

Minutes of the meeting of Hawkshead Parish Council
Held in Lower Market Hall, Hawkshead on Tuesday 25th April 2023 at 7.30 pm

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

In attendance: Cllr Pender

23/2023 Apologies

RESOLVED Apologies received from Cllr Brown, Moulton

24/2023 Requests for Dispensations

RESOLVED No requests received

25/2023 Declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests in respect of Agenda items

RESOLVED No requests

26/2023 Minutes

RESOLVED Cllr Woodhouse the Chairman of the meeting was authorised to sign the minutes of the meeting held on 18th March 2023.

Police, Westmorland and Furness Council, and Public Participation

27/2023 Police

The clerk had collected the following data from the Police.uk website (on 17th April 2023) crimes in February 23:-

8 crimes in the Outgate area:- 7 x Violence and sexual offences 1 x Criminal damage and arson

4 crimes in Hawkshead:- 1x Shoplifting, 1 x other theft, 2 x Violence and sexual offences.

As per the previous meeting PCSO Ross has been contacted regarding concern over the volume of crimes in the area, she had replied explaining that a large number incidents recorded violence and sexual offences are sometimes domestic related and have sensitive information and not in public interest other than it has been reported. The nature and severity of the crime is not recorded and is just grouped under the most appropriate heading. Quite often more than 1 crime is recorded at an incident or following investigation it can be established that no crime has actually taken place, this sort of information is not published. Incidents may also occur between visitors to the area without locals being aware.

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Cllr Pender was welcomed to the meeting she reported that she had attended a meeting to allocate Cllrs to committees. Cllr Pender has not joined any committees as she wants to focus on being a good local councillor. She is running surgeries on the last Friday of each month she will be in Hawkshead 1-1.30 pm. Discussed took place regarding pothole issues Highways she will try her best to get these resolved. Clerk to send the Highways codes for issues discussed.

30/2023 Public Participation

Update from John Moffat, National Trust – 2 empty properties are still not ready for letting. Hill Top and Wray Castle now open for the season, no luck getting the bus service from Hawkshead to Ferry House back again this season (Mountain Goat could not get the financial support needed).

A member of the public had been in touch regarding the passing place in Outgate to ask if no parking or no overnight parking signs could be placed there – Cllr Pender suggested there had been a similar problem at Stang End and Victoria Upton from Highways had been able to help with signs. Clerk to contact Victoria

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Member of the public had complained about signs being left around the village after an event in particular the Vintage Fair and Artisan events held in the Market Hall. Cllr Johnston will be in touch with the Market Hall committee and ask them to remind hirers that they should remove their signs and take their litter home rather than filling the village bins.

Coronation committee had been in touch they are area organising a litter pick on Monday 8th May can any Cllrs come and help - Cllrs Spedding, Woodhouse, Bremner will try and attend dependant on commitments, the time of day would be confirmed.

Hawkshead Show committee have been in touch to ask if they could borrow the generator – discussion took place and it was agreed that the Generator was purchased for the purpose of an emergency situation only and unfortunately the PC can not hire or lend it out to other concerns. Clerk to email to the show committee.

31/2023 **Ongoing Issues Action Results**

UNRESOLVED Beck watch – insurance ongoing waiting to hear from Environment Agency – Fran has got 2 new volunteers, no longer wants to be the lead contact.

UNRESOLVED emergency plan – there is a zoom meeting regarding these that the Clerk will try and join and will continue to chase up ENW

UNRESOLVED Pre-School future – Moving to the Old Post Office discussion took place and concern was raised regarding the future of Pre-School. Clerk to write to the Pre-School and offer support and suggest one of our Cllrs would be willing to come onto the committee to help.

UNRESOLVED update on replacement benches around the village – 3 people would like a memorial bench unfortunately funding wasn't available from Cllr Troughton. Cllrs to look and at suitable locations before the next meeting, sample benches to be looked at and then a price and location plan can be sent to members of the public interested.

UNRESOLVED vehicles driving the wrong way up the one way street – A camera has been placed on the post.

RESOLVED – update on the grit bins - they are all currently full.

RESOLVED – pop up Post Office – disappointment expressed but appears to be not going ahead

RESOLVED – public footpath proposal around Esthwaite Water – It was felt that it was unlikely to happen as the landowner had not been approached and was unaware of the plan.

32/2023 **Highways Issues**

Highways issues in the Parish:

UNRESOLVED Potholes by the Outgate passing place E1/44445, E1/70756, E1/79322, E1/898807, E1/110354– ongoing

UNRESOLVED Sunk cover on the road at Barnfield Junction E1/46156 – ongoing

UNRESOLVED All drains along North Lonsdale Road are blocked with mud E1/79317 – ongoing

UNRESOLVED A pot hole just past Rough Close/Brackenrigg on the edge of the road E1/88893E1/133271 ongoing

UNRESOLVED potholes opposite each other just past south entrance to Belmont E1/89803 E1/110357 ongoing

UNRESOLVED hole in telecom cover outside Brown Cow Cottages E1/103031 E1/143091 ongoing

UNRESOLVED Roadside near Lakes lodges a hole is developing in the edge of the road E1/1103351 E1/133268 E1/143069

UNRESOLVED several pot holes along a stretch Outgate to Loanthwaite Lane E/143080

UNRESOLVED several pot holes along the stretch from Outgate to the Quarry area E1/143079

RESOLVED Street light not working by the gate at the bottom of Red Lion yard – the light is now working

RESOLVED Pot holes by PoppiRed have now been filled.

RESOLVED Pot Hole outside the Market Hall has been filled.

UNRESOLVED Flood at Spring Wood needs reporting blocked drain E1/143070 – ongoing

Hawkshead Hill there are 3 on the hill one near the Boatyard, one by the houses on the bend, and one further up

33/2023 **Finance & Governance Issues**

RESOLVED Councillors authorised payment of the following accounts:-

Clerk wages

£383.70

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HMRC – PAYE	£ 95.80
CALC Membership	£190.99
Westmorland & Furness Council – OPCP Rates	£1,382.40
Westmorland & Furness Council – Main St CP Rates	£2,470.05

RESOLVED invoice arrived after the Agenda was published Councillors agreed to pay:

Mrs P Haddow – Payroll and year end services £240.00

RESOLVED Cllrs acknowledged receipt of the following:

Cumbria County Council – Squares project £1,000.00

RESOLVED the Councillors reviewed the final quarter accounts and budget the accounts all agreed as a correct record and signed by Cllr Bremner

RESOLVED Mr Vaughan had previously been asked if he would be willing to complete the Internal Audit for 2022/23 this was agreed by all Councillors. Clerk to get the Accounts and Audit paperwork to Mr Vaughan.

34/2023 **Planning**

No plans or planning decisions had been received.

35/2023 **Hawkshead Project**

Ongoing – Clerk to continue to chase the contractor for a start date for the first phase of work.

36/2023 **Lengthsman**

Cllr Brown was going to get in touch with the Lengthsman as we have not heard from him for a few months. There are jobs to be completed in the car park plus a tidy up in the village. Discussion took place regarding the rails which have been knocked down again in the Old Police Car Park and someone has taken the rails away, it was decided that these would be left off for now but if cars start to park on the grass these will be replaced.

37/2023 **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*

Recreation Ground Car Park permits are now available from Francis Woodhouse, Treasurer, Recreation Ground Committee – there is an annual fee for these they are available to businesses in the village.

Claife PC have been asking about persuading training for the Snowplough contractor – Cllr Johnston will ask him if he is willing to do it. Discussion took place, clarification that after the training has been completed that salt will be supplied. Action Clerk to contact Cllr Brodie to see if she had confirmation regarding supply of salt Cllr Johnston to check that the Contractor is still willing to complete the training.

Grass area outside the public toilets which has recently been dug up, a suggestion that whilst this was still soil that spring bulbs could be planted in here. Clerk to contact LDNPA to ask for permission.

38/2023 **Correspondence (for information only)**

To note the following e-mails received since last meeting

SLDC – News release – reassurance on Council services; What to expect as new council tax bills delivered; Climate change action provides solid foundation for the future; News release up to 100% Council tax reduction for residents on low incomes; Visit marks start of Grange Lido and Prom project; Window of opportunity for election candidates; Man fined for allowing protected tree to be cut down; Advanced – disruption at South Lakeland recycling bank sites 1 & 2 April; Council commits to Borderlands partnership; Ringing the changes in Local Government; Toast and tributes final council meeting; Candidates confirmed local elections
Love Windermere – Face to face meeting on water quality engagement; Draft action toolkit; 16th March and future meetings; Follow up on Love Windermere conservation; Tackling water quality
CALC – Local authority climate update 11.2.23 – 10.3.23; Wednesday update 15/3; Climate action; Integrated care board newsflash 16/3; Westmorland & Furness the next Council conversation output report; Further protection for villages heritage; Highways Issues; Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) newsletter 20/3; Official notification to submit authority return 2022/23; CALC news January/February

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23; LRG newsletter 24/3; Westmorland & Furness LGR updates/briefings; CALC structure from 1/4/23; Connecting Cumbria update; DLUHC Consultation on infrastructure levy; Wednesday update 29/3; LRG Newsletter 31/3; Cumbria local authority climate update 11/3 – 31/3; Kendals climate change citizens jury funding and flower results; Climate action; CCRG emergency alerts; Lake District National Park design code supplementary planning; Introductions; Wednesday update 5/4; CAFs Newsletter
NALC – Newsletter 22/3; Chief Executive Bulletin 31/3; NALC Newsletter 5/4
Coniston PC – Minutes and Agendas
South Lakeland Area Support – GamCares Womens programme mobile emergency alerts; Various info to share; Poster for HARRI visit to Grange
Member of public – Kings Arms Hotel – new ownership
Accounts – New contact details for billing in new councils
Parkins – Metcalfe update
NHS – Macmillan support service relaunches at Furness General Hospital
Lap Event Organiser – Events 13th/14th May and 9th/10th September
Cllr Troughton – Goodbye
Cllr Wharton – Farewell
Claife PC – Minutes and Agenda
Westmorland and Furness Council – Welcome
LDNPA – EV chargers
Member of the public – Hawkshead public toilets
Cumbria police – March 23 Newsletter – Ulverston, Low & High Furness and Grange; Newsletter Lakes and Rural Lakes

39/2023 Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be the Annual Meeting on Tuesday 16th May 7.30 pm in the Lower Market Hall, Hawkshead and will follow on from the Annual Parish meeting which starts at 7 pm.

The meeting closed at 9.09 pm