

Minutes of the meeting of Hawkshead Parish Council
Held in the Lower Market Hall, Hawkshead on Tuesday 18th March 2025 at 7.30 pm

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

In attendance: 33 members of the public present

34/2025 **Apologies**

RESOLVED Cllrs Moulton, Maclennan

35/2025 **Requests for Dispensations**

RESOLVED No requests received

36/2025 **Declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests in respect of Agenda items**

RESOLVED None

37/2025 **Minutes**

RESOLVED the Chair was authorised to sign the minutes of the meeting held on 18th March 2025.

Police, Westmorland and Furness Council, and Public Participation

38/2025 Police

The Clerk collected data from the Police.uk website which provided details as follows for January 2025 – 2 crimes in the area:- 1 other theft – crime on or near Spring Wood – investigation complete no suspect identified; 1 – anti-social behaviour – crime on or near Barnfield – no crime timeline for anti-social behaviour.

39/2025 Westmorland and Furness Council and National Trust

Westmorland Furness Councillor - not present

National Trust – had sent their monthly newsletter for the whole area – this mentioned that Little Force Cottage, Vicarage Lane is currently being re-let. A copy of the newsletter will be available on our website and noticeboard.

40/2025 Public Participation

Members of the public wanted to discuss the planning - revised plans for Local Convenience Store and Petrol Station and were keen to put different points of view forward for and against. Everyone was given the opportunity to speak and the following were the main points raised:

For - it was felt it will bring more trade to the village; businesses in the village are currently really struggling and this may give the boost required; the fuel station will be handy for locals; tourist may come to the village to get fuel then stop for a walk around; the bigger food store was seen as good thing. If a Post Office could be incorporated that would be a good addition.

Against - some of the businesses may be affected by competition from a larger food store, visitors may just go to the fuel station and not stop in the village, concern regarding the ventilation tanks and where the fumes will go. Might lose the Coop in the centre of the village. Concern for the people who live in the houses closest to the fuel station.

General comments - 17 members of public were in favour of the development and 9 members of public were against, the remainder of members of public was a mixed response but the general feeling was that they were in favour of the Spar but not the fuel station.

Members of the public wanted to voice concern regarding the village looking tired, there used to be grants available for painting buildings.

Chair Initials Date

Beatrix Potter Gallery – member of public asked if the Parish Council could continue to pursue that this closure has had a big impact on the village. Member of the public suggested that there may be a possibility of HLF funding for the building if the National Trust were interested in joint working with the Squares Project. Clerk to contact National Trust.

Member of the public had been in touch with Highways regarding the traffic lights at Skelwith Bridge during the half term holiday suggested that Highways should be invited to attend a meeting to discuss these issues. Clerk to ask Highways.

Member of the public – street lights in the LDNPA car park are not working. Clerk to contact LDNPA.

Member of the public wanted to give feedback regarding OPCP that there are cars from guests in the Queens Head parking in there and some of the holiday cottages – Clerk to contact Manager and ask them to explain guests should not park on here.

Member of the public – wanted to ask that now the Peter Rabbit shop is closing in Hawkshead, what is happening with the property above the shop which has been empty for a significant time. Clerk to contact the owner to ask of any future plans.

41/2025 Update on Ongoing Issues and Actions from Last Meeting

- UNRESOLVED Response regarding snowplough and gritter – ongoing – Clerk to chase Highways
- UNRESOLVED purchase of planter to be placed under new welcome signs – Clerk has purchased the planters and they just need some clamps to fit onto the signs. Cllr Spedding with have a look what is required to get them on the posts.
- RESOLVED car parking spaces outside the grammar School E1/221629, E1238799 – Cllrs felt that can now be removed from the agenda.
- UNRESOLVED cracked water trough Roger Ground E1/221633, E1/238786 – Cllr Maclennan not present for an update
- UNRESOLVED update on the new streetlight between Springwood and Primary School- E1/234875 after initial response, no further updates have been sent – Clerk to chase this up.
- UNRESOLVED update on Cumbria Action – no updates – Clerk to ask Fran what needs to be done to progress
- UNRESOLVED update on appeal from the decision regarding the query on the new permit scheme 1 permit to be shared between 2 vehicles E1/233215 appeal ref EI/238794 Clerk to chase re no response
- UNRESOLVED update on request for a litter bin along the by-pass E1/234872 – response received that not a safe location for the bin men to empty, no evidence of litter (the DofE students have been doing a good job) – can there be one along there somewhere? Clerk to ask the question.
- UNRESOLVED update on ownership of Main Street Car Park – Clerk had a look at this and couldn't get the correct location Cllr Spedding is going to look at it as well. Cllr Bremner is willing to look through old files, Clerk will get the files to her.

42/2025 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 .
- UNRESOLVED update on hole developing on the road edge near Lakes Lodges E1/110351, E1/133268 E1/143069 E1/227478 E1/238790
- 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 area potholes E1/226058 E1227480 E1/240324, E1/240337, E1/240339, E1/240340 Clerk to continue to report
- UNRESOLVED the edge of the road before you reach fish farm E1/227474 E1/E1/233204, E1238776 – This has become extremely dangerous – Clerk to continue to report
- UNRESOLVED large pothole in the middle of the road at the bottom of Esthwaite on the way to Sawrey E1/233208 E1/238788 still not filled
- UNRESOLVED blocked Culverts Vicarage Lane E1/238782 No work has been completed

UNRESOLVED blocked gully Hawksgarth E1/238785 No work has been completed.
UNRESOLVED bowing wall on the highway near Keen Ground E1/238771 no change.
Drains on Hawkshead Hill are blocked and need clearing – Clerk to report

43/2025 Finance & Governance Issues

RESOLVED Councillors authorised payment of the following accounts:-

Clerk wages	£529.35
Lengthsman	£189.00

RESOLVED Councillors acknowledged the payment to the Clerk for reimbursement of planters:-

Clerk – Plantscape invoice	£925.63
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44/2025 Planning

RESOLVED Councillors considered planning applications and formulate comments to the planning

Authority:-

7/2024/5178 – Land at Bragg Field, Hawkshead, LA22 0QW - Proposed local convenience store and petrol filling station with revised access from Bragg Field Car Park and a new access from North Lonsdale Road (B5285) including forecourt canopy, roof-mounted PV panels, underground fuel tanks, ATM, EV charging bays, staff and customer parking and associated landscaping, infrastructure, lighting, signage, footpaths and circulatory roads. Councillors viewed the plans and listened to the members of public, they were undecided with some for and some against it was decided that this would be the feedback to the Planning Department including the points raised by the public. Clerk will draft a response to send to planning and email around to Cllrs present to check they are happy, prior to sending.

7/2025/5097 and 7/2025/5098 (listed building consent) – Walker Ground Cottage, Vicarage Lane, Hawkshead, Ambleside, LA22 0PD – Erection of a lean-to glasshouse – Cllrs viewed the plans and had no objections Clerk to report back to Planning.

45/2025 Lengthsman

Clerk to ask the Lengthsman to clean signs, continue with cutting back saplings especially along Outgate Quarry to Wray road end.

46/2025 Destination Hawkshead

Last meeting scheduled on Teams 25th March 2025 at 10 -1130 am Clerk not able to attend Cllrs will have a look to see if any can attend. Clerk to send them a reminder.

47/2025 Clerk Vacancy

Clerk circulated a draft Advertisement and Councillors were happy for this to be sent out, it was decided to put in on noticeboards, website, Hawkshead Community page on Facebook, Coniston Facebook, and Indeed. Clerk will share with Councillors for any other sites they can share the advert. Closing date for applications to be set as Friday 11th April. Clerk will put a Job Description together and circulate ready for interviews

48/2025 SID Posts

The posts have been collected from the yard in Barrow and now need putting in place. Clerk to check the agreement to confirm that this is to be completed by the PC. The Lengthsman may be able to complete this work.

49/2025 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*

50/2025 Correspondence (for information only)

To note the following e-mails received since last meeting

Rural Network – RSN Newsletter; Rural Bulletin 18/2/25; Rural Bulletin 25/2/25; Rural Bulletin 4/3/25; RSN Rural Funding Digest – March 2025; Rural Bulletin 11/3/25

Westmorland & Furness Council – Thousands helping shape future waste and recycling services; 20mph speed limits get the seal of approval from communities; Still time to have your say on the future of electric vehicle infrastructure;

Chair Initials Date

TRO C5020 Outgate 27/2/25; Stakeholder Briefing; Mallard preparing to return to service on Saturday 15th February; Parishes – any name changes; Electoral Review of Westmorland and Furness Council; TPTO Footpaths and Bridleways in Grizedale, Whinlatter and Wythop Woods during Malcolm Wilson Rally; Nominations open for Kendal and Penrith Town Council by-elections; Information on septic tank management and water; Upgraded playground officially opened; Proposal to explore harmonising Parish and Town Council elections in Westmorland and Furness approved; W&FC protects frontline services in tough financial times; Weight restriction to increase on Kendal bridges; The ferry is now running as planned; Council apologises for Walney traffic disruption; 97% of pupils secure place at first choice secondary school; Ukrainian evacuees in Westmorland and Furness reflect as the war enters its third year; 2 businesses in Barrow and Ulverston fail Trading Standards “vape” operation; Community Governance Review Briefing; Windermere Ferry temporary closure; Connecting Cumbria Newsletter February 2025; Electoral Review of W&F – second consultation now open; W&F ward boundary review – draft recommendations; W&FC praised for impressive improvement in latest inspection results; Special monthly markets return to Barrow town centre; Spring into climate action- read our latest green news and tips; List 07 3/3/25; Advice and support published following recent incident in South Cumbria; Devolution Consultation materials to share; Community based projects get cash boost in South Lakeland; Last chance to apply for council apprenticeships; Revised bus timetables on service 505 Ambleside to Coniston and service 516 Ambleside to Dungeon Ghyll; £1 million set to boost active journeys across Westmorland and Furness;

Coniston Cllr – Query regarding visitor numbers and Christmas Fair

Coniston PC – Agenda and Minutes

NALC – Chief Executives bulletin 13/2/25; Events newsletter 18/2; Chief Executives bulletin 20/2/25; Chief Executives bulletin 27/2/25; Chief Executives bulletin 6/3/25; Events newsletter;

CALC – WAF community tree and hedgerow planting grant scheme; EV Charging infrastructure – have your say; Devolution update – Government consultation now live; Letter from LDNPA to Town and Parish Councils;

LSE/NALC emergency planning survey – request to complete/promote; Community Emergency Planning Workshops; Training Bulletin 26/2/25; 3 new March online workshops – spreadsheets, marketing & storytelling; Cumbria

Constabulary Neighbourhood Policing pledge; Cumbria in Bloom – A brand new Parish Councils Award 2025;

Training Bulletin 5/3/25; Community Governance Review briefing; A Nature for health approach – 24/4/25; Funding for Community Emergency Planning Groups; Community Governance Review – Consultation Site;

Keep Britain Tidy – This years Great British Spring Clean

Cllr Pender – Delay Due to unforeseen technical issue; New road closures; Brathay Bridge Roadworks; Grass cutting Hawksgarth; Improvements in Coniston Waste Water Treatment Plant; Drop in surgeries; Windermere Marathon;

Highways and Traffic Working Group – March 5th; Event Management; Lama Lodge planning;

Claife PC – Agenda

Wheelbase – Wheelbase Fred Whitton Challenge Event – notification of road closure – Sunday 11 May 2025;

Cleanstreets – Litterbin Assessment

The Great Run Company – Windermere Marathon 2025

Cllr Mccracken, Coniston PC – meeting to discuss the waymark walks

Cumbria Tourism – Cumbria Tourism February research update and invitation to tracker survey;

South Lakeland Area Support – February 2025

Member of the public – Motorhome parking

Member of the public – Re planning application 7/2024/5684 – Lama Lodge

PSCO Ross – Cumbria PFCC Surgery

NT – March Newsletter updates

LDNPA – broken bench in the village *LDNPA have confirmed that they will remove the bench.*

Cumbria Police – February 2025 – Lakes and Lakes Rural; Ulverston, Low Furness, High Furness & Grange;

Cumbria Tourism – Destination Hawkshead meeting – 25/3/25 10-11.30 am

51/2025 **Date of next meeting**

It was agreed that the next meeting would be Tuesday 15th April 2025 at 7.30 pm in the Lower Market Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.18 pm