

**Claife Parish Council**  
**Minutes of Virtual Meeting held via Zoom 08-09-20 at 7.30pm**

**Attendees:** Acting Chair Cllr Bonham  
Cllr Brodie; Cllr Hilton; Cllr Lennon; Cllr Lewis  
Clerk: J. Heather  
1 member of the public

104/2020 1. Apologies  
Apologies were received from PCSO Ross.

105/2020 2. Requests for dispensations  
No requests were received.

106/2020 3. Declarations of Interest  
There were no declarations of interest.

107/2020 4. Minutes  
Cllrs approved the minutes from 28.07.20 and 17.08.20 as true records.

108/2020 5. Public Participation  
A **police report** was received: since 17.08.20 there have been 2 incidences of note: 1 concern for welfare resulting in a Mountain Rescue; 1 suspicious incident – no trace on police arrival. 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](mailto:debbie.ross@cumbria.police.uk) Parishioners are also reminded that wild camping is a civil trespass matter to be addressed by the landowner concerned, and reports should be directed to the relevant landowner.

A **National Trust** report was received. This is a very challenging time for the Trust as a redundancy programme is ongoing following loss of income due to the pandemic, and many local staff are still on furlough. Carparks and grounds are generally open, but most of the properties are not. The Harrowslack area has been a challenge to manage due to anti-social behaviour, abuse, litter and wild camping. NT is part of the LDNPA task force looking at how to manage wild camping and associated problems in the future. Approaches may include pop-up campsites and temporary carparks.

Additionally, NT have objected to planning application 7/2020/5400 at High Wray Bank, but have signed the wayleave agreements for Openreach broadband to be connected from Town End to Near Sawrey along the B5285, east of Esthwaite Water.

**ACTION: All Cllrs** were asked to consider what their 3 key priorities are for the NT, and to formulate a council response towards the end of the year.

**Cllr Lennon** raised a concern about a piece of NT land on the Windermere shoreline close to Wray. Trees have been cut down and fencing has been installed, but the work appears to have been carried out without NT permission. The information has been sent on to David Towler, NT Estate Manager, and Paul Kear, to investigate further.

**Cllr Brodie** asked for clarification on the objection to the High Wray Bank planning application. NT objection was that it was not considered in keeping with the World Heritage Status description of the area, and that it could cause a problem with drainage in the fields below.

**Cllr Brodie** commented that the Openreach broadband connection leaves out parishioners in Wray, Cunsey and Far Sawrey and that a B4RN network may also be needed, which may require access over NT land. **Cllr Hilton** asked if the NT would object to B4RN laying cabling through NT land, and NT confirmed they would not.

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**County Cllr Brereton** noted that the Windermere FAG meeting is to be held on 11.09.20 and any comments should be directed to him or Cllr Brodie. He is part of the taskforce addressing the anti-social behaviour from visitors to the area which has declined but is still a problem. A further problem is that more individuals are coming by car and due to the pandemic all the "out-of-car" initiatives have halted. He is supporting B4RN development and Cllr Hilton offered to pass on the contact details for Peter Kessler, the contact in the Hawkshead and Claife area. When asked, he offered the view that moving to a single unitary authority in Cumbria would devolve budgets more sensibly and be clearer for residents as to where responsibilities lie.

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

109/2020 6.1 To update on the recruitment of a new Councillor

No one has yet stepped forward.

110/2020 6.2 To respond to the CALC Interim Position Statement on Local Government Reorganisation in Cumbria.

**Cllr Brodie** commented that CALC's suggestion that parish councils may choose to amalgamate to have a voice may become a reality, given the declining population and difficulty in recruiting parishioners to the voluntary Councillor role.

111/2020 6.3 To update on broadband provision in the parish

**Cllr Hilton** updated the council on the B4RN options for those parishioners unable to access the new Openreach connection. B4RN have a number of potential routes on offer, and the ones with more registrations will be prioritised, however none will take place unless B4RN reach their minimum number of households. Interested parishioners can register their interest online at <https://b4rn.org.uk>

7. Planning Applications

120/2020 7.1 To consider the response to the planning application 7/2020/5526 Jetty and Matson Landing, Claife, Far Sawrey

RESOLVED: The council has no objections to this application. **ACTION: Clerk** to convey this response to LDNPA.

121/2020 8. Highways Matters

None raised.

122/2020 9. Windermere Ferry

**Cllr Brodie** reported that she had been gathering feedback from local businesses about the ferry service in preparation for the Windermere Ferry Advisory Group meeting on 11.09.20. Some concerns about reliability had been expressed as there have been several unscheduled breakdowns through the summer. The minutes of the last meeting have been issued and noted actions to improve signage, communication, and an acceptance of responsibility for passengers stranded on the west shore when unscheduled breaks in service occur.

123/2020 10. Councillor Matters

**Cllr Lennon** reported that she had received a letter from the new owners of High Wray Bank stating that they intend to retire to the property once the works are complete and intend to be fully resident and contribute to village life. This is seen as a positive thing.

124/2020 11. Financial Matters

11.1 Cllrs noted that the bank balance at 31<sup>st</sup> July stood at £11327.63

11.2 The following payments were authorised:

- Clerk's salary and overtime (July & August), including catch-up for NJC  
payscale increase for 2020-21 from 01.04.20 £460.12

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- Clerk's expenses (2 months' Zoom subscription; stationery) £49.98
- A2A annual invoice for domain name registration £30.00
- A2A invoice for compliance with accessibility requirements £60.00
- Napthens invoice 01-09-2020 £303.00

**ACTION: Clerk** to authorise A2A to proceed with website accessibility compliance.

125/2020 Correspondence – 18.08.20-08.09.20

*To note the following correspondence received since the last meeting (items requiring action are in italics):*

CALC – Six Month Rule – Need for Virtual Meeting by September; LDNPA Letter to PCs re COVID management 21/8; CALC Executive Committee 2020 nominations; Cumbria Emergency Support Helpline closing; Join the Great British September Clean 11-27 Sept; 25/8 Action for Health Bulletin; South Lakeland Local Plan Review; Developing your skills programme Sept-Dec 2020; National Pay Award – NALC briefing on salary award; 1/9 Action for Health Bulletin; 2/9 Cumbria Arts & Culture Network Newsletter; Corporate message – CCC approve proposal for Local Government Reform; Reminder of SLDA Meeting 17.09.20.

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.

CCC South Lakeland Area Support – Peter McCall Focus Group Meetings; Emergency Support Helpline closing; Community Resilience Network Update; South Lakeland Local Plan Review; Ok2Ask South Lakes Video; Free Training from CVS.

CFSP – Partners meeting for CFSP Cumbria Police – Weekly updates; Peter McCall Focus Group Meetings District Cllr Wharton – Yesterday's meeting

Friends of the Lake District – Weekly Postcards; Response to 7/2020/5400 High Wray Bank planning application Hawkshead Parish Council – Minutes 28/7; Agenda 1/9; Corrected agenda 1/9; 1/9 Meeting postponed 22/9.

HGSF Clerk – Hawkshead Grammar School Foundation Educational Grants

HMRC - Business Help and Support E-mails.

LDNPA Planning – 07/2020/5293 Fellborough, Cunsey LA22 0LT – Inform (Granted); T/2020/0120 The Old Vicarage, Far Sawrey; T/2020/0123 The Glen, Far Sawrey

Member of the Public – Re: NT managed properties – Harrowslack and the Windermere west shore.

Napthens – confidential email correspondence.

National Trust – Openreach Full Fibre Broadband to Near Sawrey & Hawkshead

Parish Online – News & Updates

PKF Littlejohn LLP – Receipt of Claife PC documents, notification of exempt status.

Rural Services Network – Monthly Funding Digests; Weekly Rural Bulletins

SLDC – The Great British September Clean – 11-27 Sept; 21/8 CCC Weekly COVID-19 Update; SLDC Supports rearranged community clean-ups; One week left until business support grant deadline; Supporting documents from the Town and Parish Council Briefing 28/8 @ 5pm; South Lakeland Local Plan Review; 27/8 CCC Weekly COVID-19 Update; Have Your Say ahead of plan review deadline; Key Role to Drive Cultural Investment; One Bin Appeal; SLDC Highlights Importance of COVID Safety in Licensed Premises;

The Lap – Advisory regarding event passing through Claife 12.09.20

126/2020 Date of Next Meeting

The next regular meeting of the council will be Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm.

The meeting will be held by Zoom, and login in details will be available from the clerk.

Meeting closed 8.45pm.

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Signed & Approved by (Chair)

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