

Claife Parish Council
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at High Wray Hall
At 7.30 pm on Tuesday 1st February 2022

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

001/2022 **Apologies**

Resolved Apologies were received and accepted from Parish Councillor M Wyburn and Mr J Moffatt of the National Trust.

002/2022 **Requests for dispensations**

None received.

003/2022 **Declarations of Interest**

None received.

004/2022 **Minutes**

Resolved To approve the minutes of the last meeting on 14th December 2021

005/2022 **Public Participation**

a) Reports were received as follows:

i) Police

The Clerk reported that in the Coniston area in December 2021 the following were reported to the Police: 4 Violent and sexual offences & 1 theft.

ii) County Councillor

No report has been received.

iii) District Councillor

No report has been received.

iv) National Trust

Mr Moffat provided a written report in his absence:

Post storms – yet again, they were affected by the storms over the weekend with trees coming down in a variety of locations; this on top of still clearing up from storm Arwen. They had got to the point of all routes being accessible again, even if not fully cleared up – that is going to take many months yet, they're still working on exactly what they will be doing where, and what a replanting programme looks like (or not). He knows other local landowners are also still clearing up from that storm. They've still got one property on a generator as well. Rights of way should all be clear – if not as tidy as they'd always like – but if you know of any issues, please feed them in, for example today a tree has come down on the track between Wray Castle and Red Nab that they'll need to get to in the next day or two; and Tarn Hows has had a lot come down over the last 3 days.

Work will be restarting on dealing with the disease affected trees – especially larch, so expect to see more work going on as well as more lorries moving the timber around.

Hill Top opens on Saturday 12th February, daily in half term and then Sat – Wed until end of March, then will move to their mid season opening times; The Gallery in Hawkshead and the indoor offer at the Castle will also open at the same weekend, the outdoors offer at the castle, with the café, and the café at Claife are open all the time (weather and ferries permitting)

They've got a couple of empty properties in the parish at the moment at Harrowslack, should be coming back on to the letting market very soon.

The MCA are working on a plan to upgrade the mast on Claife Heights – he's asked that they get in touch with the PC as there may be opportunities to improve fibre connections into Colthouse as part of those works.

He'd be really interested in the update on the car ferry if that could be shared – it is such a critical asset for us in all our work to get people to visit our places without a car, and they see the instant impact whenever it is not running, especially at the moment when not all the boat services are running.

- b) Members of the Public
A resident advised that in relation to the new Windermere Ferry, he has asked about moorings issues and understands the consultant hasn't yet provided a report. He also asked about plans for the consultation. The resident also advised that he had run into a pothole and has set up a Cumbria Potholes Facebook page with information on how to report potholes and how to claim for damage caused by potholes.
- c) Windermere & Bowness Town Council bid to recover ownership of Lake Windermere
Deputy Mayor K Tripp of Windermere & Bowness Town Council (WBTC) outlined the history of the ownership of the bed of Lake Windermere which was given to Applethwaite Ward (now in WBTC) in 1938. In 1974 on the creation of South Lakeland District Council, SLDC took over the ownership of the lake. An Act of Parliament specified that Lakes Parish Council and WBTC were appointed to a Lake Administration Committee. The Lake generates a surplus of £¾ million each year and WBTC have asked SLDC for this to benefit the area local to the Lake. As SLDC will be replaced by the new unitary Council of Furness and Westmorland the Mayor of WBTC has written to the Secretary of State to request it is returned to local Parish Council ownership. The priority for WBTC is that the surplus funds generated by the lake are ringfenced for local benefit. Jetty owners currently pay encroachment fees to SLDC. Councillor Brodie advised the Lake District National Park Authority have also expressed an interest in taking over the lake. Councillor Lennon raised concerns that Council Tax may increase due to the reduction in income. Deputy Mayor Tripp didn't think this would be the case.

006/2022 **Councillor Vacancy**

Two residents had submitted applications for the co-option to the Parish Councillor Vacancy for Claife Lower Ward. Mrs K Keighley's co-option was proposed and seconded. No other proposals were received.

Resolved To co-opt Mrs K Keighley as a Parish Councillor for Claife Lower Ward.

007/2022 **Councillor Matters**

- a) Councillors Hilton and Brodie reported that a resident contacted them in relation to HGVs damaging another resident's walls. Councillor Brodie emailed the resident to suggest that the owner of the walls contact the Parish Council.
- b) Councillor Lennon reported that she has been contacted about potholes which she has reported through HIAMS. 'What 3 words' is the preferred location option for Cumbria Highways.

008/2022 **Updates on Ongoing Issues and Actions**

- a) Windermere Ferry
Councillor Brodie reported that she has contacted Angela Jones, Executive Director- Economy and Infrastructure at Cumbria County Council who advised that Vectis have been awarded the initial design contract for the new ferries. The company has experience of designing ferries, though not cable ferries and will provide a project management service but they do not build boats. There is a 3 stage process, currently the CCC are at Stage 1 (Feasibility studies/ options), Stage 2 is Preliminary design and Specification and invitation to tender support and Stage 3 is Design and Build. Ms Jones advised she will provide further information at a later date. Councillor Brodie also advised Ms Jones of a resident's concerns regarding the condition of the cables and moorings and asked for Mr K Melville to take them up with the contracted maintenance engineers. The next meeting of the Ferry Advisory Group is due to be held on 14th March where Councillor Brodie shall be seeking reassurance that the project is progressing and asking what the impact of the change in administrative structure might be.
- b) Refurbishment of Near & Far Sawrey Noticeboards
Councillor Hilton reported that there is significant rot in the Far Sawrey noticeboard so the Village Hall noticeboard is being used as an alternative until repairs are completed. He is going to remove the noticeboard to assess the repairs. Councillors suggested various options including sources of materials.
- c) Cumbria Highways re Near Sawrey
Councillors Brodie & Hilton and the Clerk met with Helen Karasslan (Traffic Team Leader with Cumbria County Council) on MS Teams in relation to the parking issues at Near Sawrey. The

problems were outlined and it was agreed to submit a request Double Yellow Lines on the B5285 from Buckle Yeat Guest House to Sawrey House Hotel and from The National Trust Layby to Tower Bank House. The timescale is approximately 6 to 9 months, consultation with affected parties will take place and the funds (estimated at £6,000) need to be obtained, potentially part funded through grants.

Helen Karasslan also recommended that re-lining of the existing on the B5285 within Near Sawrey should be reported including the single yellow lines plus faded Give Way markings at Near and Far Sawrey.

Other Highways issues were raised including:

Reported Passing Place missing signs between Near and Far Sawrey & Replacement signs on B5285 near Cuckoo Brow Lane (may be in next financial year). Bollards at Black Beck Area (replacement of damaged and extension of bollards).

White lines in Centre of B5285 – Councillors to consider where needed (Councillor Whitworth advised road must be a minimum of 14 feet wide for white lines to be marked).

d) Snow ploughing/gritting arrangements

The Clerk reported that she had spoken to the Clerk of Hawkshead Parish Council who recommended that there was a single contact person within Claife Parish Council to contact the contractor in relation to snow ploughing and gritting arrangements in Claife Parish.

Resolved Councillor Lennon to be the contact person and will contact the contractor to discuss arrangements.

009/2022 **Council Land**

a) Legal Advice

The legal advice received in relation to Parish Council land leases and sales was noted.

b) Land Valuation

Resolved to appoint an RICS qualified survey to provide a valuation and market rental valuation of Parish Council land at Chapel Cottage and Waterside.

c) Land Registration

i) The Clerk and Councillor Brodie have been preparing the documents required for land registration to take place for Ash Landing, Chapel Cottage and Tarn Hill.

Resolved Councillor Brodie and the Clerk to meet and collate the required documentation.

ii) Councillor Hilton reported that he has met with the Trustees of Tarn Hill in relation to the proposed agreement. They have requested that it be for a term of 99 years, with a 12 month notice period and that they are Trustees not a Committee. The Clerk will submit a redrafted agreement for consideration at the next Parish Council meeting.

iii) The Clerk reported that she has received correspondence from the family whose ancestor gifted Tarn Hill to the village to be used as a playground and they requested a covenant be included in the Land Registration so that it will continue to be used as a playground. The Councillors considered if this would be possible if the Trustees of Tarn Hill ceased to exist and no other parties were willing to undertake the responsibility to manage the playground.

Resolved To include a covenant that Tarn Hill be used as a 'Recreational Space' in the Land Registration.

d) Land at Waterside registered to Claife Parish Council (Land Registry CU315570).

Resolved To issue a Notice of continuing trespass.

010/2022 **New Agenda items**

a) Risk Assessment

Resolved To approve the Risk Assessment.

b) Hawkshead Parish Council's application to the District Councillor's funds a generator for emergency use

Councillors considered potential locations for the generator which could provide a suitable location to be used in an emergency by both Hawkshead and Claife residents. Councillor Hilton has suggested to Councillor Brown of Hawkshead Parish Council that ParkHouse, Hawkshead would be the best location for a generator because it is fully accessible, has showers and multiple beds available.

Resolved To support Hawkshead Parish Council application to the District Council as it would benefit both Parishes in an emergency.

- c) Community Electric Car Club survey
Resolved To not respond to the survey.

011/2022 **Planning Applications**

- a) The following planning application was considered:
- i) 7/2021/6047. Fellborough, Cunsey, Ambleside, LA22 0LT. Replacement of existing jetty with new jetty and localised dredging.
Resolved No Objections
- b) The following Planning Decisions were noted:
- i) 7/2021/5886. Waterbarrow, Cunsey, Ambleside, LA22 0LT. Internal reconfiguration, external renovation with a rear first floor roof extension. Approved with conditions relating to plans and bat survey.
- ii) 7/2021/5714/5 High Wray House, High Wray, Ambleside, LA22 0JQ. Demolition of later extension to restore building to its original form, upgrading windows, new windows. Internal alterations including lifting floors to provide insulation underneath, insulating the reveals, general repairs. Addition of shower rooms and en-suite. Granted with conditions relating to plans and obscure glass installation in new window on south west elevation.
- c) LDNPA planning application notification process - non-resident property owners
 Councillor Brodie reported that it appears that the Lake District National Park Authority are not sending written notifications to residents and are publicising Planning Applications through the use of notices near the relevant property. Some non-residents are therefore not aware of Planning Applications within the specified response time. Councillors considered whether they should take some action in relation to this issue.
Resolved To contact the Lake District National Park Authority to raise concerns in relation to their dependence on planning application site notices to notify neighbouring property owners as these do not adequately notify the increasing number of non-resident property owners.

012/2022 **Financial Matters**

- a) Noted that bank balance at 31 December 2021 was £11,057.50
- b) Risk Assessment
 The Risk Assessment was reviewed.
Resolved Approved unanimously.
- c) **Resolved** To authorise payment of the following accounts:
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| D Parkinson (Lengthsman) (December 2021) | £128.00 |
| High Wray Hall Room Hire (6/7/21 & 28/9/21) | £20.00 |
| Clerk's Salary (01/10/2021-31/12/2021) | £605.32 |
| Clerk's Travel @ NJC rates (9/11/21 & 14/12/21) | £27.00 |
| Andrew Ransome Forestry (felling works) | £200.00 |
| Community Heartbeat (Emergency Phone rental 27/2/22-27/2/23) | £72.00 |

013/2022 **Highways**

- a) Highways items to be reported
 None.
- 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	Completed
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
EI/23831	White lines at road junctions on B5285 in Near and Far Sawrey are faded / washed away and need replacing.	Completed
EI/39463	Sunken grid and pothole obscured by water accumulation	Assigned to Highways Team
EI/41426	Rubber Road side bollard marker damaged B5285 between Black Beck Bridge and Near Sawrey.	Assigned to Highways Team
EI/41418	Re-report of item EI/21611 claimed completed	Closed

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014/2022 **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.

015/2022 **Date of Next Meeting**

Noted that the next Parish Council meeting will take place at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 15th March 2022 at Braithwaite Hall.

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Signed & Approved by (Chair)

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Date