

**Claife Parish Council**

**Minutes of Claife Parish Council meeting  
held in the Wray Village Hall, High Wray at 7.30pm on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2019**

Present: Cllrs (Chair) J Mallett, (ViceChair) R Bonham  
Cllrs – S Hilton, A Brodie  
Clerk – J Heather

In attendance: John Moffat, Rachel Poad, National Trust (NT), District Cllr Hall,  
1 member of the public.

Minute Number		Action By
186/2019	<b>1. Apologies</b> Apologies were received from Cllr Lennon, Cllr Lewis and County Cllr Brereton.	
187/2019	<b>2. Requests for Dispensations</b> No requests received.	
188/2019	<b>3. Declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests in respect of Agenda items</b> No declarations received.	
189/2019	<b>4. Minutes</b> <b>RESOLVED:</b> Cllrs approved the minutes of 13 <sup>th</sup> August and the Chair signed those as a true record.	
190/2019	<b>5. Public Participation</b> <u>5.1 Rachel Poad, NT</u> , reported on the accommodation developments planned for Low Wray campsite. Historically accommodation at the site was provided by a third party. The NT has now decided to take the provision inhouse to ensure consistent standards. There will be fewer pitches than before, and they will be focused on glamping and all-access customers rather than basic tent pitches, with new pods more in keeping with the surroundings. Access via sustainable transport options will be encouraged. Cllr Bonham asked about impact on the number of camper vans – currently there are 21 camper van hook ups and no more will be added. To discourage unnecessary traffic, booking in advance is encouraged, and the site is usually full during peak season, which is then advertised with road signs, social media and website postings.	
191/2019	<u>5.2 Reports from public bodies</u>  <u>No Police report</u> was received. <u>No County Council (CCC) report</u> was received.  <u>A District Council report was received from Cllr Hall.</u> There is a full SLDC council meeting next week focusing on the budget review – it appears most money is being spent in and around Kendal and less for the rural areas. A lot of money is going into the Reconnect Project, with the hope that people will find what they need online rather than phoning the council. Cllr Brodie raised a query about the bus services – Cllr Hall stated that the X112 service is only surviving with donations since school contracts were removed. The “Friends of X112” group has gained charitable status in order to provide the bus services needed to support the local community.	

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	<p><u>A National Trust (NT)</u> report was received. JM stated that NT and LDNPA are preparing a joint bid to get EU funding for an electric minibus between Wray, Hawkshead and Ambleside. Cllr Lennon was thanked for coming to the Base Camp celebration. Refurbishment of the main building and the accommodation block will now begin. Hill Top - no progress on fibre broadband. Some parking issues have been observed in Near Sawrey with cars parking along from Beechmount. It may help to relocate the sign for the United Utilities overflow carpark to make it above head height as pedestrians can obscure the sign. Pop up café is still working well at Hill Top and the NT has received good feedback from Sawrey residents. NT end of season is 3<sup>rd</sup> November.</p>	
	<p><b>6. Update on Ongoing Issues and Actions from Last Meeting</b></p>	
192/2019	<p><u>6.1 To update on the lengthsman's work</u>  <b>RESOLVED:</b> The lengthsman reported he has not been able to continue with the work due to a back injury. Clerk to approach Hawkshead PC to ask whether they have alternative provision.</p>	Clerk
193/2019	<p><u>6.2 To update on local housing</u>  <b>RESOLVED:</b> Next step is a November meeting with the landowner.</p>	
194/2019	<p><u>6.3 To update on the donated speed sign from Pandora Technologies</u>  <b>RESOLVED:</b> The sign has been installed, and Cllr Lennon has reported that it is having the desired impact on vehicle speed. Cllrs will continue to monitor its impact and consider how to obtain one for Sawrey.</p>	All Cllrs
195/2019	<p><u>6.4 To update on 2019 priority and community-led plan initiatives:</u>  6.4.1 <i>Registration and management of council land</i>  <b>RESOLVED:</b> Ongoing.</p>	
196/2019	<p>6.4.2 <i>Tree management – organisation of a tree surgeon's report</i>  <b>RESOLVED:</b> Clerk has obtained quotes from Treescape Consultancy and Bergen Tree Services. It was agreed to go with Bergen and monitor cost for work done and degree of reporting. Clerk to follow up. Cllr Hilton acquired quotes from the arborist as follows: to take down the fallen tree at Lake Bank £320 (including removal of wood); to clear rubbish outside the playground £20; to remove branches over boat house £40 (this will be paid by neighbouring parishioner). Cllrs approved these expenditures. Cllr Hilton will advise arborist.</p>	Clerk  Cllr Hilton
197/2019	<p>6.4.3 <i>Written procedures for Lengthsman &amp; snowplough</i>  <b>RESOLVED:</b> The Clerk is querying with Hawkshead PC whether the section from High Wray to Balla Wray, NT land, has been formally added to the CCC register, and whether continuation to Red Nab carpark, also NT land, could be added to the route (and formally added to the CCC register).</p>	Clerk
198/2019	<p>6.4.4 <i>Improvement, on safety grounds, to the entrance at Hill Top</i>  <b>RESOLVED:</b> Conflicts with planning application, minute 204/2019.</p>	
199/2019	<p>6.4.5 <i>Dog fouling &amp; litter collection</i>  <b>RESOLVED:</b> Ongoing. Volume of litter has reduced at Esthwaite bank.</p>	
200/2019	<p>6.4.6 <i>Ongoing log of parking problems &amp; highway incidents</i>  <b>RESOLVED:</b> See minute 191/2019.</p>	
201/2019	<p>6.4.7 <i>Continue to seek non-participating landowner support to complete the Claife Bridleway</i>  <b>RESOLVED:</b> Ongoing.</p>	
202/2019	<p><u>6.5 To update on the residents' consultation regarding temporary overflow carparks for HillTop.</u></p>	

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203/2019	<p><b>RESOLVED:</b> Informal consultation with residents has indicated they are overwhelmingly against use of the 'Post Office' field opposite Hill Top, and prefer overflow parking to be at the United Utilities site. NT will incorporate this into the resubmission of the planning application.</p> <p><u>6.6 To update on discussions with LDNPA about signage for mountain bikes in Stones Lane.</u>  <b>RESOLVED:</b> Cllr Brodie has written to LDNPA and is awaiting a response.</p>	NT
204/2019	<p><b>7. Planning Applications</b></p> <p><u>7.1 To consider the council's response to planning application 7/2019/5599 at Hill Top House, Gift Shop, Near Sawrey LA22 0LF</u>  <b>RESOLVED:</b> Local residents are not in favour, and the council objects strongly to this proposal for the following reasons: 1) Screening the building with trees and hedges on the road frontage renders the visitor exit from Hill Top unsafe; 2) the building is not made of construction material in keeping with the setting and conservation area; 3) the building impinges on important village views, and 4) the building clutters an historic site and is detrimental to the experience and spirit of Hill Top. The Clerk will submit a more comprehensive response.</p>	Clerk
205/2019	<p><u>7.2 To consider the council's response to LDNPA's proposal to install a temporary people/bicycle counter on the Windermere Westshore Route.</u>  <b>RESOLVED:</b> The council supports this proposal – clerk to respond.</p>	Clerk
206/2019	<p><b>8. Highways Matters</b></p> <p><u>8.1 To update on the report to CCC Highways about the deteriorating road surfaces at Stones Lane, Near Sawrey, Cuckoo Brow Lane, Far Sawrey, on the B5285 between Broomriggs and Town End; on the B5285 between Fair Rigg and Ferry House near Ash Landing, and the large pothole between "Beyond the Fields" Farm and Red Nab car park.</u>  <b>RESOLVED:</b> The potholes between Broomriggs and Town End and between "Beyond the Fields" Farm and Red Nab car park have been filled. Cuckoo Brow Lane potholes have been repaired but the lane is still not properly surfaced where it was widened when the wall was moved. Clerk to write to the landowner about this and the deteriorating road surface at Stones Lane and ask if he can suggest a way forward.</p>	Clerk
207/2019	<p><u>8.2 To update on the issue of United Utilities road closures in Wray and signage/diversions down Loanthwaite Lane</u>  <b>RESOLVED:</b> Clerk to write to Highways to advise that the diversion should be through Colthouse, not Loanthwaite Lane.</p>	Clerk
208/2019	<p><u>8.3 To update on discussions regarding re-marking of white lines.</u>  <b>RESOLVED:</b> Ongoing.</p>	
209/2019	<p><b>9. Windermere Ferry</b></p> <p><u>9.1 To update on discussions about the ferry &amp; the Ferry Advisory Group(FAG)</u>  <b>RESOLVED:</b> Cllr Brodie reported on the 20.09 meeting with CCC. It was clarified that morning service should commence as per published timetable. Electronic signing at Plumgarths' to be changed to "Hawkshead via Ambleside" when ferry closed. Similar signage at Newby Bridge was requested but will require a new sign. Another meeting will be scheduled. Next FAG is Nov 1<sup>st</sup>.</p>	Cllr Brodie

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	<b>10. Matters Arising</b> None.	
	<b>11. Councillor Matters</b> None.	
210/2019	<b>12. Financial Matters</b> <u>12.1 To note that the bank balance stood at £10,321.61 at 31<sup>st</sup> August 2019.</u> <b>RESOLVED:</b> Cllrs noted the bank balance.	
211/2019	<u>12.2 To authorise payment of the following accounts:</u> <b>RESOLVED:</b> Cheques were signed for the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clerk's Salary £117.24</li> <li>• Clerk's Overtime £48.85</li> <li>• Annual donation to GNAAS £50.00</li> <li>• Annual renewal of McAfee subscription £60.00</li> <li>• Matthews Benjamin invoice £240.00</li> <li>• Andrew Ransome invoice for Speed sign installation £80.00</li> </ul>	
212/2019	<b>13. Correspondence</b> <b>RESOLVED:</b> Cllrs noted the additional following e-mails & correspondence received since the last meeting ( <i>items requiring action are in italics</i> ):- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>CALC</b> – Lancaster Environment Centre Student Projects; CALC Training &amp; Log In Details; Cumbria Action for Health 12.08.19 &amp; 09.09.19 &amp; XTRA info 12.09.19; Friday Round-Up; September Newsletter; Policy Consultation E-Briefing 10-19 – 5G Mobile Coverage In Rural Areas; CALC AGM deadlines; Wellers Hedleys Advice Service; Burnetts' Employment Law &amp; HR Newsletter; RWRP event at Barrow College 26.09.19; Invitation to Rural Strategy Roadshow; Policy Consultation E-briefing; CALC AGM; CALC Climate Change Event; Non-native Invasive Species – Water Primrose; Tarns/Risk assessments; Mental Health Bulletin 25.09.19.</li> <li>• <b>SLDC</b> – Becoming an Effective Member/Code of Conduct Briefing; Independent Renumeration Panel; Weekly Social Media tips – Recycling. Returning Officer Details; Notice of Review of Polling Districts and Places; Agenda 09.10.19;</li> <li>• <b>Cumbria Police</b> – Weekly South Cumbria Newsletters</li> <li>• <b>Rural Services Network</b> – Rural Bulletins and Rural Funding Digests;</li> <li>• <b>Hawkshead Parish Council</b> – agenda and draft minutes 10.09.19 and 16.07.19.</li> <li>• <b>Amanda McCleery, Parish Liaison Officer</b> – Remaining Paperwork for Next Meeting 19.09.19</li> <li>• <b>LDNPA</b> – <i>EAG Windermere Epic Swim 19.09.20</i></li> <li>• <b>CCC</b> – <i>Temporary Road Closures C5026 Lakeside, nr Finsthwaite; C5021 High Wray</i></li> <li>• <b>HMRC Digital Communications</b> – HMRC Business Help &amp; Support Emails.</li> <li>• <b>Cumbria Action for Sustainability</b> - INVITATION: Cumbria Climate Emergency Action Summit</li> <li>• <b>Cumbria Strategic Flood Partnership</b> – Evidence Review on Community Engagement; NW RFCC Business Plan; CFSP Board 04.06.19; Gov't pledges £62m flood funding for communities in England; CSFP Board &amp; Workshop 27.09.19; UKCP Local (2.2km) climate projections.</li> <li>• <b>Napthens</b> – correspondence (conf)     <b>NT</b> – Call for applications for Grants Fund</li> <li>• <b>Parish Online</b> – News &amp; Updates     <b>Durty Events</b> – Breca Swimrun Coniston 5/6<sup>th</sup> Oct</li> <li>• <b>Alan Brenton</b> – Ladies of the Lake Women's Cycle Ride Sunday Sept 8<sup>th</sup>.</li> </ul>	
213/2019	<b>14. Next Meeting</b> The next meeting will be held on Tuesday November 5 <sup>th</sup> at The Braithwaite Hall, Far Sawrey at 7.30pm.	

Meeting closed 9.33pm

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Signed & Approved by (Chair)

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