

**Minutes of the meeting of Hawkshead Parish Council
Held in Upper Market Hall, Hawkshead on Tuesday 27th September 2022 at 7.30 pm**

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

In attendance: None

133/2022 Apologies

RESOLVED Cllr Moulton

134/2022 Requests for Dispensations

RESOLVED No requests received

135/2022 Declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests in respect of Agenda items

RESOLVED Cllr Bremner declared an interest in planning item T/2022/0119 Cllr Woodhouse declared an interest in planning item 7/2022/5532.

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RESOLVED the Chairman was authorised to sign the minutes of the meeting held on 19th July 2022

Police, County and District Councils, and Public Participation

137/2022 Police

The clerk had collected the following data from the Police.uk website (on 26/9/22) for our area (data for July) 1 crime of violence and sexual offences in the Spicka Lane area and 1 of theft on or near the Square Hawkshead.

138/2022 District Councillors

Not present

139/2022 County Councillor

Not present

140/2022 Public Participation

Councillors had received the following issues from members of the public:-

Concern had been received regarding slates falling down from the wall on the side of the tunnel which is part of the Kings Arms, this is of great concern as these are falling on a public footpath/access. It was felt that the Greene King group have purchased the property but no one is in there at the moment. Action Clerk to get in touch with Greene King urgently to alert them to the problem.

Red Lion – new decking area previously car park, a member of the public wanted to know if there was an update on whether a planning application for this had been completed – the Clerk reported that no communication had been received since sending the enquiry. Action Clerk to send follow up email to the Planning Department

Complaint had been received regarding the public toilets - by 5 pm there is a foul smell drifting around the area and local housing. The LDNPA had had some work completed on the drains during the summer but the smells is not good. Action – Clerk to contact Simon Hill, LDNPA to see if there is still a problem with the drains.

Local residents have been in touch to raise their concern that the church bells are not accurate with the time and can be 5 – 10 minutes out from the correct time. Action - Clerk to contact the Vicar

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Local residents wanted to complain about the application process for the recently empty property in Hawksgarth. 2 local families wanted to apply but weren't allowed to apply (reasons given 1 had 1 child and the other had 2 children of the same sex and didn't need a 3 bed property) the property was only advertised for 5 days. Action: Clerk to contact the Cumbria Choice lettings quoting ref 78637, ask why local families are not given priority and what their housing policy is. Explain how vital it is to the community to maintain the need for a Pre-school, School, Post Office, Doctors, Pharmacy.

A bench outside PoppiRed had been broken during the summer, the details of the group that broke it had been passed to Cllr Spedding. Action Clerk to contact to ask if they can arrange for a replacement or pay for a replacement.

Concern had been raised regarding the area outside Heelis Place and whether permission has been granted by the LDNPA for the area to be used as a garden and access along the footpath being of concern. Discussion also took place regarding a bench which had got crushed by a tree along this stretch of ground and never replaced. Action – Clerk to contact LDNPA and raise the concerns regarding the footpath and use of the ground next to it and whether permission has been granted. Clerk to also ask whether there is a plan for the bench to be replaced as it was used by people who were having their lunch break etc to sit in the quiet.

141/2022 Ongoing Issues Action Results

UNRESOLVED Lighting at the Old Police Car Park - Action Cllr Spedding will send the Clerk the link for the lights and she will order 3. Cllr Woodhouse will creosote the 3 posts ready to be installed.

UNRESOLVED Charitable legacy JA Bond – Cllr Woodhouse has fixed the planter, discussion took place regarding planting bulbs ready for the spring. Action – Clerk to thank Pauline for the summer display and ask if she would like to plant up with bulbs for the spring and ask if she would like us to contact Brownies to see if they would like to help.

UNRESOLVED Beck watch – Cllr Berry confirmed that all the volunteers were happy to continue helping this year. She also reported that she had not received the key box from the Environment Agency (EA). Action Clerk contact EA to ask about the key box and plans to build up the side to prevent the water running straight down to the village.

UNRESOLVED emergency plan purchase of generator – Clerk was able to report that the generator has been purchased and delivered in Mrs Speddings garage. Cllrs Brown and Spedding will get it moved to Cllr Browns yard. Discussion then took place regarding the next stage with the emergency plan the plea for volunteers in the local Esthwaite Link had received 8 willing volunteers covering a different parts of the village. Action – Clerk to contact North West Electricity to ask about ways they can communicate power cuts within the area and expected time delays.

UNRESOLVED removal of recycle bins outside the Kings in the ginnel and by the Minstrels café – ongoing Action – Clerk to contact Sue Warner SLDC to get an update.

RESOLVED LDNPA further to the FOI request for copy of the Compulsory Purchase Order for the car park in Hawkshead and any stipulations on the order – the Clerk had received a reply that there are seven points in the schedule five were rights of way and two were drainage.

UNRESOLVED ownership of the Bus Stop – ongoing it was reported that a local business has got their window cleaner to clean the windows on the bus stop and a member of the public has been there sweeping it out.

RESOLVED national litter tidy events are scheduled in the Spring – Action Clerk to ask SLDC whether we will be able to borrow litter pickers and arrange for rubbish collected to be organised then.

UNRESOLVED Pre-School future – ongoing

RESOLVED Small tree on the entrance of the Old Police Car Park has been trimmed back and no longer causing an obstruction.

142/2022 Highways Issues

To note Highways issues in the Parish:

UNRESOLVED Potholes by the Outgate passing place (E1/44445, E1/70756, E1/79322 – Action Clerk to continue to report and ask Cllr Brereton if he can find out whats happening

UNRESOLVED Hannakin potholes E1/46161, E1/70753, E1/79319 – still there – Action Clerk to continue to report

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

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UNRESOLVED Dan Becks under the road drains are blocked causing flooding each time it rains E1/79318. New potholes have developed just past Belmont entrance on both sides of the road Action – Clerk to report A pot hole just past Brackenrigg on the edge of the road

143/2022 **Finance & Governance Issues**

RESOLVED Councillors authorised payment of the following accounts:-

Clerk wages	£355.50
HMRC – PAYE	£ 89.00
PKF Littlejohn LLP – Limited assurance review AGAR 21/22	£240.00
Hawkshead Recreation Ground – Lilylou’s Flowers for C Wood	£ 50.50

RESOLVED authorised payments via email communication and paid in August 2022:

Clerk wages	£355.70
HMRC – PAYE	£ 88.80
T Thornley – purchase of Hyundai Diesel Generator	£1,769.99
A2A Advertising – annual webhosting	£ 90.00

RESOLVED Councillors acknowledged the following income sources:

Old Police Car Park – various permits	£574.00
Main Street CP – permits	£1080.00
HMRC – VAT return	£378.71
National Lottery – Grant Hawkshead Squares Project	£9900.00

144/2022 **Planning**

RESOLVED Councillors considered planning applications and formulated comments to the planning Authority:

T/2022/0019 Hawkshead Grammar School, Hawkshead, LA22 0NT – T6 Sycamore – re-coppice; T2 Birch – fell; T3 – Lime – crown reduce; T4 Lime – tidy failed parts and make safe; T5 Cypress – fell; T6 Cherry – reduce by 2m; T7 Prunus – reduce by 2m; G1 thin and prune back. Councillors viewed the plan and had no objections – Action Clerk to notify the Planning Department

7/2022/5532 – Summer Hill Country House, Hawkshead Hill, Ambleside, LA22 0PP – Change of use of guest house to dwelling or self-catering holiday letting accommodation. Councillors viewed the plans and had no objections – Action Clerk to notify the Planning Department.

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

7/2022/5062 – Land at Bragg Field, Hawkshead, Ambleside, LA22 0QW – Convenience store with external ATM and associated parking (for rental tenure: first occupant: Cooperative Group Food Ltd)- granted.

7/2022/5304 – Land off Barnfield, Hawkshead, LA22 0PJ – Lime Tree Yard – Demolition of existing garages and workshop and construction of new light industrial buildings and associated car parking - granted.

7/2022/5526 – Borwick Lodge Farm, Outgate, Ambleside, LA22 0PU – Agricultural shed – for information only

7/2022/5407 – Esthwaite Lodge, Hawkshead, Ambleside, LA22 0QD – External shower and WC facilities – granted.

7/2022/5197 – Claife View, Roger Ground, Ambleside, LA22 0QG – Change of use of dwelling from an agricultural workers dwelling to a local occupancy dwelling – granted.

145/2022 **Hawkshead Project**

Funds have been received from the application to the National Lottery in the sum of £9,900. Funds are needed urgently to get this project moving, some funding pots will not help until there is evidence the project is going ahead with an end date. The tender prices will need updating from when they were first issued. Action – Cllr Woodhouse will speak to C Wood re where we are at with applications Clerk to contact R Warwick, RG Parkins to ask if he can get up to date prices for the tender. Clerk to update Cllr Brereton regarding funds and see if he can help. Clerk to send any updates to Councillors prior to the next meeting.

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146/2022 **Lengthsman**

Fraser Boon has been appointed as Lengthsman – Action Clerk to ask him to clear the saplings at the bottom of Roger ground and tidy up the brambles etc in the Old Police Car Park.

147/2022 **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*

Poppy Wreath remembrance day – Eileen will speak to Karen who is involved in the British Legion

Broken memorial bench outside the Hawkshead Shop/LDNPA bike hire shop needs replacing – Action Clerk to see if she can find the owners of the bench.

148/2022 **Correspondence (for information only)**

To note the following e-mails received since last meeting

Claife PC – Agenda and Minutes; Agenda and Minutes 30th August

Coniston PC – Agenda and Minutes; Agenda and Minutes August 22

Kate McGibbon Cumbria CC – Fairer South Lakeland Community Fund; CCRG Update; Covid 19 and Flu updates; Register your Defibrillator; Climate Change – 3 ways the Town and Parish Councils can respond using their powers and duties; Green spaces in Town and Parishes for Community Growing activities; Sustainable Warmth Introduction; No complaints upheld by Ombudsman for third year running; Friends of the Elderly in your communities; Letter from LDNPA re Visitor Management; CCRG Heatwave and Flooding; Points of light 2022 showcase local councils; Cost of living crisis; The New Westmorland & Furness Council Plan LGR Programme Board – Local Government Reorganisation (LRG) Newsletter

Fraser SLDC – Working together to boost biodiversity; School girls winning litter message; Hot weather update & free English and Maths courses; Weekly list 11 July; New pandemic fund open for businesses unable to access support; Residents urged to check their voter registration details; Weekly list 15 August; Household yet to claim energy rebate urged to do so; Weekly list 29 August; Weekly list 5 Sept; Cumbria Flood and Coast Forum; Local Plan Review Newsletter Advance Notice

CALC – Highways engagement with Parish and Town Councillors – my account functionality; Funding opportunity – Electricity NW EV charging installation; LGR Newsletter 21 July; CALC contacts update; Chief Executive Appointed Westmorland and Furness Council; LGR Newsletter 22 July; Minutes of the South Lakes and Barrow District Association meeting; Training programme September to December 22; CALC AGM 24 September; Parish Council Elections 2023 cost of election; Healthy Start scheme; NALC Short term holiday lets consultation; Dementia courses for Family carers; LGR Newsletter 4 August; Summer sustainable transport poster; CALC Annual Review 21/22 any info; LGR Newsletter 12 August; Job opportunities Cumberland Council and Westmorland and Furness Council; Every life matters training courses autumn 22; Resignation of South Lakeland Parish Support worker; LGR Newsletter 18 August; Local Council Award Scheme; Emergency Planning Support for Town and Parish Councils; Westmorland and Furness Council Plan; South Lakes Funding Fair; LGR Newsletter 1 September; Community Celebration and Resilience Proposal Launch; Wednesday Update 7 Sept 22; CALC Annual General meeting 24 September; Cumbrias Local Flood Risk Management Strategy; Multi Agency Response to Flooding; National Moment of Reflection; Cumbrias Local Flood Risk Management Strategy; AGM change of date 29 October; Parish Council Toolkit; South Lakes and Barrow District Association meeting; LGR 15 September; The Big Buzz Festival; Community Engagement and Community Plan; Website Audit; CALC news

C Wood – thank you for the flowers

Kendal AAC – 10K 14 June 2023

Cumbria Police – July 22 The Lakes and Lakes Rural newsletter

Brathay Trust – Advanced notice Ambleside Trails 11th September

Cllr Spedding – Damage to bench outside PoppiRed

Westmorland Gazette – reaction to reports of Hawkshead being on the poshest places to live

NALC – Chief Executives Bulletin

SAAA – Option to opt out of the SAAA central external auditor appointment arrangements

PKF – External Auditor Report

Cllr Wharton – Notification Waterbird wings over Windermere 3 pm Thursday 22nd and Friday 23rd

149/2022 **Date of next meeting**

The next meeting will be Tuesday 18th October 2022 in the **Lower Market Hall**, Hawkshead at 7.30 pm.

The meeting closed at 9.19 pm

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