

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, Bremner, and MacLennan  
Clerk – Janet Taffs

In attendance two Members of the public

**94. Apologies**

To receive apologies for absence

RESOLVED Received at the last meeting from Cllrs Berry and Moulton. From Cllr Brown who is working away.

**95. Requests for Dispensations**

RESOLVED No requests received.

**96. Declaration of Interest**

RESOLVED Cllr Johnston declared pecuniary interest of the planning of Stevney

**97. Minutes**

RESOLVED The chair was authorised to sign the minutes of the Hawkshead Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> of May 2025 as a correct record of the meeting.

**98. Declaration of office for the Vice Chair to sign**

RESOLVED The Vice Chair signed the declaration of acceptance of office. From the annual meeting.

**99. Public Participation**

99.1 To receive reports from

- Police  
No reported crimes in our area.
- Westmorland and Furness Councillor  
No representative present
- National Trust

The National Trust is thrilled to announce the opening of a second-hand bookshop housed in the former Beatrix Potter Gallery in Hawkshead.

The building, which was permanently closed as the Beatrix Potter Gallery at the end of 2022 due to environmental challenges affecting the collection, will now reopen as Tabitha Twitchit's Bookshop.

Our ambition is for the bookshop to open in August, ready to welcome the summer visitors in Hawkshead.

The ground floor will be a dedicated second-hand bookshop selling donated books, a Tabitha Twitchit fundraising pin badge, and a new 'Beatrix Potter's Lakes Trail' highlighting places Beatrix illustrated and cared for around the village of Hawkshead and the local area. It will also serve as an information hub, directing visitors to Hill Top, Wray, Steam Yacht Gondola and Tarn Hows, and be a location to sign up for National Trust membership.

The upper floor will house a free-to-enter changing programme of displays, exhibitions, and events. There will be craft events with Knotted Project for October half term, and Christmas activities for the Hawkshead Christmas Fair.

Tabitha's will be managed by a dedicated Bookshop Manager and supported by volunteers. It will be open from 10:00 am to 4:30 pm, five days a week (Sunday to Thursday), with the ambition to extend to seven-day opening during peak times. The bookshop will close at Christmas and reopen for February half term.

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The National Trust will be recruiting for volunteers in the next couple of weeks, information can be found on our website [myvolunteering - National Trust](https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/myvolunteering) and we encourage anyone interested to apply.

We are also seeking donations of second-hand books. Books for donation can be dropped off at Hill Top, or arrangements can be made for collection. Additionally, drop-off days at Tabitha's will be organised in July, with dates to be announced soon. For more information, please contact Helen Dolan at [Helen.Dolan@nationaltrust.org.uk](mailto:Helen.Dolan@nationaltrust.org.uk)

- 99.2 No comments and representations from members of the public in relation to any item on the agenda

**100. Update on Ongoing Issues and Actions from Last Meeting**

- 100.1 UNRESOLVED The situation on the snow plough and gritters There is a meeting on 30<sup>th</sup> June at 6pm Cllr Spedding to attend the teams meeting. Ongoing
- 100.2 UNRESOLVED The Planters to be placed under welcome signs Cllr Spedding has done one the brackets need doing for the others. Continuing.
- 100.3 UNRESOLVED The cracked water trough on Roger Ground E1/221633 E1/238786 It was mentioned that this will become a problem once the temperatures lower to freezing.
- 100.4 UNRESOLVED The Request for a streetlight near Springwood – There are now marks on the pavement in five locations. Clerk to email and ask for an update E1/234875 E1/243024
- 100.5 UNRESLOVED Cumbria Action local housing project Last meeting the lady concerned was not able to attend. She has a housing proforma to present to the council. Cllr MacLennan to confirm when we will be able to have an update.
- 100.7 RESOLVED To update on request for a litter bin along the by-pass E1/234872
- 100.8 UNRESOLVED The ownership of Main Street Car Park Cllr Bremner had looked for the file in the box provided by the previous clerk. Clerk to look for the other files from previous clerk that she has now.
- 100.9 RESOLVED Online meeting with Highways team No update as not attended
- 100.10 UNRESOLVED National Trust re Gallery building and HLF funding There was supposed to be a phone call from NT Cllr Spedding to chase.
- 100.11 RESOLVED Lighting the LDNPA car park Cllr Bremner has checked and although slow they do come on when fully dark. Cllr Bremner did however see another couple of lights out and has reported them directly.
- 100.12 UNRESOLVED Contact with owner of building in the centre of the square and plans for future Email from the agent saying they have plans and it is up for let. Keep on the agenda to continue to monitor the situation and the building condition.
- 100.13 UNRESOLVED The new SIDs posts One post is up and the second to be installed w/c 16<sup>th</sup> of June 2025
- 100.14 To update on new Clerk and handover. The filing cabinet and all the files have been collected. Laptop passed on and all paperwork. Parking permits still coming in and collected some more yesterday, issued and posted. New clerk training completed and Tracey has left notes. Two training courses booked one today on finance and on budgeting 22<sup>nd</sup> of July. Changed the contact's name on the website. Uploaded documents but the website is messy with 2025 being lower down. Clerk would like to change it all so 2025 and the most current date is at the top when time allows. HPC agreed.

The Agar has been updated. The accounts need completing from the 1<sup>st</sup> of April. JT to go to the bank and change the address for the statements. Cllr Spedding signed the change of address form

Clerk has issued 27 parking permits that takes us to 87 when there were 106 last year so possibly more to come. Maybe a reminder on the notice board. Clerk will print a poster reminding people the permits expired 31<sup>st</sup> of May 2025

## 101. Highways

- To note Highways issues in the Parish
- 101.1 UNRESOLVED The drains blocked on the North Lonsdale Road E1/79317 and now all local drains need clearing E1/177362 E1/215114 E1/227471 E1/243042 To look after heavy rain the ones on the hill up to Roger ground are blocked were cleared but this has not been effective. Clerk to chase again.
- 101.2 UNRESOLVED The hole developing on the road edge near Lakes Lodges E1/110351, E1/133268 E1/143069 E1/227478 E1/238790 Highways agency chased for a response and told will be updated E1/248513
- 101.3 RESOLVED The loose slab/slate by Tigers Eye E1/177640 E1/227470
- 101.4 UNRESOLVED The loose slabs/slates outside Queens and Chemist E1/177643 E1/201282 E1/227470 Due to be completed 2/6/25 Still to do. There was an issue with the times and amount of footfall there would be. Clerk to chase.
- 101.5 UNRESOLVED The Outgate area E1/226058 E1/227480 E1/240324, E1/240337, E1/240339, E1/240340, E1/243026 They are becoming very nasty now. Clerk to chase
- 101.6 UNRESOLVED The road edge as you head down the hill by the fishery E1/227474 E1/233204 E1/238776 E1/243040 Highways chased for a response E1/248513 told will be informed in due course.
- 101.7 UNRESOLVED The large pothole on the middle of the road at the bottom of the lake on the way to Sawrey E1/233208 E1/238788 E1/243043 It has been marked in green now, so to monitor.
- 101.8 RESOLVED The blocked culverts Vicarage Lane E1/238782 E1/243044
- 101.9 UNRESOLVED The blocked gully at Hawksgarth Cllr MacLennan to check and report back. E1/238785 E1/243045
- 101.10 UNRESOLVED The potholes outside Gingerbread Shop Cllr Johnston and Spedding checked following the last meeting. E1/245629
- 101.11 UNRESOLVED The signs that have been knocked down opposite the T junction for Sawrey/Grizedale opposite Bowling club E1/245219 Highways chased for a response but informed that they will reply when sorted. E1/248513

NEW at meeting. Report of the drains at Roger ground to Hawkshead. LA22 0QG. Clerk to report to highways.

## 102. Finance & Governance Issues

- 102.1 RESOLVED Cllrs authorise payment of the following accounts:-
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| Community Heartbeat  | £ 151.20 |
| Westmorland & Furness Council Play area operational Inspection April 2024 - March 2025 | £ 583.20 |
| Westmorland & Furness Council Play area operational inspection April 2025 - April 2026 | £622.80  |
| Lengthsman   | £180.00  |

Although the payments were agreed for the Play Area. Cllr Spedding will check with Cllr Berry that these have not already been paid by the recreation directly. Clerk to check accounts to see if previous years have been paid.

- 102.2 To acknowledge income sources:
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| Car parking permits | £1620.00 |
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## 103. Planning Application

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

- 103.1 7/2025/5304 Stevney, Outgate, Ambleside, LA22 0NH Approval of details reserved by condition 6 Sample stonework on planning application 7/2023/5823 already approved. Agreed the stone work from a previous agreed application.

104.

Planning permission granted

RESOLVED Councillors acknowledged the planning applications that had been agreed as below.

- 104.1 T/2025/0058 Coach House Hawkshead, Ambleside, LA220QE  
T23 Sycamore - fell tree to ground level. T14 - Dead Fir stem - fell. T17 Yew 1 - pollard to 3.5m below roof ridge line into lower bushy growth. T16 Yew no.2 - to crown reduce by up to 2m all round, prune clear of BT wires by 1-2m where appropriate, crown raise over access to 5.5m. T15 Copper Beech - reduce upper crown height 2-3m as appropriate, reduce house side over extended limbs by up to 4m as appropriate, reduce remaining canopy to shape for improved form and aesthetics to blend into above works, pruning as appropriate by removing no more than up to 3m of material, thin crown 10-15%, crown raise over / around BT wires to clear by 2-3m
- 104.2 7/2024/5178 Land at Bragg Field, Hawkshead LA22 0QW  
Proposed local convenience store and petrol filling station with revised access from Bragg Field Car Park and a new access from North Lonsdale Road (B5285) including forecourt canopy, roof-mounted PV panels, underground fuel tanks, ATM, EV charging bays, staff and customer car parking, and associated landscaping, infrastructure, lighting, signage, footpaths and circulatory roads

105. Lengthsman

The first SID post has been installed.

The wooden gate opposite the primary school has had the closer replaced and the bottom of the gate has been trimmed so the auto close works correctly.

It was requested that the over grown Ivy Down from Coniston on the left-hand side, by the bridge at the junction is cleared. Clerk to contact

Saplings on the road keep going Clerk to contact.

106. 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 MacLennan raised the issue of the weeds by the North square and Co-op. Weeds by there and pet shop are terrible. To ask the lengthsman Clerk to contact

The broken benches raised at the previous meeting Heelis Place have not been repaired yet and the amount of rubbish Clerk to contact LDNPA and check from the previous meeting actions if they would place a bin as the recreation ground are having problems with an overflowing bin.

This was further discussed and it was suggested that there are two bins next to the chocolate shop. It is full part way through the day. This may help the situation of litter. Clerk to contact LDNPA.

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**107. Correspondence (for information only)**

To note the following e-mails received since last meeting

Draft minutes from Claife PC

Westmorland and Furness Council

Lunch and learn poster, Council strengthens support for Reservists and Cadet Force Adult Volunteers, Council shortlisted for three UK Green Business Awards, Four outdoor heated pools across Eden open for their summer seasons Council launches new apprenticeship opportunities Planning policy consultation notification local plan update. Thrive with Arts, Culture and Heritage Grant Funds. Road closure on the 12<sup>th</sup> June. Traffic Management Plan published for Appleby Horse Fair Nutrient Neutrality partnership appoints contractor for Package Treatment Plant Replacement Programme. Temporary road closure on the 12<sup>th</sup> of June at C5026 from Hawkshead to Spring Wood. Notice of traffic restrictions for the Windermere marathon. NOTES FROM MEETING Infrastructure schemes/Permitting - Coniston and Hawkshead Ward, Trading Standards highlight ban on single use vapes, Council brings partnerships together to celebrate local climate action Informal drop-ins to find out more about waste and recycling options, "I'd be lost without it": the Samba drumming group changing lives, Consultation launches on 'community-backed' 20mph proposals The Council is now inviting feedback on 24 areas proposed in year two of the initiative. NEWS RELEASE: Banner initiative driving people to 'be kind, park with safety in mind' Council-funded initiatives are supporting schools to create safer streets and teach hundreds of pupils life-long road skills Get involved in the Great Big Green Week 2025 Council supporting this year's Great Big Green Week, 7 to 15 June 2025. Business community encouraged to share insights to help shape council plans and support

Licensing Request list including the request from Medveda pubs for the Red Lion Hawkshead

Love Windermere newsletter for May. Weekly licensing list

CALC

Standards of Conduct for Elected Members in Town and Parish Councils invite on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> July. Local council as trustee. Update on dates for training.

Focus on funding Cumbria CVS. Calc board have a vacancy.

CALC will be supporting NALC in the star council awards

LDNPA training sessions..

National Trust

Notice of plans for the former Beatrix Potter Gallery in Hawkshead.

Cumbria SA

Submission of AGAR received. Submitted the reconciliation sheet.

LDNPA

Monthly newsletter

Member of the Parish asking for the date the planters would be installed. This was replied to and ongoing see 100.2 above

Request to see if the lights in the car park had been repaired. Resolved

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Request from a member of the parish to supply a bench on the grassed area of the Police Car park. This was discussed and lots of questions were raised and it was decided that there were too many logistical problems. Clerk to reply directly to the resident.

Neighbourhood and policing newsletter May

CVS newsletter regarding funding.

Reduce the amount of correspondence reported. It was agreed to reduce how many emails are forwarded and only if they are for the area.

**108. Date of Next Meeting**

To confirm the next meeting will be Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2025 at 7.30 pm in Upper Market Hall, Hawkshead

Concluded 8.25pm