

**Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Claife Parish Council held on Tuesday
19 May 2009 at 7.00pm at Braithwaite Hall**

Present

Councillors: Dr C Lane (Chairman) Mr R Shuttleworth Mr R Brown and Mr J Mallett and **Clerk** Mr VM Phillips

Members of the public: Mr J Burgoyne Mr V Chapman Mrs M Green Mr P Johnson Mr R Kirby Mr D Lambert Mr J Moffat and Mr R Owen

Minutes of the Meeting of 3 March 2009 were approved and signed.

Election of Chairman 2009/10

It was resolved that Dr C Lane be appointed Chairman for 2009/10

Election of Vice-Chairman

It was resolved that Mr R Shuttleworth be appointed Vice-Chairman for 2009/10

Resignation of Councillor

The Council noted the resignation of Councillor Ms T Wakeman. The Chairman asked that the Council's thanks for all her efforts be recorded and, in particular, in relation to the establishment of the Claife Parish Council Website.

Co-option of Councillors

As the requisite number of electors had not requested a poll for either Councillor vacancy the Council was now entitled to co-opt as Councillors persons of its choice. The Council noted that interest in becoming a Councillor had been expressed by Mrs Anne Brodie and by Ms Yvette Pavelyn, which in the absence of other interest would be pursued further.

Matters arising from the Minutes

(a) Cumbria Highways-Traffic Issues

(i) Double Yellow Lines- Near Sawrey

It was noted that the single yellow line was to be extended to Wilfin Beck as previously requested. Mr Mallett said it also needed to be extended along "Market Street" (road to Belle Green Farm) as most of the properties on the eastern side were holiday homes often with 2/3 cars parked outside. This caused unnecessary congestion. The Clerk agreed to speak to Cumbria Highways

(ii) Village and Other Signs

The new village signs were now in place. It was agreed to leave the existing signs *in situ*, the Council noting they needed attention. Other signs requested had also been installed.

(b) Registering Claife Parish Council land: It was agreed that the Chairman and the Clerk would make a site visit to identify the location of what was considered Council land forming the quarry at Gill Bank.

(c) Housing Needs Committee - identification of suitable sites/properties: The Clerk reported that, as a result of an article in Esthwaite Link, 2 potential sites for affordable housing had been offered by the owners. A letter had also been sent to nine landowners in the parish enquiring whether they had land available for potential development.

(d) High Wray Village Green: The Council was not in favour of a wild meadow but the original offer of £75-00 towards planters and bulbs still stood.

(e) Esthwaite Water: Mr Shuttleworth said that the fish farm nets would be removed by November 2009, the sluice gate would also be removed and no further rainbow trout would be stocked.

(f) Freedom of Information Act request - Hawkshead Parish Council: The Clerk reported that the Council's complaint had now been assigned to a caseworker who had sent a detailed response to which the Clerk would be replying in due course.

(g) Windermere Ferry: In response to the Council's letter regarding the operation of the ferry Cumbria County Council had replied that it would welcome ideas for improvement. A parishioner, Mr Melford, was planning to write to the Council expressing his concern with the ferry both technically and operationally. It was agreed the Council would work closely with him to institute change.

(h) Induction loop - Braithwaite Hall: Paperwork enabling the Council to pay £450-00 was awaited.

(i) Tarn Hill Playground: The Clerk had written to the Secretary of Tarn Hill Trust but no action had been taken with regard to the wording of the sign. Mr Mallett agreed to have a word with her.

Finance

(a) Annual Return 2009: It was resolved that the Chairman be authorised to sign the Statement of Accounts 2008/9 and the Annual Governance Statement 2008/9 for internal audit by Mr G Schofield.

(b) Accounts to pay: The following were approved for payment:

(i) CALC Subscription 2009/10	£114-00
(ii) Shaw and Sons Limited - Minute Book	£136-62
(iii) Clerk's half yearly salary	£500-00
(iv) Clerk's expenses 23.10.08 - 12.05.09	£179-79

(c) The current account showed a balance of £6059-88.

Letters and Communications

- (a) Parish Council Tours 2009 - The Lake District National Park Authority:** The Chairman expressed an interest in joining a Parish Council Tour in the Autumn.
- (b) Request for Donation to Air Ambulance - North West Region:** It was agreed to make a donation of £100-00.
- (c) Speed Limits - Near Sawrey:** In response to a question regarding imposition of a speed limit in Near Sawrey the Clerk said he would ascertain the current position from Cumbria Highways.

Planning Matters

- (a) Langrigg, Low Wray - alterations and extension to single detached house:** The Council had again objected on the basis that the size of the proposed development was still not in keeping with the environment and the amount of glass could pose sunlight reflection problems to climbers on Coniston Old Man and Wetherlam.
- (b) High Wray Bank, High Wray:** No unauthorised property development was taking place but the siting of the lpg tank required retrospective permission.
- (c) Argent Close, Cunsey - local occupancy condition:** As this was a replacement dwelling a local occupancy condition could not be imposed.
- (d) Pepper Yeat, Far Sawrey - felling of yew tree:** The Council had no objection to the felling of the yew tree permission for which it was believed had already been granted.

Date and time of next Meeting

The next meeting would be held on 30 June 2009 at High Wray Village Hall at 7.30pm.