

**Claife Parish Council**  
**Minutes of Virtual Meeting held via Zoom 12-01-21 at 7.30pm**

**Attendees:** Acting Chair Cllr Hilton  
Cllr Brodie; Cllr Lennon; Cllr Lewis; Cllr Wyburn  
County Cllr Brereton; District Cllr Coward  
Clerk: J. Heather  
1 member of the public

- 007/2021 1. Acting Chair  
**RESOLVED:** Cllr Brodie formally proposed Cllr Hilton as Acting Chair for this meeting; Cllr Lennon seconded.
- 008/2021 2. Apologies  
Apologies were received from PCSO Ross and District Cllr Wharton.
- 009/2021 3. Requests for dispensations  
No requests were received.
- 010/2021 4. Declarations of Interest  
No declarations of interest.
- 011/2021 5. Minutes  
**RESOLVED:** Cllrs approved the minutes from 24.11.20 and 05.01.21 as true records.
- 012/2021 6. Public Participation  
A **police report** was received: since 24.11.20 there have been 9 incidents of note: 1 theft of a motor vehicle; 1 concern for welfare - safe and well; 7 reported breaches of COVID regulations. Ulverston Community Policing have been targeting illegal off-roading motorcycling in the area, an issue reported by several local residents. The police can be reached at [101Emails@cumbria.police.uk](mailto:101Emails@cumbria.police.uk) or by calling 101, and 999 should always be used for emergencies.
- A **National Trust** report was received by email. NT outdoor spaces are remaining open for local people to exercise at. Cumbria Police are being very active regarding non-locals breaking COVID regulations e.g. campervans. Hill Top will remain closed through February half-term. End March is the target opening date for indoor spaces.
- 013/2021 A **member of the public** informed the council that he had made a FOI request regarding operating data, which had been granted. He had sent an analysis of the data to Cllrs. He also expressed his doubts about the viability of electric and wind powered solutions to power the ferry as mooted in the press and suggested other green solutions could be found. He queried whether a full business case had been undertaken and expressed concern that CCC was risking making costly design mistakes when procuring a replacement ferry.  
**Cllr Hilton** agreed that power solutions mooted in press were not viable.  
**Cllr Brodie and County Cllr Brereton** expressed concern that stakeholders had so far not been consulted and that it would be preferable to have evidence of officers and County Councillors seeking expert marine engineering and technical advice to inform their decision making.  
**Cllr Lewis** asked what the mechanism for engagement with CCC should be?  
**County Cllr Brereton** advised Claife PC write to senior County Councillors to express their concerns and offered his support and guidance.  
**RESOLVED:** Cllrs agreed to adopt this approach.  
**District Cllr Coward** also committed to raising it in her discussions with County Cllrs.

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**County Cllr Brereton** reported on the winter maintenance meeting organised by Peter Hosking CCC and attended by Karl Melville CCC and the clerks of Claife, Hawkshead and Skelwith parishes (see minute 023/2021). He is also supporting the B4RN initiative and advised that there are large groups of interested residents in Hawkshead and Skelwith parishes. Interested Claife residents should contact him or Cllr Hilton.

**District Cllr Coward** also reported on the current round of business grants being rolled out from SLDC and advised anyone interested to look at SLDC's website. DC Coward also has some funds left in her locality grants budget and invited applications for small parish projects. (See minute 026/2021). A parish carbon foot-printing tool is being trialled and that will be forwarded on. She noted that there have been delays to waste and recycling collection since Christmas and that is due to bad weather and COVID-related absence. Parishioners are advised to leave their bins and recycling out, and SDLC will collect as soon as possible.

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

- 014/2021 7.1 To update on the recruitment of new Councillors  
**RESOLVED:** Ongoing.
- 015/2021 7.2 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. Near Sawrey applicants are now connected.
- 016/2021 7.3 To agree any follow-up to the letter from the LDNPA re COVID management and the 2021 Visitor Management Tactical Action Plan (TAP)  
**RESOLVED:** No follow-up required.
- 017/2021 7.4 To note the CCC flood management scheme proposed for NE of Colthouse.  
**RESOLVED:** Cllrs noted the scheme.  
**ACTION: Clerk** to add powerpoint slides to website.

## 8. Planning Applications

To note the council's response to the following planning applications:

- 018/2021 8.1 07/2020/5641 at The Clock House, Far Sawrey LA22 0LQ  
**RESOLVED:** The council had no objections to this application.
- 019/2021 8.2 07/2020/5797 High Crag, Near Sawrey LA22 0JY  
**RESOLVED:** The council had no objections to this application.
- 020/2021 8.3 07/2020/5799 Twitchet, Near Sawrey LA22 0LB  
**RESOLVED:** The council had no objections to this application.  
Note: These were informal responses submitted between meetings.
- 021/2021 8.4 07/2020/5815 High Wray Bank, High Wray LA22 0JD  
**RESOLVED:** The council supported this application – see minute 005/2021.
- 022/2021 8.5 To consider the council's response to the planning applications 07/2020/5865 ad 07/2020/5866 for Apple Tree Cottage, 2 Town End Cottages, Far Sawrey LA22 0LH.  
**RESOLVED:** Cllrs agreed no objection to this application. Cllrs asked that LDNPA require this and any future application to have any exterior lighting comply with Dark Skies guidance.  
**ACTION: Clerk** to convey response to LDNPA.
- 023/2021 9. Highways Matters  
9.1 To update on the CCC Winter Maintenance Activity Plan

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**RESOLVED:** The clerk had circulated to Cllrs the summary of a meeting she had attended with Peter Hosking and Karl Melville, CCC, CCC Cllr Brereton, and the clerks of Hawkshead and Skelwith PCs. CCC have approved a new Winter Maintenance Plan due to come into effect Sept 2021 which will require the snowplough/gritter arrangement with Hawkshead to come under CCC's purview. During the same meeting, it was agreed that CCC would deliver 20 Tonnes of grit/salt for this winter's gritting, which will continue to be managed locally as before. Cllrs agreed that clarification of the routes and process for triggering gritting activity needed to be clarified with Hawkshead PC and Shaun Taylforth.

**ACTION:** Cllr Brodie to confirm the Claife roads covered in the agreement with former Cllr Mallett and Shaun Taylforth.

**ACTION:** Clerk to write to Hawkshead parish clerk to confirm separate triggers for Wray and Sawrey gritting, as Wray is higher and prone to snow/ice earlier than further south in the parish, and also to ask whether direct contact between Cllr Brown and a Wray Councillor can be arranged.

024/2021 10. Windermere Ferry

See minute 013/2021.

025/2021 11. Councillor Matters

None raised.

026/2021 12. Financial Matters

12.1 Cllrs noted that the bank balance at 30<sup>th</sup> November stood at £9839.74

12.2 **RESOLVED:** Cllrs approved the precept of £6824.87 which together with the SLDC grant of £175.13 meets the total requirement of £7000.00. The budget was approved with two adjustments: an additional £100 for clerk's office expenses, and full-funding of remaining treework as identified by Bergen Tree Services in 2020. Cllrs agreed that the treework should take place before the end of March if possible while roads are still quiet.

**ACTION:** Clerk to submit precept and revise budget.

**ACTION:** Clerk to contact Bergen Tree Services and arrange treework.

12.3 **RESOLVED:** The following payments were authorised:

- Clerk's 2 months' salary and 2.5 hrs overtime £266.06
- Clerk's expenses (2 months' Zoom subscription; stamps) £30.08
- A2A annual webhosting and ssl website design fee £126.00

**RESOLVED:** It was agreed to apply to District Cllr Coward's Locality Grants fund for the cost of the defibrillators, £360. Any shortfall to be made up first from the "Mr McGregor Fund", kindly collected & donated by Buckle Yeat, and secondly from parish council funds. Other local organisations may also consider a donation.

Post-meeting note: Openreach agreed to reimburse Cllr Hilton directly for the warning signs on the cable at LakeBank.

027/2021 Correspondence – 25.11.20-12.01.21

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

CALC – Parish polls; Standards Matter 2: Extended Consultation Response Deadline; 4/12 Friday roundup; 7/12 Update on Local Government Reorganisation in Cumbria; CALC Newsletter Nov/Dec Edition; Corrected Date for SLDA Meeting; Cumbria in Bloom AGM; 11/12 Friday roundup; Parish and Town Council Elections; LTN 57; Letter from Robert Jenrick; 17/12 Cumbria Arts & Culture Network; Local Resilience Forum news release; NW Coastal Access Update Dec 20; 21/12 Christmas Changes to restriction; Action for Health and Mental Health Provider Forum Bulletin; Climate and Ecological Emergency Bill; 31/12 Tier 4; Funeral arrangements in Tier 4; 31/12 Action for Health and Mental Health Provider Forum Bulletin; 04/01 COVID Support Community Leaders Pack 01-21; 7/1 Funeral Guidance update; 11/1 Action for Health & Mental Health Provider Forum News Flash; NALC Legal Update – Dec 2020; Local Government Reform; CCC Highways – 30/11 Temporary road closure –

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C5028 – Prohibition of all vehicles; CCC South Lakeland Area Support – December update; Community Leaders Pack Dec 2020; Supporting South Lakeland over Christmas; 7/1 New Year update; Connecting Cumbria – New Live Services in the South Lakeland Area! CSFP – Managing Flood Risk Report; Managing Floods in a Changing Climate Podcast; Cumbria Police – Weekly updates; Scrappers; RASSO; New topic alert; Friends of the Lake District –Weekly “Postcards”; Hawkshead Parish Council – Agenda 15/12; Minutes 15/12; HMRC - Business Help and Support E-mails; LDNPA – Supplementary Planning Document Consultations; Parish Online – News & Updates; Rural Services Network – Monthly Funding Digests; Weekly Rural Bulletins; SLDC – Help us to help you – a message from SLDC Locality teams; Gifts/Hospitality Declarations; 27/11 Weekly list of premises licence applications; SLDC Meeting agenda 08/12; SLDC Meeting agenda 15/12; 11/12 Weekly list of premises licence applications; 18/12 Weekly list of premises licence applications; Local Government Reorganisation – Council agrees Bay Authority Submission; 5/1 Free climate emergency training places; 8/1 Vaccination update; 8/1 Weekly list of premises licence applications; SLDC News Releases - <https://www.southlakeland.gov.uk/news/>

028/2021 Date of Next Meeting

The next regular meeting of the council will be Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February at 7.30pm. The Acting Chair will be Cllr Lennon. The meeting will be held by Zoom, and login in details will be available from the Clerk.

Meeting closed 9.30pm.

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Signed & Approved by (Chair)

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