

**Minutes of the Meeting of Claife Parish Council held on Tuesday 27
October 2009 at 7.30pm at High Wray Village Hall**

Present

Councillors: Dr C Lane (Chairman) Mr R Shuttleworth Mrs A Brodie Mr J Mallett and Ms Y Pavelyn and **Clerk** Mr VM Phillips

Apologies: Mr R Brown

Members of the public: Mr A Brodie Mr and Mrs P Inman Mr J Moffat Mrs H Thomson and 3 children and Mr and Mrs B Wright

Minutes of the Meeting of 25 August 2009 were approved and signed.

Matters arising from the Minutes

(a) *Cumbria Highways -Traffic and Highway Issues:*

(i)(A) *Extension of single yellow line to Wilfin Beck Near Sawrey:* The Council noted that extension of the single yellow line on the B5285 to Wilfin Beck had not taken place on 17 September 2009. The Clerk agreed to find out why.

(B) *Double yellow lines Stones Lane Near Sawrey:* Following a site meeting on 1st October 2009 and a subsequent meeting on 26 October 2009, at which a plan prepared by Cumbria Highways reflecting the proposal from the site meeting was considered certain Councillors, having heard all the arguments and actually seen for themselves the considerable difficulties of obtaining access to Belle Green Farm when cars were parked in Stones Lane, believed that a consensus/compromise arrangement was unlikely to be achieved.

It was therefore resolved to recommend to Cumbria Highways that double yellow lines be painted on both sides of Stones Lane to the point where the track commenced. The Council expressed the hope that during the consultation period every effort would be made to identify suitable alternative car parking facilities in Near Sawrey for those affected by this resolution.

(ii) *Old Village Signs:* Mr Shuttleworth said that he and Mr Mallett would straighten the relevant old bent village signs.

(b) *Registering Claife Parish Council land:* Following a response from Durham Land Registry it was agreed that the Clerk would obtain copies of those registered titles of land which appeared to conflict with land which the Council claimed to own at a cost of £24-00.

(c) *Housing Needs Committee update:* Following a meeting with Mairi Lock, Planner Lake District National Park Authority, two sites had been identified where applications for planning permission for affordable homes might be granted. These were the orchard forming part of Beechmount Guest House Near Sawrey and land between the

Church and South View properties Far Sawrey. It was agreed that the Clerk would continue to progress matters.

(d) Freedom of Information Act request - Hawkshead Parish

Council: The Clerk had now obtained copies of both the original and new leases from Hawkshead Parish Council and it was agreed that the Clerk was authorised to take legal advice up to a maximum figure of £300-00 to ascertain what rights the Council had over the Old Police Station Car Park.

(e) Windermere Ferry Committee: Following many complaints regarding the operation of the ferry the Clerk said the Windermere Ferry Committee had met with John Robinson, Highway Networks Manager Cumbria County Council and Hilton Brass of Amey. It was clear there was no proper County Council management of the contract with Amey and whilst efforts were being made on technical, communications and operational issues staffing was a serious issue exacerbated by a lack of funding. It was agreed the Committee would pursue all issues with the County Council.

(f) Ash Landing Car Park: Mr Shuttleworth reported that boulders had now been put in place to prevent unauthorised car parking. The Council agreed to consider the erection of an appropriate sign enabling parishioners to launch boats.

Finance

(a) Precept 2010/2011: It was agreed the Council would seek a precept of £3500-00 for 2010/2011.

(b) Accounts to pay: It was agreed to pay the following sums:

(i) CALC training for Councillors	£60-00
(ii) Emenet web hosting and updating	£100-00
(iii) Clerk's half yearly salary	£750-00
(iv) Clerk's expenses 12.05.0 - 20.10.09	£79-81

(c)The current account showed a balance of £4115-50

Letters and Communications

(a) Local Authority Partnerships (LAP): Mrs Brodie would attend as the Council's representative the first meeting of the High Furness LAP to be held at the Victory Hall Broughton-in-Furness on 23 November 2009.

National Trust Update

(a) Overspill car parking for visitors to Hilltop Near Sawrey: Mr Moffat reported that planning permission to use the Esthwaite Water overspill car park for more than 28 days in 2010 would be sought from the Lake District National Park Authority. The Trust was also considering land opposite Whinfell Near Sawrey as a more permanent arrangement but this would not be available in time for the 2010 season. There was also the land adjoining Wilfin Beck and the Post Office field.

- (b) **Wray Castle:** It was hoped that planning permission to convert Wray Castle to an hotel would be granted to enable work to start in early March 2010.
- (c) **Wray Church:** Mr Moffat said negotiations were taking place with the Diocesan Synod to ascertain whether the Trust could take over responsibility for Wray Church following its deconsecration. However any deal was dependent upon availability of endowment funding.
- (d) **Lake Windermere Enhancement:** The Trust was actively pursuing a policy of enhancing tourist access by boat to the eastern shore of Lake Windermere through a number of initiatives including the building of a jetty at Belle Grange Barn.

County Council Matters

- (a) **Collapsed walls B5285 highway:** The Council was concerned at the continued failure of Cumbria Highways to undertake repairs where walls underpinning the B5285 had collapsed; in the location just to the north of the boundary of Near Sawrey the collapse had occurred over 12 months ago and more recently near Smooth Beck Bridge. It felt there was a very real danger of the road subsiding in both places during the winter if action were not taken. The Clerk agreed to pursue the issue.
- (b) **Removal of traffic sign Cuckoo Brow Lane Far Sawrey:** The Council agreed to instruct Cumbria Highways to remove the traffic sign at Cuckoo Brow Lane which had not changed driving behaviour, was a potential source of danger and was encouraging motorists to drive down what was a dead end lane.
- (c) **Speeding issues High Wray:** The Chairman said a recent speed survey of vehicles travelling through High Wray had indicated instances of speeds in excess of 45mph. The Clerk said he would speak to the appropriate authorities as to the best way of dealing with the issue.

Date and time of next Meeting

The next meeting would be held on 8 December 2009 at Braithwaite Hall at 7.30pm.