Pender regarding this.

A member of the public wanted to discuss the Ferry – concerned about all the errors which have occurred recently and in the last year with maintenance and engine issues. Concerned about the future of the ferry as

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there does not seem to be a plan for this. Councillors asked the Clerk to write with their concern regarding its future and how important the ferry is to the community of Hawkshead and surrounding villages.

**25/2025 Update on Ongoing Issues and Actions from Last Meeting**

UNRESOLVED Response regarding snowplough and gritter – ongoing – Clerk to ask if there is an update  
UNRESOLVED research on planters to be placed under the welcome signs – the signs had been measured and discussion took place, it was agreed to order the larger ones received on the quote from Plantscape and to be purchased from the legacy funding left for this purpose – Clerk to order  
UNRESOLVED car parking spaces outside the grammar School – ongoing Clerk to see if there is an update  
UNRESOLVED cracked water trough Roger Ground – although some work has been completed in the ground around it, it was felt the work still needs to doing to maintain it. Clerk to report  
RESOLVED update on response regarding planning for a dormer at Keen Ground Lodge – the Planning Department have reviewed and informed that they are allowing the dormer to remain.  
UNRESOLVED update on the new streetlight between Springwood and Primary School- received notification that they will be coming to have a look.  
UNRESOLVED update on Cumbria Action – start of local housing project – Cllr Macllenan agreed to be the representative on the committee.  
UNRESOLVED update on query regarding new permit scheme 1 permit to be shared between 2 vehicles E1/233215 response from the Council that its unique to the village and they have returned to what the scheme used to be previously – after discussion Cllrs agreed that this should be appealed – Clerk to contact Highways  
UNRESOLVED update on request for a litter bin along the by-pass E1/234872 – response that they will visit the village to have a look

**26/2025 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 E1/227471 Clerk to report the gully at Hawksgarth too.  
UNRESOLVED update on hole developing on the road edge near Lakes Lodges E1/110351, E1/133268 E1/143069 E1/227478 Clerk to continue to report still the same  
UNRESOLVED update on loose slab/slate by Tigers Eye E1/177640 E1/227470 No recent updates  
UNRESOLVED update on loose slabs/slates outside Queens and Chemist E1/177643 E1/201282 E1/227470 No recent updates  
UNRESOLVED Outgate quarry area potholes E1/226058 E1227480  
UNRESOLVED the edge of the road before you reach fish farm E1/227474 this has got worse and creeping further into the carriageway Clerk to report as dangerous  
UNRESOLVED large pothole in the middle of the road at the bottom of Esthwaite on the way to Sawrey E1/233208  
RESOLVED New pothole outside Park House – has been filled  
RESOLVED New pothole outside the chip shop needs attention – has been filled  
RESOLVED New pothole outside PoppiRed - has been filled

**27/2025 Finance & Governance Issues**

RESOLVED Councillors authorised payment of the following accounts:-  
Clerk wages £529.35  
RESOLVED Councillors agreed to the late receipt and authorisation of the payment to:-  
Hawkshead Market Hall room hire £163.35  
RESOLVED Councillors acknowledged receipt of the following:  
Old Police Car park permits £100.00

**28/2025 Planning**

RESOLVED Councillors considered planning applications and formulate comments to the planning Authority:-  
7/2025/5054 – Field Head, Outgate, Ambleside, LA22 0PY – Proposed walled patio, parking area with EV charging point, greenhouse and vegetable garden. Councillors viewed the plans and discussion took place, they all agreed that there were no objections. Clerk to report to Planning.

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RESOLVED Councillors agreed to view, consider and formulate comments on the following plans received after publication of the Agenda with a deadline prior to the next meeting :

7/2024/5684 - Lama Lodge, Hawkshead, Ambleside LA22 0QB – Replacement of substandard wooden dwellinghouse with contemporary self-build dwellinghouse with associated works including new highway access – discussion took place and all Cllrs agreed that they strongly object on the following grounds: - There has already been an illegal felling of a considerable amount of trees to make this space available on the site. Safety concerns regarding proposed entrance is on a section of road with low visibility, narrow with bends There were concerns previously about the current building being a holiday home without permission. The proposed new build is considerably bigger than the current building (this will impact on local utilities, local neighbourhood outlook) The visual impact is not in keeping with dwellings which surround it. No mention of local occupancy. There is no demand for any addition holiday homes in the area. There is a desperate need for local affordable housing. Clerk to notify Planning

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

- 7/2024/5243 – Tigers Eye, The Square, Hawkshead, Ambleside, LA22 0NZ – Replacement wooden non-illuminated shop sign above the door and front window. Refused  
7/2024/5618 – Fellfield, Outgate, Ambleside, LA22 0PY – alterations and extension. Granted.

#### 29/2025 Lengthsman

It was agreed to ask the Lengthsman to have a look at the drains in Hawksgarth, and remove saplings on roadsides where they may become problematic.

#### 30/2025 Destination Hawkshead

No update.

#### 31/2025 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*

Cllr Berry reported that when the water levels come up the culverts overflow on Vicarage Lane and need unblocking – Clerk to report

A member of the public has an old sign from the village that they feel should be back in Hawkshead, it is currently safe in storage, Cllr Berry will bring to the next meeting so a decision can be made on where it could be placed and what needs to be done.

#### 32/2025 Correspondence (for information only)

To note the following e-mails received since last meeting

Cumbria Tourism – Hawkshead & West of Windermere visioning better movement plan; Free carbon fresh training opportunity; Destination Hawkshead meeting cancelled; Transport Workshop; VAMP online meeting  
CALC – Training Bulletin 15/1/25; Help to shape the future of library services; BT Digital voice switchover; Flood warning service testing; Strong winds – Friday and Saturday this week – Storm Eowyn; Training Bulletin 22/1/25; CVCs newsletter; Amber Severe Weather Warning 24/1/25; Training/guidance moving over to a .gov.uk domain; Integrated Care Board News January 2025; Focus on Funding January 2025; WAF Electric Vehicle infrastructure; Cumbria Constabulary Neighbourhood Policing Pledge; NALC Legal bulletin 9/1/25; £100 subsidy for gov.uk; Briefing sessions – Launch of grants for Refugees, Evacuees and Asylum seekers; Training Bulletin 28/1/25; Active Cumbria Funding Newsletter; Accessing PDFs on NALC website; LDNPP Farm carbon audit webinar and FoLD rotating paid traineeship role; CALC news November & December 2024; Architecture student at Loughborough University; NTS update; Royal Garden Parties 2025 Allocation; Training bulletin 11/2/25; NALC events newsletter; Cllr Pender – Temp Road Closure C5026 Roger Ground; Local Winter Gritting Arrangement; Coniston and Hawkshead Ward teams meeting; Electricity resilience in Coniston and Hawkshead; Storm Eowyn – Advice for communities; Community Surgeries; A595 Grizebeck Improvement Scheme – upcoming closures; Advice ahead of Storm Eowyn; Council invests in the reliability of Mallard; Temp Road Closure C5026 Roger Ground 29/1/25 extended duration; Highways update ENW Road Closure 2 weeks at half term; Westmorland & Furness Council– Seeking residents views as they look to improve customer service offer; Have your say on the future of Wetheriggs Country Park; Significant progress being made on town centre improvement scheme; SL Parish & Town council mailing list; Licensing Weekly list 02; Temporary road closure – U5029 The Square

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Hawkshead until April 2025; Live Longer Better in Cumbria; 20mph Application update Outgate, Hawkshead PC 2026/27; List 04 3 February 2025; Apprenticeships now live; Cumbria Local Nature Recovery Strategy Newsletter; Council agrees five-year highways strategy; Councils essential road resurfacing investment continues on the A591; Team Barrow sets out its 10 year strategic vision; Council driving change with biofuel powered vehicles; Funding for multi-million pound town centre scheme confirmed; Demand soars for handyperson scheme; Work to start soon on community nature hub; E1/233215 response to car parking permit Hawkshead Squares; Councils welcome Government Devolution inclusion; Cumbria careers day to become annual event' Council launches search for dozens of new apprentices; WMFC protects frontline services in tough financial times; Launch free parenting support app; National Trust – Strategy Letter; Wray Restoration; NT South Lakes February update; Rural Services Network – The Rural Bulletin; Rural Bulletin 28/1; Rural Bulletin 4/2/25; Rural Bulletin 11/2/25 Malcolm Wilson Rally – 8th March LDNPA – Keen Ground Lodge – Dormer Environment Agency – Windermere Private Permitted discharges compliance checks spring/summer 2025 Fran Richardson – Offer of help with housing need survey, a working group, lead Parish Councillor. *Cllr MacLennan agreed to be on a committee Clerk to inform Fran.* Cumbria Police – 6 months into Cumbria Constabularys dedicated operation tackling antisocial behaviour and serious violence; January 2025 Lakes & Lakes Rural; Ulverston, Low Furness, High Furness & Grange Brathay Trust – 10 in 10 8th to 17th May 2025 Satterthwaite PC – Road closures Lengthsman – saplings Member of public – help with planters in the village *Yes please low growing trailing flowers for some plants* Cllr Bremner – Litter and bench – *Clerk to contact LDNPA ask if the please can the bench either be removed or replace the bench. The litter has been picked up by a group of students doing their volunteer section of the Duke of Edinburgh award.* Received by post (scanned and emailed to Cllrs) – HM Land Registry Notice of an application for registration of a person in adverse possession – B149 *The deadline was tight, a response objecting to the application was sent, the morning of the meeting a second letter by post had been received, they considered the objection 'groundless' legal advice would need to be sought which would be a costly exercise and not best use of funds .*

**33/2025 Date of next meeting**

It was agreed that the next meeting would be Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2025 at 7.30 pm in the Lower Market Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.53 pm