

Claife Parish Council
Minutes of Virtual Meeting held via Zoom 17-08-20 at 7.30pm

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

092/2020 1. Apologies
Apologies were received from District Cllr Coward and from PCSO Ross.

093/2020 2. Requests for dispensations
No requests were received.

094/2020 3. Declarations of Interest
There were no declarations of interest.

095/2020 4. Public Participation
3 members of the public were present. No reports were received from the NT or County Cllr. A **police report** was received: since 01.07.20 there have been 2 incidences of highway disruption; 2 RTC's, one with slight injury; 1 crime of burglary – business premises; 1 unsecured agricultural vehicle theft; 1 dog welfare concern. Parishioners are urged to keep sheds, garages and outbuildings secure.

By email, **District Cllr Coward** asked the council to raise awareness that the deadline for COVID-19 Business Grants 28-08-20, is fast approaching. SLDC estimate there may be up to 1000 businesses who have not claimed the grant in the SLDC area. Any organisation with premises, such as a community hall or public toilets may be eligible. More information can be found at the following web address: www.southlakeland.gov.uk/Covid-19BusinessGrants

Members of the public attending the meeting raised concerns about the planning applications at High Wray Bank and The Cottage in High Wray. **Cllr Lennon** summarised the community's response to both applications as Wray Councillor and Acting Chair of High Wray Village Hall. A summary of comments is included under minutes 096/2020 and 097/2020 respectively. Members of the public wishing to lodge an objection to either application were urged to write individually to LDNPA, and also, should the application be referred to a Development Committee review, to indicate their willingness to speak at the review meeting.

5. Planning Applications

096/2020 5.1 To consider the response to the planning application 7/2020/5400 at High Wray Bank, High Wray LA22 0JD

RESOLVED: The council strongly objects to this application on the following grounds: High Wray is a small village of historical significance and distinctive character, in keeping with the LDNPA characterisation of the Coniston Valley, with a delicate balance between the vicarage, farm and the surrounding cottages, most of which date from the 18th-19th century. It is felt that this development will have significant negative impact on that balance and distinctive character, that it is disproportionate in size for this tiny hamlet and is in fact overdevelopment; that it is not in keeping with the local character of the village or the surrounding area; and that it has a negative impact on views and visual amenities. Furthermore, by reducing the number of rental properties and thus reducing 3 households to 1, it reduces the potential participants in community activities. High Wray is a small hamlet with very few permanent residents.

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097/2020 5.2 To consider the response to the planning application 7/2020/5429 at The Cottage, High Wray LA22 0JE

RESOLVED: The council strongly objects to this application on the following grounds: primarily that this application is not materially different from the previous application 7/2020/5042, which the council also objected to. High Wray is a small village of historical significance and distinctive character, in keeping with the LDNPA characterisation of the Coniston Valley, with a delicate balance between the vicarage, farm and the surrounding cottages, most of which date from the 18th-19th century. It is felt that this development will have significant negative impact on that balance and distinctive character. Overdevelopment: the application doubles the size of the original garage and intrudes on the outlook of the surrounding cottages and Wray Village Hall, the multiple planning applications on this site have significantly enlarged the original property footprint and the council doubts whether addition of this development is within the 30% incremental increase allowed for property extension. Furthermore, there appears to be equivalent garage space for 7 cars, much more than is necessary for The Cottage, and not in keeping with other cottages of similar nature in the village and the Claife parish, which tend to have 1 or 2 parking spaces if at all. Finally, the development will block significant amounts of light and heat to the adjacent High Wray Village Hall and have a detrimental effect on hall running costs and village activities.

098/2020 5.3 To consider the response to the tree work application T/2020/0096 at West Vale Country House, Far Sawrey LA22 0LQ

RESOLVED: The council had no objection to this application. However, the council noted that the planning application appeared to be incomplete and that the LDNPA should check an application is complete before accepting it.

099/2020 5.3 To consider the response to the tree work application T/2020/0097 at Whinfell, Far Sawrey LA22 0LQ

RESOLVED: The council had no objection to this application. However, the council noted that the property name is incorrect – it should be Wilfin Cottage, Far Sawrey – and that the LDNPA should be asked to check all details are accurate before accepting applications. As there is a property called Whinfell in Near Sawrey this could cause confusion in the planning records.

ACTION: Clerk to convey these responses to LDNPA.

100/2020 6. To update on the recruitment of a new Councillor

UNRESOLVED: No further progress, although some candidates are being considered.

101/2020 7. Matters Arising

Cllr Brodie advised that the Windermere Ferry Advisory Group meeting has been moved to September 11th, and therefore parishioners can raise any concerns about the ferry at the next council meeting on September 8th or directly to her.

102/2020 Correspondence – 28.07.20-17.08.20

CALC – Cumbria Arts & Culture Network Newsletter 29/7; Messages to share with you; 30/7 Mental Health Provider Forum Bulletin; FAO Community Resilience Groups – Comms Update; 31/7 Action for Health & Mental Health Provider Forum Bulletin; Great Cumbrian Litter Pick 15-16/08; Eligibility of Town & Parish Councils for various business grants; FW: Clerk vacancy; Cumbria Arts & Culture Network Newsletter 5/8; NALC's Chief Executive's Bulletin 11/8; Cumbria Arts & Culture Network Newsletter 12/8; Nominations to CALC Executive Committee 2020; Respect the outdoors campaign; CALC availability from 17/8; Cumbria in Bloom Newsletter Aug 2020; Update on Libraries; Parish Council Eligibility for Small Business Grant; Additional support for neighbourhood planning groups in urban & deprived areas; Local Government Reorganisation Cumbria

CCC Highways – 30/7 Emergency 13 Tonne Wt Restriction – High Cunsey Bridge – 21day notice, will be followed by another 21 day notice and then a further 18 month order.

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CCC South Lakeland Area Support – 5/8 Focus on Funding; Pausing of shielding – guidance and assets; FW: BT Package £5.00 per month;
 Cumbria Police – Weekly updates;
 Friends of the Lake District –Weekly “Postcards”
 Hawkshead Parish Council –
 HMRC - Business Help and Support E-mails.
 Member of the public – Windermere Ferry;
 Napthens – confidential email correspondence.
 National Trust – NT update.
 Parish Online – News & Updates
 Rural Services Network – Monthly Funding Digests; Weekly Rural Bulletins
 SLDC – SDLC approves fast-track pavement licensing scheme; Natural flood management project to begin at cherished town park; Invitation to Town & Parish Council Briefing 25-08-20 – Climate Change Action Plan and Customer & Locality Services; FAO Town & Parish Councils – Pavement Licences; 31/7 CCC: COVID-19 Statement from Colin Cox, CCC Director of Public Health; Partnership extended to Support Carbon Neutrality Aims; Businesses urged to apply for support grant before deadline; Climate Change Community Fund is Launched; Long-awaited footbridge installed in Cartmel; New play area opens in Grasmere
 Tim Farron’s office – Re: Windermere Ferry.

103/2020 Date of Next Meeting

The next regular meeting of the council will be Tuesday 8th September at 7.30pm.
 The meeting will be held by Zoom, and login in details will be available from the clerk.

Meeting closed 8.18pm.

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 Signed & Approved by (Chair)

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