

**Claife Parish Council**

**Minutes of Claife Parish Council meeting  
held in Wray Village Hall, High Wray at 7.30pm on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2019**

Present: Cllrs (Chair) J Mallett, (ViceChair) R Bonham  
Cllrs – S Hilton, A Brodie, P Lennon  
Clerk – J Heather  
In attendance: 2 members of the public.

Minute Number		Action By
245/2019	<b>1. Apologies</b> Apologies were received from Cllr Lewis, John Moffat of the National Trust and from District Cllr Hall.	
246/2019	<b>2. Requests for Dispensations</b> No requests received.	
247/2019	<b>3. Declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests in respect of Agenda items</b> No declarations received.	
248/2019	<b>4. Minutes</b> <b>RESOLVED:</b> Cllrs approved the minutes of 5 <sup>th</sup> November and the Chair signed those as a true record.	
249/2019	<b>5. Public Participation</b>  <u>A Police report</u> was received by e-mail. No incidents have been reported, but parishioners are reminded to stay vigilant and secure valuable items.  <u>No County Council (CCC) or District Council reports were received.</u>  <u>A National Trust (NT) report</u> was received by email. The Hill Top planning application was approved without conditions but NT will bring forward proposals in the New Year as to how to better screen the secondary shop building from the village. Cllr Mallett commented that the LDNPA procedure appeared rather irregular from previously and the CPC lesson is that an objection should have been raised with the original planning application 4 years ago. NT responded that the recruitment of a project manager is intended to move towards a better solution. Cllr Brodie asked about the entrance/exit where safety and awareness are still a concern. Ivy clearance is improved, Highways request to reduce wall height to 1.05m may be difficult to do. Other plans for 2020 include building on the 'grab and go' offer at Hill Top and discussions with the diocese about the future of the church. NT have also enquired of Claife and Hawkshead PCs whether they would be interested in supporting installation of a dedicated "changing-place" in Hawkshead for people with profound physical disabilities in partnership with LDNPA. A Hawkshead location would support all the surrounding NT properties. CPC support with note that it is largely Hawkshead PC that will be impacted.  A member of the public presented the background to the planning application item 7.2 - see minute 262/2019.	

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250/2019	<p><b>6. Update on Ongoing Issues and Actions from Last Meeting</b></p> <p><u>6.1 To update on the lengthsman's work</u>  <b>RESOLVED:</b> The lengthsman is now allocating one day/month to Claife PC.</p> <p><u>6.2 To update on local housing</u>  <b>RESOLVED:</b> Cllr Bonham met with the landowner who is keen to have Lakeland Housing Trust (LHT) maximise the space for new homes. The architect is preparing plans to review with LDNPA – either 2 blocks of 3 houses or 3 blocks of 2. The landowner also has 2 acres behind Sawrey Knotts that she wants to donate to CPC to plant trees for the community. The landowner has asked for CPC continued involvement with LHT leading development. Cllrs Bonham, Lewis and Mallett will continue to represent CPC.</p>	
251/2019		Cllrs Bonham, Lewis & Mallett
252/2019	<p><u>6.3 To update on 2019 priority and community-led plan initiatives:</u></p> <p>6.3.1 <i>Registration and management of council land</i>  <b>RESOLVED:</b> Ongoing.</p>	
253/2019	<p>6.3.2 <i>Tree management – organisation of a tree surgeon's report</i>  <b>RESOLVED:</b> Cllr Brodie to follow up with Bergen Tree Services.</p>	Cllr Brodie
254/2019	<p>6.3.3 <i>Written procedures for Lengthsman &amp; snowplough</i>  <b>RESOLVED:</b> The clerk has been contacted by Dan Chalmers of CCC regarding snowplough routes and is awaiting further correspondence.</p>	
255/2019	<p>6.3.4 <i>Improvement, on safety grounds, to the entrance at Hill Top</i>  <b>RESOLVED:</b> Ongoing. See minute 249/2019.</p>	
256/2019	<p>6.3.5 <i>Dog fouling &amp; litter collection</i>  <b>RESOLVED:</b> Ongoing</p>	
257/2019	<p>6.3.6 <i>Ongoing log of parking problems &amp; highway incidents</i>  <b>RESOLVED:</b> Ongoing.</p>	
258/2019	<p>6.3.7 <i>Continue to seek non-participating landowner support to complete the Claife Bridleway</i>  <b>RESOLVED:</b> Ongoing.</p>	
259/2019	<p><u>6.4 To update on discussions with LDNPA about signage for mountain bikes in Stones Lane.</u>  <b>RESOLVED:</b> Cllr Brodie has received a response from LDNPA which suggested erecting extra bridleway signs. CPC's preferred option is to install a sign on the gate by the lumber yard to state "<i>Bikers: Slow down, you are about to enter pedestrianised area</i>". This would need landowner's approval. Another sign, double-sided, is needed for the bottom of Stones Lane, the side facing uphill stating "<i>No Unauthorised Vehicles</i>" and the other side stating "<i>Pedestrianised Area</i>". Cllr Hilton will seek quotes.</p>	Cllr Hilton
260/2019	<p><u>6.5 To update on planning for VE Day 75, 8<sup>th</sup> May 2020.</u>  <b>RESOLVED:</b> Ongoing.</p>	
	<p><b>7. Planning Applications</b></p>	
261/2019	<p><u>7.1 To consider the council's response to planning application 7/2019/5702 at National Trust Low Wray Campsite, LA22 0JA</u>  <b>RESOLVED:</b> The council have no objection to this application.</p>	
262/2019	<p><u>7.2 To consider the council's response to planning application 7/2019/5737 at 1 Crabtree Cottages, Cunsey, LA22 0LX</u>  <b>RESOLVED:</b> This is a retrospective application to formalise use of the space over the garage as ancillary accommodation to the main house. The clause</p>	

	<p>preventing subdivision of the property will stand. The council have no objection to this application.</p> <p>The clerk was asked to write to LDNPA to advise the council's responses.</p>	Clerk
263/2019	<p><b>8. Highways Matters</b></p> <p><u>8.1 To update on the correspondence with the landowner about the deteriorating road surfaces at Stones Lane, Near Sawrey and Cuckoo Brow Lane, Far Sawrey,.</u></p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> CCC have carried out drainage work on Cuckoo Brow Lane and have resurfaced the edge of the lane. Resurfacing is good, but the drainage has not redirected the water as intended. Stones Lane: The landowner has advised that he has consulted locally and the consensus is that Highways are responsible for the road up to 4 Illingworth Cottages, evidenced by application of yellow lines in recent years. Cllrs agreed a site visit from CCC personnel is needed. Clerk to request site visit from key personnel.</p>	Clerk
264/2019	<p><b>9. Windermere Ferry</b></p> <p><u>9.1 To update on discussions with CCC</u></p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> Cllr Brodie reported that the ferry has been out of service frequently and it is usually unplanned maintenance or staff shortages. Unplanned outages inconvenience residents and visitors have been stranded. CCC have been using the sign at Plumgarths to advertise Windermere Xmas Fair and not the ferry status. Cllr Brodie will continue to log concerns.</p>	Cllr Brodie
265/2019	<p><b>10. Matters Arising</b></p> <p><u>10.1 Broadband in Near Sawrey</u></p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> Cllr Hilton reported that a few years ago, BT Openreach and NT planned out a route across the fields to provide fibre to HillTop and Near Sawrey, but internal BT approval put the project on hold. Landowners supported poles in their fields on the grounds that fibre would be accessible for the whole community, however the latest plan appears to have fibre only going to HillTop, so wayleaves may not be granted. There is BT Connect funding available for the community as well as the NT funding to supply the NT properties. Cllr Hilton and NT will continue to pursue.</p>	NT/ Cllr Hilton
266/2019	<p><b>11. Councillor Matters</b></p> <p>An email has been received from a parishioner raising concerns about the funds paid to Napthens. The clerk was asked to draft a response and circulate to councillors for approval, then to respond to parishioner.</p>	Clerk
267/2019	<p><b>12. Financial Matters</b></p> <p><u>12.1 To note that the bank balance stood at £9,241.68 at 31.10.2019.</u></p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> Cllrs noted the bank balance.</p>	
268/2019	<p><u>12.2 To approve the proposed budget and precept</u></p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> Cllrs approved the budget with precept at £7000, as last year. Clerk to submit precept to SLDC.</p> <p><u>12.2 To authorise payment of the following accounts:</u></p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> Cheques were signed for the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clerk's Salary £117.24</li> <li>• Clerk's Overtime £146.55</li> </ul>	Clerk

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clerk's expenses £1.16</li> <li>• Naphthens invoice 31.10.19 £664.80</li> <li>• Lengthsmans invoices 05.11.19 and 20.11.19 £195.00</li> <li>• Annual SSL certificate for website £40.00</li> </ul>	
269/2019	<p><b>13. Correspondence</b></p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> Cllrs noted the additional following e-mails &amp; correspondence received since the last meeting (<i>items requiring action are in italics</i>):-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>CALC</b> – Cumbria Action for Health 04.11.19; ACT Gazette Issue 34; Planning Training Events; NALC Smaller Councils Committee – voting open; endorsement; November newsletter; LTN22 Disciplinary and Grievance Arrangements 11.2019; Lottery grant info; Repairs to property relating to affairs of the church – Dec legal update</li> <li>• <b>SLDC</b> – Notice of Election to Display; General Election Statement of Persons Nominated &amp; Notice of Poll; Annual Review of SLDC Constitution 2020; SLDC Agenda for 17.12.19.</li> <li>• <b>Cumbria Police</b> – Weekly South Cumbria Newsletters <b>Parish Online</b> – Parish Online Updates</li> <li>• <b>Rural Services Network</b> – Rural Bulletins (weekly); Rural Funding Digests</li> <li>• <b>LDNPA</b> – Closure of Public Paths for Motor Rallies 2019-20; EAG Cycle Sportive 22.11.20;</li> <li>• <b>Hawkshead Parish Council</b> – Parish Cllr vacancy; draft minutes 19.11.19, agenda 17.12.19.</li> <li>• <b>Amanda McCleery, Parish Liaison Officer</b> – Final Paperwork for meeting 28.11.19; SLDC Priorities for Parish Councils; Community Energy Champions in Parish Councils;</li> <li>• <b>CCC</b> – B5285 Ash Landing, Far Sawrey Night time closures.</li> <li>• <b>CSFP</b> – Board &amp; Strategy Workshop 27.09.19 <b>Naphthens</b> – correspondence (confidential)</li> <li>• <b>Connecting Cumbria</b> – New Live Services in the South Lakeland area.</li> <li>• <b>HMRC Digital Communications</b> – HMRC Business Help &amp; Support Emails.</li> </ul>	
270/2019	<p><b>14. Next Meeting</b></p> <p>The next meeting will be held on Tuesday January 28<sup>th</sup> at The Braithwaite Hall, Far Sawrey at 7.30pm.</p>	

Meeting closed 8.42pm

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Signed & Approved by (Chair)

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