

**Minutes of the meeting of Hawkshead Parish Council**  
**Held in the Lower Market Hall, Hawkshead on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2024 at 7.30 pm**

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

In attendance: 2 members of the public present

149/2024 **Apologies**

RESOLVED Cllr Pender

150/2024 **Requests for Dispensations**

RESOLVED No requests received

151/2024 **Declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests in respect of Agenda items**

RESOLVED None

152/2024 **Minutes**

RESOLVED the Chair was authorised to sign the minutes of the meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> October 2024.

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

153/2024 Police

The Clerk had looked on the Police.uk website on 18<sup>th</sup> November 2024 incidents were listed as September 2024 and were:- 1 x violence and sexual offence – on or near Spicka Lane – under investigation; 1 x other theft – on or near Barnfield – investigation complete – no suspect identified; 1 x drugs – on or near Victoria Street – local resolution – the offender has been put in contact with those affected to repair the harm done and find a positive way forward.

Discussion regarding the descriptions of incidents took place and the Clerk was asked to contact the police to ask why this is so vague as it can be misleading and very concerning when there are several incidents under the same description and no further information, ask if they could be categorised more specifically.

154/2024 Westmorland and Furness Council and National Trust

Cllr Pender had sent her apologies and asked if one of the councillors would be willing to be part of a new local housing group - Cllr Mclennan agreed to be the representative. Clerk will inform Cllr Pender.

155/2024 Public Participation

Member of the public wanted to know if the Parish Council had any further information on the ferry, its recent breakdown is of concern after the recent work completed. The member of the public has asked for stats from the Council and has been in touch with Cllr Pender regarding any updates a lot of money has been spent on this. Councillors were able to confirm that they had no further information but would ask Cllr Pender for an update.

156/2024 **Update on Ongoing Issues and Actions from Last Meeting**

UNRESOLVED Response regarding snowplough and gritter – Cllr Pender is pursuing

RESOLVED Update on weed spraying in the village – reported online no response yet re-look at for the spring

UNRESOLVED LDNPA using Main Street car park to wash bikes – Clerk to write to the Information Centre directly.

UNRESOLVED research on planters to be placed under the welcome signs – Measure the signs and find out what materials the planters that fix to the bottom of the signs are made of, along with picture of them without flowers in.

UNRESOLVED car parking spaces outside the grammar School – ongoing

UNRESOLVED cracked water trough Roger Ground – belongs to highways as far as Councillors are aware

UNRESOLVED Land Registry response to Squares ownership – not able to help, a member of the public has a map which may have some useful information on it he will forward to the Clerk.

Chair Initials ..... Date .....

RESOLVED tree branches left in the beck. The Environment Agency cleared the beck they were going to look into it, a response from someone was that the trees had been cut down due to Ash die back.  
UNRESOLVED Planning for a dormer at Keen Ground Lodge – ongoing it has been lodged with the planning department.

**157/2024 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  
RESOLVED Skinner How Lane the hedges needs cutting back as it is obstructing the road E1/215112 E1/219827 - 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  
Outgate quarry area potholes have returned in a lot of the road – Clerk to report  
The potholes outside the Primary School near the sharp corner – need attention as vehicles trying to avoid and travelling on the incorrect side of the road – Clerk to report

**158/2024 Finance & Governance Issues**

RESOLVED Councillors authorised payment of the following accounts:-

Clerk wages (October)	£ 511.70
HMRC – PAYE	£ 2.80
Lengthsman	£ 332.22
Royal British Legion (Poppy wreath)	£ 25.00

RESOLVED Councillors acknowledged receipt of the following:-

Main St Car Park permits - various	£ 1800.00
VAT Rebate (from 2023/24 expenditure)	£13877.00
Old Police Car Park permits – various	£ 240.00

RESOLVED to confirm second quarter accounts – completed and signed off.

UNRESOLVED Cllrs took a look at a draft and discussion took place, will be reviewed at the next meeting.

RESOLVED Cllrs acknowledge the NALC upgrades for 2024/35 back dated to April 24

**159/2024 Planning**

RESOLVED Councillors considered the following planning applications:

T/2024/0189 – Red Lion Inn, Main Street, Hawkshead, Ambleside, LA22 0NS – 1 cherry and 1 rowan – 3-4 m reduction – no objections Clerk to inform Planning

RESOLVED the following planning application was received after publication of the Agenda and has a deadline prior to the next meeting, all agreed to view them:-

7/2024/5618 - Fellfield, Outgate, Ambleside, LA22 0PY – Alterations and extension – Discussion took place and Cllrs Brown, Maclennan and Johnston decided to do a site visit and report back to the rest of the Cllrs any concerns and provide a response for the Clerk to send to the Planning department.

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

7/2024/5557 – Summer Hill Country House, Hawkshead Hill, Ambleside, LA22 0PP – Non-material amendment to planning permission 7/2024/5188 (Replacement of existing wooden workshop with timberframed oak garage/carport) to change the pitch on the carport. For information only.

7/2024/5493 – Pool Bridge, Hawkshead, Ambleside, LA22 0RL – Proposed 24 m high telecommunications lattice tower with galvanised finish (granted)

7/2024/5473 – Flag Cottage, Flag Street, Hawkshead, Ambleside LA22 0PE – Retrospective consent sought for maintenance, repairs and refurbishment (granted)

**160/2024 Lengthsman**

Jobs – continue with the fence and any general tidying that needs doing.

**161/2024 Destination Hawkshead**

Clerk had attended the last meeting, where there was a presentation on the work being done regarding public transport in the area. The funding for Cumbria Tourism is about to run out so a plan for the future of the group would need to be discussed at the next meeting.

**162/2024 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 boards and signage around the village - feels like there is now a lot on footpaths. A sign on the by-pass was of concern there will be more if not stopped, it was thought to be on the LDNPA gate/fence. It was agreed that all Councillors to have a look around the village at these prior to the next meeting.

Discussion took place regarding speed limit signs and streetlighting Councillors will go and have a look and bring back to the next meeting.

**163/2024 Correspondence (for information only)**

To note the following e-mails received since last meeting

Cllr Pender – Highways drop in sessions – possible gritting contract; Electricity North West resilience; Clerking in Rural wards; Local Surgeries; WAF Handyperson Scheme; Strategic for Support Rural Communities in W&F; LDNPA car park Hawkshead; Cumbria Tourism

Research update; Winter route amendments to include access to essential services in rural areas; Ward Parish Meeting 8th January 25; Awards for All application; Upcoming Highway resurfacing works – B5286 Brathay Hall.

CALC – Feedback on the Cumbria Intelligence Observatory website; Training Bulletin 9/10; W&F Autumn Climate and Nature newsletter; Focus on funding; CALC subscription 24/25; Active Council; Adult learning courses after Oct half term; Highways & Local Council Agreements; Highways winter ready; CALC AGM; Training bulletin 23/10; Current vacancies; Local Government Services Pay Agreement 2024/25; DWP Pension Credit information; Update on salary scales; Learning events – 16 days of Activism Against Gender Based Violence; Legal bulletin 4/11/24; W&F branch meeting Community Safety & Rural Crime; South Lakeland Food Providers leaflet; Employers NI update; NACO Newsletter 6/11; Training bulletin 6/11; Current vacancies; Public space protection orders – new consultation for Westmorland and Furness; Community Led Plans; Website training/information session.

W&F Council – Cabinet meeting 15/10; Area of Kendal Car park closed; First case of Bluetongue virus confirmed; Engagement sessions planned on look of Kendal Market Hall; Improved plans revealed for Walney nature hub; Licensing – Weekly list 14/10; Council launches survey to shape future support for third sector; Winter ready; Council introduces new Customer Charter; HOLD Electricity North West resilience meeting; Jubilee Bridge improvements reach final stage; Funding awarded to tackle the sticky issue of chewing gum on streets; Council taking action following storm damage at Earnse Bay; Council unveils dynamic online platforms for aspiring apprentices; Focus on funding October; Council celebrates occupational therapists in W&F; Roger Ground – water trough; Temporary road closure C5022 Hawkshead 18/11/24; Licensing List No 41; Footway Lighting recharge 24-25; 2 cabinet members appointed; New public space protection orders approved to boost communities; Council proudly displays symbolic red poppy for Remembrance; Council continues to support for council tax and housing costs for those in need; Safety improvements start today on Junction 37 of the M6; W&F Branch meeting – Community safety & Rural Crime; Help to shape future of your waste and recycling collections; W&F pays tribute on Remembrance Sunday

NALC – Chief Executive Bulletin; Chief Executive Bulletin; Chief Executive Bulletin; Special edition Chief Executive Bulletin; Chief Executive bulletin

Nomadic Books – correspondence with other authorities

Cumbria Tourism- Hawkshead & W Windermere creating better travel choices workshop; Workshop pre-reads;

Hawkshead & W of Windermere VAMP online meeting; Movement plan Feedback online; Destination Hawkshead online meeting;

Rural Services Network – Rural Bulletin 15/10; Rural Bulletin 29/10; Rural Bulletin 5/11; RSN Rural Funding Digest November 24; Rural Bulletin 12/11/24

Cumbria Police – Operation Enhance – 3 months in; October 24 – Ulverston, Low Furness & High Furness; Lakes and Lakes Rural

Lengthsman – Work completed; the fence  
Cllr Berry – Beck  
Coniston Parish Council – Agenda and Minutes  
Judith Myers – Girlguiding request for financial help to support the local group – *Councillors agreed to provide a one-off grant of £200 to support a planned trip/outing for the group. Clerk raised a cheque and Councillors signed.*  
Land Registry – No info  
LDNPA – Notice of intention to temporarily prohibit traffic over footpaths and bridleways in Grizedale Forest, Whinlatter Forest and Wythop Woods; Message from LDNPA Development Management Team  
National Trust – Old Police Car Park  
Cllr Maclellan – Damaged stone trough Roger Ground photos  
Hawkshead Christmas Fair – Help with lights; Christmas Fair 2024 plans; Christmas Fair support needed  
Cllr Johnston – Poppy Wreath  
Red Lion Inn – support – *Cllrs discussed and asked the Clerk to respond with their support.*

164/2024 **Date of next meeting**

It was agreed that the next meeting would be Tuesday 17th December 2024 at 7.30 pm in the Lower Market Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.33 pm

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