

Minutes of the meeting of Hawkshead Parish Council
Held in the Lower Market Hall, Hawkshead on Tuesday 21 January 2025 at 7.30 pm

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

In attendance: 2 members of the public present

1/2025 **Apologies**

RESOLVED Cllr Berry

2/2025 **Requests for Dispensations**

RESOLVED No requests received

3/2025 **Declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests in respect of Agenda items**

RESOLVED None

4/2025 **Minutes**

RESOLVED the Chair was authorised to sign the minutes of the meeting held on 17th December 2024.

5/2025 **Fran Richardson – Cumbria Action**

The Chair welcomed Fran to the meeting and Fran introduced herself. Cllr Pender had asked Fran to come and chat about local housing and what the community needed. She talked about local affordable housing, what the local needs are and how she could offer support, she is currently working on similar projects with communities in Cumbria. She will contact the Clerk to set up a meeting to get other locals interested in meeting local housing needs in the community and get a project started.

Police, Westmorland and Furness Council, and Public Participation

6/2025 Police

The Clerk had looked on the Police.uk website on 20/1/2025:- October 2024 – 1 Crime on or near the car park Fishery – Violence and sexual offences – under investigation; 1 Crime on or near The Square – Violence and sexual offences – unable to prosecute suspect; 1 Crime on or near public space (Tarn Hows) – public order – no suspect identified

November 2024 – None

7/2025 Westmorland and Furness Council and National Trust

Westmorland and Furness Councillor - not present

National Trust had sent a report through which will be available to view next to these minutes on the website (www.hawkshead-pc.org.uk) or the village noticeboard

8/2025 Public Participation

A member of the public had been in touch regarding the Squares car park permit as Westmorland and Furness Council (WMFC) are now issuing one permit per household which can have two car registrations on it which isn't helpful if the permit is left in a vehicle elsewhere and the other vehicle needs to be parked to pop to the village. Action: Clerk to contact WMFC to ask why this is happening.

9/2025 **Update on Ongoing Issues and Actions from Last Meeting**

UNRESOLVED Response regarding snowplough and gritter – ongoing – the Clerk attended a meeting along with Cllr Pender and other neighbouring Parish Councils with the WM&F Council who are willing to look into allowing the gritting and ploughing service to start again. There are few details that they need to follow up on before any confirmation.

UNRESOLVED research on planters to be placed under the welcome signs – ongoing

UNRESOLVED car parking spaces outside the grammar School – ongoing

UNRESOLVED cracked water trough Roger Ground - remedial work completed

UNRESOLVED Planning for a dormer at Keen Ground Lodge – ongoing

Chair Initials Date

RESOLVED Councillors assessment of number of A Boards and signs – Councillors had looked around the village and felt that A boards were located outside their own businesses and not causing any harm.
UNRESOLVED Councillors to review village street lighting and speed signage – it was felt that the speed signs were adequate once the speed indicator devices (SIDs) have been replaced. It was felt that the last street light heading out of the village at the south end is on the corner by the school and that it would be good for there to be another further along near Springwood. Clerk to enquire about another street light.

10/2025 **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
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
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
RESOLVED update on broken bollard by Merlin House E1/200971 E1/219828 E1/227467 – bollard has been replaced
RESOLVED Dale Park Road road end eroding away E1/219824 E1/226053 E1/227476 – area has been filled
UNRESOLVED Outgate quarry area potholes E1/226058 E1227480
UNRESOLVED the edge of the road before you reach fish farm E1/227474
New pothole outside Park House
New pothole outside the chip shop needs attention
New pothole outside PoppiRed

11/2025 **Finance & Governance Issues**

RESOLVED Councillors authorised payment of the following accounts:-

Clerk wages (October)	£ 529.35
HMRC – PAYE	£ 7.20
Lengthsman	£ 81.00
Zurich (insurance)	£ 409.04
Clerk – purchase of the laptop	£ 699.00
Hawkshead Recreation Ground (Grant 2023 & 2024)	£9000.00

RESOLVED Councillors acknowledged receipt of the following:

Main Street car park permits	£ 720.00
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RESOLVED Precept setting for 2025/26 all had a copy of the budget prior to the meeting did some final checks at the meeting. All agreed with the figure which will mean 2.53% increase. Action: Clerk to inform WMFC.

RESOLVED Councillors checked the third quarter accounts and agreed the figures signed by Cllr Bremner

12/2025 **Planning**

RESOLVED Councillors acknowledged the notice of Grant/Refusal of Planning/Appeals/Withdrawn/information only application:-
T/2024/0189 – Red Lion Inn, Main Street, Hawkshead, Ambleside, LA22 0NS – Cherry tree (marked as 1 in notification) – reduce and reshape by up to 4m. Rowan tree (marked as 2 in notification) – reduce and reshape by up to 4m. Granted.

13/2025 **Lengthsman**

The Lengthsman no longer has a yard in the village and has nowhere to park when he comes to work here. It was agreed that he could have a permit for the Old Police Car Park Permit, clerk to thank him for getting the grit on the village footpaths promptly. Ask the Lengthsman to have a look for saplings on the roadsides and get them cut back around the whole of the parish.

Chair Initials Date

14/2025 Destination Hawkshead

No meeting has been held so update available.

15/2025 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*

16/2025 Correspondence (for information only)

To note the following e-mails received since last meeting

CALC – Training January 2025; CALC News; Training bulletin 11.12.24; An Invitation for members from the Eden Project; Copyright issues; VE day; Training bulletin 18.12.24; Yellow warning for snow/ice; Lighting policy PC Engagement Sessions; Training bulletin 8.1.25; Codd Weather ending thaw consequences
Westmorland and Furness Council – Veterans gather at Town Hall for festive thank you; Barrow cemetery awarded listed status; Merry Christmas from the Chairman; Lighting Policy – PC Engagement; Temp Road closure – C5022 Hawkshead 6/1/25; Communities & Equity Grant WFCGA/1972 PAR Reminder; Community grant unlocks residents passion for Pickleball; Councils agree to join Governments Devolution journey; Council launches surveys to help shape future of library services; Last few days to have your say
Cllr Pender – Update upcoming highway resurfacing work Brathay Hall; Impact of Road Closures; Presentation from NEW Electricity resilience; Notice Windermere Ferry Maintenance; Gritt; Local Winter Gritting Arrangement for Coniston and Hawkshead ward; Coniston and Hawkshead Ward Parish meeting;
NALC – Chief Executives bulletin; Chief Executive bulletin 19/12/24; Chief Executive bulletin 9/1/25;
Cumbria SA – 24/25 external audit timeline and requirements submissions;
Hawkshead Brownies – Thank you
Hawkshead Recreation Ground – Invoice
Member of public – bins especially near Black Beck- *Clerk to request a litter bin by the benches on North Lonsdale Road.*
Hawkshead Christmas Fair – 2024 & 2025
Kendal AAC – proposed 10k 18 June 2025
Rural Services Network – The Rural Bulletin 17/12/24; Rural Bulletin 7/1/25; RSN Rural Funding Digest – January 2025 Edition; The Rural Bulletin 14/1/25
The Great Run Company – Windermere Marathon 2025 15th June – same weekend as Great North Swim new start location tbc may be Brockhole
Planning – Tree Preservation Order 478 – Land at Allens House, Hawkshead Hill
Zurich – Insurance renewal information
Cumbria Police – Spot scams in the festive season & CCTV camera registry programme; December 2024 Ulverston, Low Furness, High Furness & Grange; December 2024 Lakes and Rural Lakes;
Edwin-Thompson – Holmeshead Wood – Woodland Management Plan – *Cllrs had no objections to the plan*
Member of Public – FOI Parish Councillor appointment
Clerk – re phone call regarding ice in Hawkshead Squares
Hawkshead Show Committee – 150th Anniversary Saturday 25th August use of the Recreation Ground – *Cllrs had no objections*
Member of public – Waymarks from/to Coniston *Clerk to respond that all agreed and sign the agreement on their behalf using wording sent through via Coniston PC*
Lengthsman - invoice

17 /2025 Date of next meeting

It was agreed that the next meeting would be Tuesday 18th February 2025 at 7.30 pm in the Lower Market Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.50 pm Cllr Moulton gave his apologies for the next meeting.