

Claife Parish Council
Minutes of Virtual Meeting held via Zoom -10-20 at 7.30pm

Attendees: Acting Chair Cllr Bonham
Cllr Brodie; Cllr Hilton; Cllr Lennon; Cllr Lewis
Clerk: J. Heather
County Cllr Brereton; District Cllr Wharton
3 members of the public

- 127/2020 1. Apologies
Apologies were received from PCSO Ross, John Moffat of the National Trust and District Cllr Tracy Coward.
- 128/2020 2. Requests for dispensations
No requests were received.
- 129/2020 3. Declarations of Interest
There were no declarations of interest.
- 130/2020 4. Minutes
RESOLVED: Cllrs approved the minutes from 08.09.20 as a true record.
- 131/2020 5. Public Participation
A **police report** was received: since 08.09.20 there have been 2 incidences of note: 1 concern for welfare resulting in Mountain Rescue callout; 1 highway disruption – cows on the road. Ulverston Community Team are compiling a database of Farmers with a view to setting up a local 'Farmwatch' or similar. If anyone with a rural interest wants to be included, please email debbie.ross@cumbria.police.uk.

No **National Trust** report was received.
- 132/2020 **District Cllr Wharton** reported that he was part of the LDNPA/SLDC/NT combined team that patrolled the busy areas during high season, i.e. locally Harrowslack, Red Nab and Wray. Although visitor numbers have reduced in recent weeks the problem is expected to occur again next summer, as the "new demographic" responsible for fly camping and litter is here to stay. However the combined group - who also run the www.saferlakes.co.uk website to enable real-time reporting of hot spots in the area – are working together to put new measures and procedures in place.
- 133/2020 **Dist Cllr Wharton and County Cllr Brereton** reported on the Windermere Ferry Advisory Group (WFAG) meeting. **Cllr Brodie** could not join due to technical issues but had sent a pre-read of key points and these were raised. Inconsistency in loading the ferry between different shifts was due to CCC Senior Manager Karl Melville (KM) allowing shifts to try different approaches. Streamlining the approaches is now planned. An App is being developed to enable online booking and should be ready towards the end of the year. Fares to be frozen in 2021. KM also reported having discussions with a German firm about the ferry replacement, construction could be in modular fashion with the intent of larger capacity for cars, cyclists and pedestrians. WFAG seems to be working together better now. **Cllr Brereton** raised the issue of the member of the public who has asked to join the WFAG to provide technical marine expertise – unfortunately this is not possible as it is considered a closed group. **Cllr Brereton** commented that the member of the public was welcome to contact him, any member of the WFAG or any other public-facing officer of CCC to discuss his concerns.
- 134/2020 **Cllr Brereton** offered to contact CCC Highways to ask them to reach out to the parish council regarding grit bin supplies and snowplough procedures for this winter.

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6. Update on Ongoing Issues and/or Actions from Last Meeting

- 135/2020 6.1 To update on the recruitment of a new Councillor
Enquiries ongoing.
- 136/2020 6.2 To update on broadband provision in the parish.
Cllr Hilton provided an update on the new Openreach fibre being installed from Town End to Near Sawrey. Almost all Near Sawrey residents will be able to access it although Broomriggs has yet to be connected. The cable has been buried on the parish council footpath land at Lake Bank and marked with posts.
RESOLVED: Cllrs agreed it would be prudent to fix signs to the posts to alert any workmen to the presence of the cable below. **ACTION:** **Cllr Hilton** to source signs.
- 137/2020 6.3 To update on lengthsman's activity
RESOLVED: The Clerk advised Cllrs that the lengthsman had been offered a term time job at a further education college but may be available during holidays to work on parish duties. **ACTION: Clerk** to contact lengthsman and check if he is available to work over the coming half-term. Drains and saplings need attention.
ACTION: Cllr Lennon to contact her yardman to determine if he is available for lengthsman duties and if he has the appropriate certificates from CCC Highways.
- 138/2020 6.4 To appoint a new council representative to the Braithwaite Hall committee.
RESOLVED: Cllr Hilton volunteered to take on this role as he already sits on the Braithwaite Hall committee.
- 139/2020 6.5 To update on the housing survey 2020
RESOLVED: Cllr Brodie reported on an informal housing survey compiled with the help of the volunteers who deliver the Esthwaite Link. There are a total of 321 homes in the parish of which 45% have permanent residents, 16% are second homes and 34% are holiday lets (remainder currently empty). 62% of the permanent homes are rented, the remainder owner-occupied.
ACTION: Cllr Brodie to review 2012 housing survey data for comparison.

7. Planning Applications

- 140/2020 7.1 To note the council's response to the treework applications:
 - T/2020/0120 The Old Vicarage, Far Sawrey, Ambleside LA22 0LQ
 - T/2020/0123 The Glen, Far Sawrey, Ambleside, LA22 0LQ**RESOLVED:** The council had no objections to these applications and the Clerk recorded these as informal responses to LDNPA between meetings.
- 141/2020 7.2 To consider the council's response to the planning application 07/2020/5588 at Low Wray Farm, Low Wray LA22 0JA
RESOLVED: The council had no objections to this application. **ACTION: Clerk** to convey response to LDNPA.
- 142/2020 7.3 To update on the stakeholder discussions regarding the plans for High Wray Bank.
RESOLVED: Cllr Lennon reported on a meeting she attended about High Wray Bank representing the PC and Wray Village Hall. Other attendees included the surveyors for the property, Hyde Harrington; Friends of the Lake District, and the National Trust. The initial plans were refused by LDNPA and several alternatives were discussed, including moving the extension to improve the view from High Wray, reducing the size of the extension and changing blocking up of the boundary road to a locked gate. The swimming pool area, terrace and glazing was still contentious, particularly with the National Trust, as the house can be seen from the Old Vicarage which has connections with Canon Rawnsley and the NT feel the proposed changes are not in keeping with a 'villa' of this era. The new owners are proposing to reside permanently in the property

once renovations are complete, and this is considered positive for the village. The council await revised plans.

143/2020 7.4 To consider the Windermere Motor Boat Club application to extend exemption permission for their events on Windermere to 2021.
RESOLVED: Cllrs had no objections to this application. **ACTION:** Clerk to convey response to LDNPA.

144/2020 8. Highways Matters
8.1 To consider the concerns raised by a member of the public about the Y-shaped road junction in Far Sawrey outside Round Table Cottage.
A member of the public reported that visitors are making sharp left-hand turns at the junction due to Sat Navs misdirecting them along this route to reach the ferry. The fingerpost on the B5285 corner below Hawkkrigg is loose so the Hawkshead arm has shifted. It now obscures the Ferry arm, and the Cunsey arm has fallen off. Due to the steep, narrow turn, vehicles lose traction, and the wall is repeatedly damaged.
RESOLVED: After much discussion, the following actions were agreed: **ACTION:** County Cllr Brereton to write to CCC Highways to raise awareness of the issue and: request Highways coordinate a site visit with Cllr Brodie and/or Hilton; assistance in the matter of preventing drivers following the route (i.e. Don't follow SatNav); and repair of the fingerpost sign. **ACTION:** Cllrs Brodie & Hilton to see if temporary fix can be made to loose arms. To see if an additional larger directional sign to the ferry can be created. Any expenses to be referred to the PC for approval.

145/2020 9. Windermere Ferry
See minute 133/2020.

146/2020 10. Councillor Matters
Cllr Lennon raised the matter of the car parked on the B5286 near Pullwoods – it is considered a danger to drivers particularly with longer nights and the bad weather season approaching. Police have visited the owner and have suggested putting cones either side to aid visibility.

Cllr Brodie raised the matter of 'lighting trespass' from West Vale in Far Sawrey. An outside light on the property is on throughout the night. Friends of the Lake District have advised that this could have a negative effect on nocturnal wildlife. **RESOLVED:** **ACTION:** Cllr Brodie to approach owners/occupiers and discuss.

147/2020 11. Financial Matters
11.1 Cllrs noted that the bank balance at 31st August stood at £11327.63
11.2 Cllrs noted the mid-year financial report for 2020-21.
11.2 The following payments were authorised:

• Clerk's salary and overtime (September),	£238.45
• Clerk's expenses (1 months' Zoom subscription; stamps)	£16.34
• Annual GNAAS donation	£50.00
• Napthens invoice 29-09-2020	£240.00

148/2020 12. Matters Arising
Cllr Bonham announced his resignation from the council as he is moving away from the parish. Cllrs offered thanks to Cllr Bonham for his hard work on behalf of the council. **RESOLVED:** Cllrs agreed to rotate the Chairmanship at each meeting until the next Annual Meeting in May, with Cllr Brodie taking the next meeting. Subsequent meetings will be chaired by each Cllr in alphabetic order. **ACTION:** Clerk to advise SLDC of Councillor Vacancy.

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149/2020 Correspondence – 09.09.20-13.10.20

To note the following correspondence received since the last meeting (items requiring action are in italics):
CALC – Planning White Paper Summaries, Links & Responses; NACO Newsletter 280820; CALC AGM Agenda and Papers 26/9; CALC Newsletter 15/9; Climate Change Action Plan and Supporting Documents; Vacancy for Assistant Town Clerk, Windermere TC; 23/9 Cumbria Arts & Culture Network Newsletter; 24/9 LDNPA Letter to Parish Councils; CALC Training Courses and additional externally delivered finance courses; Climate Change Presentation and Local Plan Review Update – SLDC Presentation to SLDA meeting 17/9; NHS public consultation; Cumbria CVS Trustee Recruitment; 02/10 Friday round up; COVID-19: 2 Households advice for Cumbria; LED Streetlighting replacement programme; Minutes from CALC SLDA Meeting on 17.09.20; Updated list of reps from SLDA to other bodies; Resignation of Amanda McCleery; NALC response to Changes to Current Planning System Policy Consultation; CCC – Buckinghamshire Council – Our journey so far; CCC Highways – 30/9 Urgent Road Closure – A5084 Blawith; CFSP – A new National Flood & Coastal Erosion Risk Management Strategy for England; Environment Agency Annual Water Company Performance Report; Cumbria River Restoration; Aarhus Convention national implementation report 2021; Cumbria Police – Weekly updates; Friends of the Lake District – Weekly “Postcards”; Forestry England – Forest Management carried out by Forestry England SA-FM/COC-006972; Hawkshead Parish Council – Agenda 22/9, Minutes 22/9; Agenda 20/10. HMRC - Business Help and Support E-mails; ICO – IC-42121-Q7B2 ICO complaint allocated for investigation J. Cunningham Ambleside Parish Centre – 13/10 Community Resources; Kirby Ireleth Parish Council – Letter to SLDC re local authority electoral arrangements; LDNPA Planning – 07/2020/5106 Flat 1, Dub How Farm, Near Sawrey, LA22 0LE – Inform (Granted); 07/2020/5400 High Wray Bank, High Wray, LA22 0JD – Inform (Refused); 07/2020/5526 Jetty & Matson Landing; Claife, Far Sawrey – Inform (Granted); 07/2020/5429 The Cottage, High Wray, Ambleside LA22 0JE – Inform (Granted). Member of the Public – Problematic road junction; Napthens – confidential email correspondence; Parish Online – News & Updates. Rural Services Network – Monthly Funding Digests; Weekly Rural Bulletins; SLDC – Spaces still available on green business start-up programme; Food businesses reminded about allergen safety; Latest Guidance on COVID-19 testing; Play area transformed after 4-year fundraising effort; 20 mph speed limit plan for town centres; Kendal College press release; 18/9 Barrow COVID-19 infection increase prompts new “6 people, 2 households” advice; Town and Parish Council Briefing Packs; Renewal of Ulverston BID – ballot to open on 24/9; Time running out to apply for Climate Change Community Fund grant; CCC: Cumbrian businesses urged to be ready for NHS Test & Trace App Launch; Barrow, Lancaster & SLDC to consider case for new unitary authority; You can download NHS Test & Trace App now; SLDC meeting agenda 06/10; Masterplan for industrial site will be catalyst for ‘transformational change’; COVID signs damaged by vandals; 01/10 COVID-19 guidance updated for Cumbria; Standards Committee Agenda for 13/10; Councils approve next steps in talks on potential reorganisation; 7/10 Letter from the Chairman of the Independent and Parish Remuneration Panel; CCC & Barrow local leaders ask Government to impose new COVID-19 restrictions; Subsidised green certification on offer to small businesses; Local Resilience Forum news release – weekly COVID-19 situation report; Baywind Energy Community Trust (BWECT).

150/2020 Date of Next Meeting

The next regular meeting of the council will be Tuesday 24th November at 7.30pm.
The meeting will be held by Zoom, and login in details will be available from the clerk.

Meeting closed 9.10pm.

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Signed & Approved by (Chair)

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