

# Hawkshead Parish Council

## Minutes of the meeting of Hawkshead Parish Council

Held in the Lower Market Hall, Hawkshead on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2026 at 7.30 pm

Present: Chair Cllr Johnston, MacLennan, Moulton and Berry

Clerk – Janet Taffs

10 members of the public in attendance

### 222/03/26 Apologies

RESOLVED. Apologies were accepted from Cllr Bremner, Spedding and Brown

### 223/03/26 Requests for Dispensations

RESOLVED It was noted that no member declared any dispensations on items on the agenda.

### 224/03/26 Declaration of Interest

RESOLVED: It was noted that no member declared any interests in the agenda items.

### 225/03/26 Minutes

RESOLVED The minutes of the meeting of Hawkshead Parish Council held on Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> February 2025, were confirmed to be an accurate record and signed by the Chair.

### 226/03/26 Public Participation

#### 226.1 To receive reports from

- **Police:** Nothing to report
- **Westmorland and Furness Councillor.**

Main point is the 4.99% increase in council tax has been approved, and the £60 per green bin has been approved and going forward this year. Details of how to sign up to follow, but the scheme will open on April 1<sup>st</sup>. Details have been shared on the Facebook page, but can be sent out to residents if they would like full details.

- **National Trust**

Through the recent restructure of the organisation the Lakes Let Estate Team now has 2 Letting Officers (previously was one) so we hope that we can move forward these lettings quicker. Harrowslack House – currently awaiting building quotes to eliminate the damp at the rear of the property and install a new kitchen  
Well Head Cottage, Harrowslack – This is being internally redecorated in February ready to be advertised in March

2 Green How, Vicarage Lane, Hawkshead – the property is now back in-hand after the previous tenant passed away. We are reassessing to complete a redecoration and minor works before starting to re-let

Green End House – External works on the front render and windows are still on-going. Central funding is being applied for with regard to the extensive refurbishment required within the building. Rhododendron removal and certain tree works within the garden are also being carried out.

Well Head Cottage is currently on Rightmove

Sykeside will be coming back to the Trust by mid April after the sad passing of Jean Crosbie. The property will need a major refurbishment

1 Green How – quotations have been received for a minor refurb.

#### 226.2 Comments and representations from members of the public in relation to any item on the agenda.

A member of the public questioned what was happening with the drains on Betty Fold. As this is causing distress. Suggested escalating to Cllr Pender and trying the hotline number. Clerk to forward the details.

A member of the public noted the speed signs have gone by the school, and this has been reported to Highways already by the Clerk

United Utilities came to talk about the works of Hawkshead and Outgate water treatment works. The PowerPoint presentation will be sent to the Clerk by UU, so this can be shared on the fb page. Brief details. Waste going into Windermere is under review. There is a 5-year business plan to 2030, as we are now 1 year in. The main benefits will be a 89% reduction in storm spills. The wastewater treatment plant at Hawkshead works is already in place on the grounds. Waste water treatment works need updating and reducing spills per year, so a new storage tank and a pumping station are needed. Plans were presented for the proposed works and temporary structures, including heavy construction equipment. Public information event will be on the 6th of May 2026, at the Lower Market Hall. Details will be shared with the Parish Council nearer the time and posted on the FB page. Information on the Outgate treatment works was provided, and they are looking to extend the treatment works. Temporary access through the field will be required with a temporary road. Residents will be kept informed of the works by letter.

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### 227/03/26 Update on Ongoing Issues and Actions from Last Meeting

- 227.1 RESOLVED Gritting to stay on the agenda for updates. The Clerk has been asking for updates on how they feel the system has been working. All feedback has been positive to date and the Cllrs are very happy with the work that Shaun is doing. Shaun has asked what happens with the leftover salt. W&F have been contacted to see if they will collect.
- 227.2 UNRESOLVED the cracked water trough on Roger Ground E1/221633. The Clerk has contacted Cllr Pender to establish if W&F are to remove.
- 227.3 UNRESOLVED Housing Action with communities in Cumbria is still continuing to look for available space.
- 227.4 RESOLVED The SIDs are now on and working
- 227.5 UNRESOLVED: no progress on the litter bin by the Chocolate shop and on the Rec. More of a summer problem. Look again later in the year. A member of the public stated that W&F empties the Coop bin daily, can they do the chocolate shop as well? Clerk to contact W&F and investigate the collection times.
- 227.6 UNRESOLVED The Old Hawkshead sign, cured the rusting and filled the craters with plastic steel and has started on painting the white lines will be doing more this month
- 227.7 UNRESOLVED The noticeboard on the side of the King's Arms. The Clerk has contacted the King's Arms for an update. The King's are doing another project at the moment that will incorporate the notice board, and they would like the board to look in keeping with all the hard work they have spent on the building so far. Hopefully, they will provide a further update around June.
- 227.8 UNRESOLVED The Emergency plan was discussed, and information is still being collated
- 227.9 UNRESOLVED The landslip on Vicage Lane on the walk has been reported to LDNPA. Update requested 3/3/26The work on Vicarage Lane is currently being assessed and will be planned into our work program once consent and funding are in place. We are monitoring the path for further damage and will consult the relevant landowners on access once a decision has been made on how best to proceed with the repair.
- 227.10 RESOLVED The clerk has now issued letters to local businesses politely requesting guests not to park in the OPCP
- 227.11 UNRESOLVED The parking situation on Hawksgarth. A meeting has taken place between the Clerk, resident of Hawksgarth and South Lakes housing to discuss the best way forward. They have agreed to add additional signage to try to alleviate the issues. SH do not own the land The Clerk is to contact them for an update about the signs and see how things are progressing.
- 227.12 UNRESOLVED The clerk has applied for a Locality grant for Gritting reserves from Cllr Pender. This cannot be paid until the process opens again on April 1<sup>st</sup>.
- 227.13 UNRESOLVED The car parks Cllr Brown has sourced signs for the Main Street Car Park. To agree the cost in Finance. The pot hole in the Main Street car park and OPCP can be repaired by the lengthsmen and will cost approximately £ 100 for materials, and the labour element is hard to predict until the work commences and what is found when the grid is removed. This work was agreed and the Clerk was to contact the lengthsmen to give the go-ahead. The clerk is to provide advance warning to the permit holders on Main Street, as a disruption may occur. It was discussed that the fence for the grassed area is to be removed and replaced, and the rope option was considered. This was dismissed as a fancy fence is not required.  
The Clerk has also contacted The National Trust as a few of the tree branches are drooping down to car level in the Old Police Car Park.
- 227.14 RESOLVED Cllrs Bremner and Spedding attended a Teams meeting with Simon, a surveyor from LDNPA, along with the Parish Clerk. The LDNPA stressed that the planning permission had been granted by the LDNPA and that the meeting was with LDNPA as a landowner, not to be confused with the LDNPA as planning authority, wanted to gauge public opinion on the development. As the Parish Council's planning decision was split, the LDNPA, as landowner, wished to clarify the mood in the room at the meetings and the general public's opinion. Planning has been granted, and the meeting was not a planning issue but one from a landowner's perspective, seeking residents' views. The Parish Councillors reflected the views of the residents who attended both Parish Council meetings, where the planning applications for the convenience store and petrol station were addressed, and fed back the views to LDNPA in the meeting, both for and against.

### 228/03/26 New matters arising

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- 228.1 RESOLVED United Utilities spoke about the ongoing works in the area.
- 228.2 RESOLVED a local resident and their concerns for the transfer of a local business to residential use. The resident failed to attend to discuss.
- 228.3 RESOLVED Requested by a member of the public and referred on to Cllr Pender, who submitted the application herself. EI/280849 Addition of bollards to the flagged area of Main Street by the pharmacy. Clerk to write to Cllr Pender as there is a right of access to the post box and the land is owned by the chemist.
- 228.4 UNRESOLVED The erection of Fibrus poles on Hawksgarth was reported to several Cllrs and the Clerk. The Clerk has been working with Cllr Pender to establish whether permissions were sought to carry out the work. A member of the public was concerned that Fibrus had not sought planning permission. Clerk to check with LDNPA, but the general feeling was that there was a concession for utilities.
- 228.5 UNRESOLVED The damaged grass areas of land by the pole installers at Hawksgarth. The Clerk has complained directly to Fibrus, and they have agreed to reseed the areas that have been affected by the recent works. Clerk to Chase as the resident feels the rectification works are not acceptable.
- 228.6 RESOLVED To discuss the housekeeping of the Old Police Car Park arrangements for 2026 applications. The Clerk suggested the idea to set up in the Market hall on one Saturday or Sunday, and print the permits when the residents bring the documents in, and they can have the permit that day. It was felt that this was unworkable and to continue as last year. We can however, as suggested by the Clerk, as the option to pay by BACS to the application form as cheques are less used. The option for cash is also to be kept.

### 229/03/26. Highways

#### To note Highways issues in the Parish

- 229.1 UNRESOLVED The hole developing on the road edge near Lakes Lodges EI/110351,
- 229.2 RESOLVED Potholes in the Outgate area EI/226058
- 229.3 UNRESOLVED potholes outside Gingerbread Shop EI/245629 Chased on 2/10/25, and what 3 words provided. Put a complaint in on 6/11/25 as water is collecting in them and you are unable to see. Clerk uploaded photos on 11/11/25
- 229.4 UNRESOLVED the grid at Springwood EI/143070. Assigned to Highways on 22/7/25. Chased for a response 6/11/25
- 229.5 UNRESOLVED To update on the school road markings following the road resurfacing. EI/257392 Cllr Pender expedited, and the Clerk followed up with a direct Email. Works have been prioritised. The Clerk emailed for an update last night, and the response was this morning, the works have been delayed by the rain and should be carried out this week.
- 229.6 UNRESOLVED The tarmac on Flag Street and the Clerk to report to Highways. Assigned to a Highways team on 2/2/26
- 229.7 UNRESOLVED The flagstone near the Kings Arms has been reported to Highways ref EI/267957
- 229.8 UNRESOLVED. The drains near Hawksgarth have been reported to Highways EI/267960. Looking back, this has been reported previously on 10/1/23 EI110343 and 1/3/25 EI238785. The complaint was submitted by the Clerk, and the drains had been jetted, the drain is still overflowing in heavy rain. The clerk has requested that the case be reopened.
- 229.9 UNRESOLVED The grids at Betty fold EI/277900. Assigned to the highways team 2/2/26
- 229.10 RESOLVED The pot hole outside the Red Lion EI/277902 W&F stated they were already aware of this problem when it was reported! 2/2/26 Many complaints have been voiced by residents, so the Clerk filed a complaint. One has been filled but there is another a few feet away now
- 229.11 UNRESOLVED The pot hole at Atwood EI/278054 is assigned to Highways team 2/2/26

### 230/03/2026 Finance & Governance Issues

- 230.1 RESOLVED authorised payment of the following accounts: -
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| Clerk wages           | £ 510.65               |
| Clerk expenses Stamps | £ 6.96                 |
| Lengthsman            | £ 226.79               |
| Pandora               | £ 60.00                |
| Shaun Taylforth       | £ No invoice received. |

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	Hawkshead Market Hall	£	44.55
230.2	RESOLVED acknowledged income sources:		
	Car parking permits	£	5.00
230.3	RESOLVED Monthly update of the finances		
	Current account Balance as of 16/3/26	£4069.74	Deposit account 16/3/26 £22,857.72
230.4	UNRESOLVED Assersion 10 We do not comply and will have to say so on the AGAR but are however working towards this. The Parish Council agreed to go ahead and get quotes for a domain for a GOV.UK web site and emails.		

### 231/03/26 Planning Application

The following planning applications were discussed

- 231.1 7/2026/5048 Location: Wayside Cottage, Hawkshead Hill, Ambleside, LA22 0PW  
Proposal: Installation of wheelchair accessibility lift from ground to first floor through ground floor ceiling/first floor envelopes. Discussed and to Approve
- 231.2 T/2026/0031 Location: Pillar House, Church Hill, Hawkshead, Ambleside, LA22 0PQ  
Proposal: Norway Maple - crown reduce by 3-4m. Discussed and to Approve
- 231.3 7/2026/5116 Location: Orchard Cottage, Outgate, Ambleside, LA22 0NH  
Proposal: Replacement of existing conservatory Discussed and to Approve
- 231.4 T/2026/0039 Location: The Chocolate Factory Shop, Main Street, Hawkshead, LA22 0NT  
Proposal: Fell 1 ash tree. Discussed and to Approve

### 232/03/26 Planning permission decisions. The following decisions were noted.

RESOLVED No decisions to note.

### 233/03/26 Lengthsman

The OPCP noticeboard is now back - this look longer than expected as the ground was compacted hardcore rather than soil, probably because it's next to the concrete base of the BT building. But it's now in securely. The diagonal brace was there for a week whilst the concrete fully cured.

### 234/03/26 Councillor Matters

Rats, Cllr Berry had left a message with her contact, but no response. The Clerk to contact UU and see if she can find a contact.

Response to the car at Outgate Thanks for your email about the vehicle at Outgate. We've had no other reports about it. I have checked the vehicle and it is road legal with tax, MoT and insurance all held to a local resident. Therefore, it is not classed as abandoned. There are no parking restrictions at the location and the offence of 'unnecessary obstruction of the Highway' is not made out in this case. There is enough room to get past, the junction is not obscured and no entrances are obstructed. The vehicle has a flat tyre so has possibly been left until it can be repaired. There is no action that police or the local authority can take in this case.

The 20MPH zone at Outgate will need adding to the agenda for next month.

### 235/03/26 Correspondence

- Lake District Active Travel and Heritage map proposal
- Bluebird evening concert no longer going ahead
- Request from a member of the public for details on the Bragg Field Communications.
- W&F council launches Apprenticeship details
- Consultation for Blue Badge holders
- Ferry repairs to be extended
- Deadline for common land W&F
- Letter of complaint on the high parking charges, the visitor did not stay. Replied to and forwarded to LDNPA and Cllr Pender.
- W&F A Place Called Home consultation
- Cumbria's Fire Police and Crime Commissioner's community fund details

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### 236/03/26 Date of Next Meeting

It was confirmed that the next meeting will be Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> April 2026, at 7.30 pm in the Lower Market Hall, Hawkshead

Meeting concluded 20.46 pm

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