

**Claife Parish Council**  
**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at Braithwaite Hall**  
**At 7.30 pm on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2021**

**Attendees:** Parish Councillors A Brodie (Chair), S Hilton, P Lennon (Vice Chair), J Whitworth & M Wyburn, Parish Clerk L Prescott & 2 members of the public.

166/2021 **Apologies**

**Resolved** Apologies were received and accepted from County Councillor M Brereton, District Councillor I Wharton and Mr J Moffatt of the National Trust.

167/2021 **Requests for dispensations**

None received.

168/2021 **Declarations of Interest**

None received.

169/2021 **Minutes**

**Resolved** To approve the minutes of the last meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> November 2021.

170/2021 **Public Participation**

a) Reports were received as follows:

i) Police

None.

ii) County Councillor

Councillor Brereton submitted a written report in his absence:

He has forwarded the concerns about highways, HGVs turning, parking etc in Near Sawrey to the relevant teams and asked for meeting and hopefully a site visit. He noted Councillor Brodie's email regarding the replacement Ferry service and also awaits a response.

During Storm Arwen he has been working with our local resilience forums and our MPs' teams to try and get information out, collect details of those still out and help get support including hot meals and a friendly face to those worst affected. If you are aware of any specific issues or particularly concerning cases where people were left without help for a long period please do let him know and he will flag to the council officers and ENW as appropriate. It is clear we need much better systems of reporting, communicating and plans for greater resilience in the energy network than has been exposed this past week, and he will be making that case. The Council's first Bus Service Improvement Plan was approved by Cabinet on 21/10/21 and submitted to the Department for Transport on for assessment. The Plan can be accessed online at [www.cumbria.gov.uk/buses/nbs/bsip](http://www.cumbria.gov.uk/buses/nbs/bsip). There is a commitment to improve rural services, despite which the Friends of X112 group is on the brink of collapse. There is now a draft Strategic Change Order (SCO) for local Government Reorganisation It seems as though Claife will be in a ward with Coniston and Hawkshead, with Kirkby, Lowick and Duddon parishes in a separate ward that will carry the name High Furness. The roll-out of Broadband 4 the Rural North (B4RN) in High Furness was looking good but now those who signed up via the Gigabit voucher scheme or direct with B4RN may have received an email from them, restating the position that all areas west of Windermere are not exempted from the next phase (supply side) of the Gigabit roll-out, which in turn means we will have to wait and see which provider comes forward and what areas they aim to cover. On the highways side they have had a lot of wet and windy weather lately so please report any issues via HIAMs and also let me know if there are any concerns or issues arising, especially re blocked gullies, drains, places where water is prone to standing and

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any new or ongoing flooding issues. He hasn't yet had confirmation of a site visit to review all the lining requests but is still on the case. Community Grant Funds (open until end January) and the local members' highways funding are open to applications so do share in the community or put forward any proposals or applications you may have as a parish.

iii) District Councillor

Councillor Wharton submitted a written report in his absence:

In terms of District Council matters, very little is happening, other than the Local Government Reorganisation is going ahead. We will be called Westmorland and Furness and the old Broughton and Coniston ward, will be split East and West into Hawkshead and Coniston Ward and High Furness ward. The exact boundaries are not yet set in stone. There was great community response and mutual support to the problems caused by Storm Arwen. However, he thinks we should be looking at getting ourselves better organised ready for when it happens again. It is something we should look at in the New Year.

iv) National Trust

Report received and circulated following meeting.

b) Members of the Public

None.

171/2021 **Councillor Matters**

Councillor Lennon reported that the camelias at High Wray have been severely cut back on the small public garden area. The land is owned by the National Trust, though they don't seem to be aware of this and local residents usually maintain the site. The National Trust will be contacted in relation to this issue.

172/2021 **Updates on Ongoing Issues and Actions**

a) Lower Ward Councillor Vacancy

The Chair advised that two residents have expressed an interest in this vacancy and thanked them for attending the meeting. The Council will consider the co-option to the Council at the next meeting.

b) Windermere Ferry

Councillor Brodie reported that despite submitting repeated emails, she has not yet received any new information in relation to proposals for the new ferry.

173/2021 **New Agenda Items**

a) To consider a proposed upgrade to existing radio base station installation at ctil\_12105927, Wray Castle, Ambleside Cumbria LA22 0JA.

**Resolved** To submit a response:

i) There are no objections in principle to this installation.

ii) There should be back up power source, given the recent local issues relating to Storm Arwen where local electricity supplies were unavailable for several days.

iii) What would be the range/area that would be covered by this installation?

b) To consider SLDC Street Naming and Numbering Policy Consultation.

**Resolved** To not submit a response.

174/2021 **Planning Applications**

a) The following planning application was considered and a response formulated to the planning authority:

i) 7/2021/5923. Satter Knotts, Far Sawrey, Ambleside, LA22 0LW. Replacement dwelling and garage and construction of covered swimming pool.

**Resolved** To respond on the application as follows:

To object to the application as the Site Access and Unloading and Loading proposals detailed in the Construction Method statement are unsuitable and need to be addressed before Planning Permission is granted.

### Site Access

The Construction Method Statement states that there are 3 routes of access to the site. Only Access 1 suitable for construction access and this is the access used by Satter Knotts and the neighbouring properties (Satterhow, Round Table and Low Garden). Both Access 2 and 3 are unsuitable for construction access as they are narrow single-track roads bounded by drystone walls. Access 2 has an exceptionally steep camber, and there is an acute angle where this joins Access 1 in front of the adjacent property (Round Table).

### Unloading/Loading

Unloading or loading at either Site A or B should be for a very brief time due to the access requirements of essential regular traffic including agricultural vehicles and the snow plough/gritter. Site A would block access to Round Table, resulting in a 3 km diversion (via Far Sawrey and High Consey) to gain access. Site B is the location of the electronic sign indicating whether the Windermere Ferry is operating and is the last opportunity for larger vehicles to turn around when the ferry is not running.

b) The following Planning Decisions were noted:

- i) 7/2021/5797. High Wray Farm, High Wray, Ambleside, LA22 0JE. Roofing over existing agricultural structures in farm yard. This is to minimise water pollution in catchment sensitive areas as part of a Natural England pollution control project. Approved with conditions relating to plans.
- ii) 7/2021/5881 Fellborough, Cunsey, Ambleside, LA22 0LT. Replacement of existing jetty with new jetty. Approved with conditions relating to plans.
- iii) 7/2021/5699 Orchard Cottages, Near Sawrey, Ambleside, LA22 0JZ Amendment to local occupancy, condition 3 on planning permission 7/2011/5137, Erection of three 3-bedroom houses to meet local housing need. Granted with amendment adding Haverthwaite, Lakes, Skelwith and Windermere to specified locality and retain original local connection criteria.

## 175/2021 **Financial Matters**

a) Noted that bank balance at 30 November 2021 was £11,683.25

b) **Resolved** To authorise payment of the following accounts:

D Parkinson (Lengthsman) (October & November 2021)	£256.00
Braithwaite Hall Room Hire (19 October 2021)	£15.00
Clerk's overtime (19 October 2021)	£30.25
Clerk's additional travel @ NJC rates (19 October 2021)	£13.50
A2A Advertising Ltd (Annual Web Hosting)	£78.00
A2A Advertising Ltd (Annual Website Security Certificate)	£48.00
Andrew Ransome Forestry (urgent tree felling works)	£200.00

c) 2022/23 Budget and Precept

**Resolved** To submit a Precept request of £7,500, based on the following budget:

Clerk's salary & travel	£2,551.30
Administration	£100.00
Insurance	£230.00
Information Commissioner	£40.00
CALC subs	£136.40
GeoXphere	£30.00
Website	£190.00
Meetings (Hall rental)	£80.00
CALC training	£100.00
Lengthsman	£1,536.00
Snowplough	£640.00
Defibrillator maintenance	£360.00
Grants including S137	£100.00
Maintenance	£800.00
External auditor	£0.00
Land registration expenses	£2,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>£8,893.70</b>
Less reserves	£1,393.70
<b>Precept</b>	<b>£7,500.00</b>

176/2021 **Highways**

a) Highways items to be reported

The road to Harrowslack needs repairing. It is an adopted road up to the cattlegrid then becomes National Trust responsibility.

**Resolved** Councillor Brodie to report to Cumbria Highways.

b) Highways items reported

EI/4765	Road sign damaged on B5285 Far Sawrey	Completed
EI/19340	Pothole between B5286 and Low Wray	Completed
EI/21611	Drain next to Grit Box on B5285 at bottom of Cuckoo Brow Lane	Assigned to Highways Team
EI/21616	Lane eroded by water at bottom of Cuckoo Brow Lane	Assigned to Highways Team
EI/23846	Road junction markings faded / washed out . Junction of Stones Lane, Near Sawrey with B5285	Assigned to Highways Team
EI/23783	Road surface deteriorating with multiple pot holes developing. B5285 near Sawrey House Hotel	Assigned to Highways Team
EI/23796	Road surface from Belle Green to the entrance to the last house on the left of the lane.	Assigned to Highways Team
EI/23823	Passing place sign broken off post and other one unreadable, B5285 between Near and Far Sawrey	Assigned to Highways Team

Councillor Brodie reported that though E/4765 is on HIAMS as completed, the sign has been removed but not replaced.

177/2021 **Correspondence (for information only)**

The following correspondence was noted:

a) **Cumbria County Council**

Covid updates. Storm Arwen updates.

b) **South Lakeland District Council**

Covid updates. Storm Arwen updates. Electoral Register. Licensing Review.

c) **Cumbria Association of Local Councils**

Newsletter. Training. Updates on Local Government Reorganisation. Covid updates. Storm Arwen updates.

178/2021 **Date of Next Meeting**

Noted that the next Parish Council meeting will take place at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2022. at High Wray Village Hall.

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Signed & Approved by (Chair)

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Date