

**Minutes of the meeting of Hawkshead Parish Council  
Held in the Upper Market Hall, Hawkshead on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2025**

Present: Cllr Spedding - Chair  
Cllrs Johnston, Moulton, Bremner, Berry  
Clerk – Tracey Thornley & Janet Taffs (new Clerk)

In attendance: No members of the public present

**76/2025 Apologies**

RESOLVED Cllrs Brown, MacLennan

**77/2025 Requests for Dispensations**

RESOLVED No requests received

**78/2025 Declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests in respect of Agenda items**

RESOLVED Cllr Spedding declared an interest in planning application - 7/2025/5179 – Drunken Duck Inn as a business commitment.

**79/2025 Minutes**

RESOLVED the Chair was authorised to sign the minutes of the meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> April 2025 and Extraordinary meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> May 2025.

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

**80/2025 Police**

The Clerk viewed the Police.uk website that morning and there was no data present.

**81/2025 Westmorland and Furness Council and National Trust**

Westmorland and Furness Councillor was not present.

National Trust – Chair read out May newsletter for Hawkshead area:- *We are working with a new designer to create a revised Beatrix Potter Trail that will cover Hawkshead, Esthwaite and Wray – we hope it will encourage more people to visit Hawkshead.*

*The bus service will start again just before the May Half Term holiday this is funded by the National Trust and Mountain Goat and will meet the small Windermere Lake Cruise Boat at Ash Landing – we hope that this enables visitors to get to Hawkshead without having to drive all the way round the lake.*

**82/2025 Public Participation**

No public present

**83/2025 Update on Ongoing Issues and Actions from Last Meeting**

UNRESOLVED Response regarding snowplough and gritter – Cllr Johnston had spoken to the Contractor who has been asked to do training but not heard anything since initial contact – ongoing

UNRESOLVED planters to go on the welcome signs – Cllr Spedding has them and ordered some brackets to put them on the signs

UNRESOLVED cracked water trough Roger Ground E1/221633, E1/238786 – ongoing

UNRESOLVED update on the new streetlight between Springwood and Primary School- E1/234875 ongoing

UNRESOLVED update on Cumbria Action – Cllr MacLennan not present to provide an update

RESOLVED 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 E1/238794 – no response it was felt this would not change.

UNRESOLVED update on request for a litter bin along the by-pass E1/234872 – Ongoing Clerk to ask for an update.

UNRESOLVED update on ownership of Main Street Car Park – Cllrs had spoken to past Cllrs who confirmed it was purchased by the PC, the Clerk had found some old files and Cllr Bremner has taken them away to have a look. It was felt that details maybe stored in the archives at Kendal.

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UNRESOLVED Highways team online teams meeting – Cllrs were unable to attend and have asked the Clerk to see if Cllr Pender attended and can provide feedback.

UNRESOLVED meeting with National Trust re Gallery funding – National Trust had said happy to meet difficult to find a date, Clerk to email Laura to ask for her number and Cllr Spedding will give her a call.

UNRESOLVED lighting in the LDNPA car park not working – Cllr Spedding visited the site and there were 2 lights not working Clerk to contact LDNPA.

UNRESOLVED contact with owner of the building in the centre of the square and future plans – the agent had replied that they are looking for a tenant for the whole building, they are fully aware of its importance and location in the village. Cllrs agreed they will wait to see if there is any further correspondence.

UNRESOLVED placement of SIDs posts – Stored with Cllr Spedding. Outgate SIDs Cllr Johnston reported they are waiting hear from Woodland Trust. Clerk will pass Cllr Speddings number to the Lengthsman so they can organise putting the Hawkshead ones in place.

UNRESOLVED update on new Clerk and handover – Clerk has files in her car to pass to Janet this evening will finish the paperwork for tonights meeting and get the AGAR sent off then get in touch with Janet to give her all the equipment. Councillors were also just finalising her contract.

#### 84/2025 **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 .E1/243042 ongoing

UNRESOLVED update on hole developing on the road edge near Lakes Lodges E1/110351, E1/133268 E1/143069 E1/227478 E1/238790 ongoing

UNRESOLVED update on loose slab/slate by Tigers Eye E1/177640 E1/227470 scheduled to be replaced by Highways in the next couple of weeks.

UNRESOLVED update on loose slabs/slates outside Queens and Chemist E1/177643 E1/201282 E1/227470 scheduled to be replaced by Highways in the next couple of weeks.

UNRESOLVED Outgate area potholes E1/226058 E1/227480 E1/240324, E1/240337, E1/240339, E1/240340 E1/243026 passing place has been completed and the others have been marked to be done

UNRESOLVED the edge of the road before you reach fish farm E1/227474 E1/E1/233204, E1/238776, E1/243040 ongoing

UNRESOLVED large pothole in the middle of the road at the bottom of Esthwaite on the way to Sawrey E1/233208 E1/238788 E1/243043 not sure if that one has been completed

UNRESOLVED blocked Culverts Vicarage Lane E1/238782 E1/243044 some work has been done at the top Cllr Moulton will have a look at this

UNRESOLVED blocked gully Hawksgarth E1/238785 E1/243045. Cllr Moulton will have a look at this

RESOLVED bowing wall on the highway near Keen Ground E1/238771 E1/243046

UNRESOLVED Drains on Hawkshead Hill are blocked and need clearing – not sure if this has been completed

UNRESOLVED new potholes outside Grasmere Gingerbread shop E1/245629 Cllr Spedding will have a look

UNRESOLVED Signs that have been knocked down opposite the T junction for Sawrey/Grizedale opposite the Bowling club E1/245219

#### 85/2025 **Finance & Governance Issues**

RESOLVED Councillors authorised payment of the following accounts:-

Clerk wages (April and May and 10 hrs permit processing)	£1,188.53
HMRC (PAYE)	£ 26.44
Lengthsman	£ 252.00
Clerk (postage stamps for OPCP permits)	£ 69.60

RESOLVED Councillors acknowledged receipt of the following:-

Westmorland and Furness Council – Precept 2024/25	£12000.00
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86/2025 RESOLVED Councillors agreed to adopt the new Financial Regulations and they were signed by the Chair.

87/2025 RESOLVED Councillors agreed the 2024/25 Annual Governance and Accountability Return, the Chair and Responsible Finance Officer signed the forms. Clerk to return the form to the External

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Auditor along with supporting documentation. Cllr Berry will buy a thank you gift for the Internal Auditor.

88/2025 RESOLVED Councillors agreed to adopt the Standing Orders 2025 and they were signed by the Chair.

89/2025 **Planning**

Discussion regarding the printing of paperwork for Planning and was it necessary, it was agreed that **Cllrs will try viewing before the meeting and if they have any problems to contact the Clerk and she will either print them or find another format for viewing.**

RESOLVED Councillors considered planning applications and formulate comments to the planning Authority:-

7/2025/5202 – 13 Kings Yard, Hawkshead, Ambleside, LA22 0QP – Conversion of garage to wet room and utility. Cllrs viewed the plans and had no objections the Clerk will notify Planning.

7/2025/5179 – Drunken Duck Inn, Barngates, Ambleside, Cumbria LA22 0NG – Conversion, extension and development of outbuildings to build single storey dwelling and building of new workshop displaced by the dwelling. Cllr Spedding did not take part in this discussion. Cllrs viewed the plans and had no objections the Clerk will notify Planning.

7/2025/5071 – East View, Gallowbarrow, Hawkshead, Ambleside, LA22 0NW – Chimney stack removal. Cllrs viewed the plans and had no objections the Clerk will notify Planning.

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

REF 1604.484 – Land at Belmont Hall, Outgate – Tree preservation (No 484) Order 2025 – Notice of Tree Preservation Order.

7/2025/5289 – Limetree Yard, Land off Barnfield, Hawkshead, LA22 0PJ – Approval of details reserved by condition 11 (Contamination) on planning application

7/2022/5304 – Limetree Yard – Demolition of existing garages and workshop and construction of new light industrial buildings and associated car parking.

90/2025 **Lengthsman**

Clerk to ask for him to continue with sapling removal on roadsides. Ask Lengthsman to help with SID posts Clerk to provide him with Cllr Spedding contact details so they can arrange a date.

91/2025 **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*

Cllr Moulton had a couple of queries regarding the OPCP permits these were resolved.

Cllr Johnston had been asked by the Doctors Surgery – whether help could be given regarding car parking for the medical centre they have spaces allocated, however these can be full of permit holders as hotels issue them to their guests for use in the car park, can we find out if the permit holders are allowed to park there and if the permits are allowed in the car park on the other side of the road.

Cllr Bremner reported that the broken bench is still by Heelis Place and there is also a broken picnic bench there too, the litter around the 20 minute short stay spaces is also really bad. Clerk to contact LDNPA – to mention the benches and ask about litter and whether they would consider a litter bin as the Recreation Ground (which is next nearest bin location) are having problems with overflowing bins.

92/2025 **Correspondence (for information only)**

To note the following e-mails received since last meeting

National Trust – Invitation to go on the Gondola; April newsletter; Wray playpark QR code; NT Hawkshead Gallery meeting date to be arranged; May Parish Council newsletter

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CALC – Cumbria in Bloom; W&F Branch event; LDNPA Parish member elections for the South Distinctive area; LDNPA – Second homes and short term lets; Letter for LDNPA to Town and Parish Councils; Final Practitioners Guide, Audit Return Reminder & Data Protection; Lake District parishes forum; W&F Event – Waste Services & Engagement Framework 24/4/25; Town and Parish Council Neighbourhood Pledge Meeting – Locality 2; Engagement Framework; Post Office/Directly Managed Branch update; Meeting reminder 24/4/25; Launch of public appointments recruitment campaign; Reminder T&PC Neighbourhood pledge meeting Locality 2 28/4/25; Martyns Law; Next County Volunteering Network meeting 7/5/25; W&F Branch follow up Waste Services & Engagement Framework; Second Homes; CALC AGM 4/10/25; Clerk Induction Training Session; Sandylands Park, Kendal; CALC Training bulletin 30/4/25; VE day events; Training Bulletin 7/5/25; Meeting with W&F Highways and Streetworks Team 27/5/25 6pm via teams; Windermere IT courses starting soon; Grange Lido opening date delayed; Local Plan Call for sites meeting 14/5/25 5 pm; Cumbria Local Nature Partnership; NRS May Newsletter; LDNPA Planning Sessions; 14/5/25 Training bulletin; LDNPA Clerks Forum; How Environmentl and Sustainability policy could help; WAF Waste consultation;

Claife PC – Agenda Annual Parish; Agenday PC meeting April 2025; Draft Minutes; Agenda Annual General Meeting, Agenda PC meeting

Coniston PC – Agenda, Minutes & Accounts;

Cllr Pender – Update Streetworks Meeting; Youth Work in the Ward; Draft Boundary review who to contact; Prohibition of All Traffic Restriction C5020 Outgate 29/4; Temp TRO Keswick to Barrow walk 10/5; Boundary Review; New Road Closures; Gritting in Hawkshead; LAP Trail Race 11/5/25 & 14/9/24; Next weekend; B5285 and B5286 Hawkshead; Infrastructure schemes/permitting – Coniston and Hawkshead ward; Windermere Ferry planned closure;

Westmorland and Furness Council – Warning on taking fake prescription drugs; Residents invited to attend open day at Penrith Castle Park; Celebrating 3 years of Multiple success in Cumbria; Call for young volunteers to support summer Reading Challenge in Libraries; Council submits devolution consultation response; Devolution update; Licensing weekly list 10; Street Party for VE day 80th Celebration 10th May Temp Road Closure application; £500,000 grant confirmed for Roxy building in Ulverston; Guidance for developers agreed for Marina Village; Grants approved for community-based project in Eden; Residents invited to come along to next Penrith Castle Park open day; Barrow to host packed programme of creative, cultural and family events; Shape the future of pump tracks in Westmorland and Furness; Communities come together VE day; Weekly list 11 28/4/25; Council launches veterans survey ahead of VE Day; Ukuleles, bowls and art on the agenda in Eden to help combat the effects of dementia; New Director for W&F Council; Have your say on the future of nature recovery across Cumbria; Windermere Ferry Stakeholder Newsletter May 2025; Notes from the meeting Infrastructure schemes/permitting – Coniston and Hawkshead Ward; TTRO Notification – C5022 Grizedale 12/5/25; Council says apply now for £260,000 arts, culture and events; Council puts veterans at the heart of VE day; Have you say on waste and recycling options; Libraries bring history to life with new shipyard memories; Hawkshead Square – slate flag repairs; Suggested development sites maps published; Multi-million ganrt to give massive boost to towns culture; Memorial garden dedicated to community champion; Hawkshead Square Slate Flag Repairs

Tim Farron MP – case ref TF169178 Condition of road B5286;

BBC Radio Cumbria – VE day interview request

Member of the public – Bins in the park (after Lakeland Trails event)

Member of the public – Hawkshead Scouts – *Clerk to respond -wish you well, anything we can do we are happy to help.*

Colton PC – Annual Colton Open Parish meeting 17/5/25

Cllr Mcclennan – Local Housing Survey; Parish Plan Query

DMHall – response to the query regarding building in the centre of the Square

Member of public – planters in the village (plants, compost etc)

Cumbria SA – Preparing for the 2025 Small Authorities External Audit

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

Satterthwaite PC – Background reading recent road closures; Feedback highway closures

Coniston PC – Agenda, Minutes

Cumbria Tourism – Hawkshead & West of Windermere Visitor Movement Action Plan; Plan working groups

### 93/2025 **Date of next meeting**

It was agreed that the next meeting would be the Annual meeting on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2025 in the Lower Market Hall. Apologies for the next meeting Cllrs Berry and Moulton

The meeting closed at 8.37 pm

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