

Claife Parish Council
Minutes of Virtual Meeting held via Zoom 23-02-21 at 7.30pm

Attendees: Acting Chair Cllr Lennon
Cllr Brodie; Cllr Hilton; Cllr Wyburn
County Cllr Brereton; John Moffat, NT
Clerk: J. Heather
1 member of the public

029/2021 1. Acting Chair
RESOLVED: Cllr Hilton formally proposed Cllr Lennon as Acting Chair for this meeting; Cllr Brodie seconded.

030/2021 2. Apologies
Apologies were made on behalf of Cllr Lewis. Cllrs sent best wishes for his recovery. Apologies were received from District Cllrs Coward and Wharton who were attending a simultaneous SLDC meeting; also apologies received from PCSO Ross.

031/2021 3. Requests for dispensations
No requests were received.

032/2021 4. Declarations of Interest
No declarations of interest.

033/2021 5. Minutes
RESOLVED: Cllrs approved the minutes from 12.01.21 as a true record.

034/2021 6. Public Participation
A **police report** was received: since 09.01.21 there were 14 incidents of note: 2 crimes of theft; 1 criminal damage; 1 incident where inert munitions were found; 10 reported potential breaches of COVID regulations – 4 Fixed Penalty notices were issued. Contact the police at 101Emails@cumbria.police.uk or by calling 101, and always use 999 for emergencies.

A **National Trust** report was received. NT outdoor places such as Hill Top garden will open 29/3, outdoor cafes and shops 12/4, indoor places and Low Wray campsite 17/5. High Wray Base Camp is mothballed for at least 18 months due to NT staffing reductions. As part of the Tactical Visitor Management Plan (TVMP), the NT are preparing a plan for Harrowslack. Under consideration are PayByPhone, portable toilets, recycling and litter bins. **Cllr Lennon** asked whether the option of a dedicated campfire and BBQ area had been considered, but this is difficult to do because the Harrowslack land is all leased as farm land. Permitting campervans to stay overnight in the carparks has also been considered, but this is not allowed under planning laws. **Cllr Brodie** asked for litter bins to be provided at Hill Top near the catering facility and at Red Nab. The NT are also making it more difficult for casual parking to occur at Ash Landing. LDNPA VMP has ranger patrols and Safer Lakes starting up after 29/3, some NT rangers will be allocated to the patrol teams.

A **District Councillor** report was received by email. Infringements of lockdown by fly campers, campervans, or holiday lets should be reported to OvernightingReports@lakedistrict.gov.uk. The TVMP aims to control demand in hotspots this summer by using real-time reporting on carpark capacity at the Safer Lakes website www.saferlakes.co.uk, pop-up carparks, limiting access of campervans on narrow roads, and encouraging responsible behaviour. Funding is available for small local projects through each Councillor's Locality Budget (see minute 038/2021). SLDC are initiating a greening campaign and are seeking input for a listing of what green projects are underway in the Broughton and Coniston ward.

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County Cllr Brereton reported that he had secured County Cllr Little's agreement to work with the local community in the matter of ferry procurement and service issues. B4RN continues to progress the idea of several parishes working together, interested parishioners are urged to register on the B4RN website. A CCC environment fund may be available for lengthsman work and footpath clearing.

035/2021 A **member of the public** noted that he was disappointed to have not been involved in the letter that was sent to CCC regarding ferry procurement. He additionally noted that he had had further correspondence directly with CCC officers, which he had shared with the parish council, and wished the parish council to take further action regarding his concerns that CCC appear, in his technical opinion, to be progressing down a procurement route which will result in a ferry that is overpriced and not sustainable for long-term service.

Cllr Lennon stated that she had read the correspondence and thanked the member of the public for his hard work on this matter but stated that unfortunately the parish council could not spend any more time on the matter and at this time needed to concentrate on more immediate issues.

The **member of the public** asked whether the NT had considered using vehicle licence recognition at Harrowslack in order to catch illegal overnight campers and campervans. Fines from illegal camping could be used to pay for the equipment. **ACTION: Cllr Lennon** agreed that the parish council would raise this with John Moffat at the next meeting.

The **member of the public** has observed incidences of illegal parking in the parish and asked where to report them. Cllrs advised these can be sent to the police commissioner's website or the 101 email address noted under minute 034/2021.

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

036/2021 7.1 To update on the recruitment of new Councillors

RESOLVED: Ongoing.

037/2021 7.2 To update on broadband provision in the parish.

Cllr Hilton provided an update. B4RN has a new manager for the area and it now seems more likely that there will be a joint Hawkshead and Claife initiative.

038/2021 7.3 To update on funding for the parish's defibrillators

RESOLVED: £200 has been secured from Dist Cllr Coward's Locality Fund and the £132 balance will come from the "Mr McGregor" fund collected by BuckleYeat.

ACTION: Clerk to arrange for payment to "The Community Heartbeat Trust".

ACTION: Cllr Hilton to ask the Braithwaite Hall Committee to allocate some funding towards upkeep of the defibrillators in their next annual budget.

039/2021 7.4 To update on scheduling of outstanding treework in the parish

RESOLVED: The Clerk reported on discussions with Bergen Tree Services. They can complete the remaining work identified in the 2020 report for the quoted price, £1470. The work will be scheduled before end March while the roads are still quiet.

8. Planning Applications

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

040/2021 8.1 07/2021/5062 at Croft Foot, Colthouse, Ambleside LA22 0JS

RESOLVED: The council supports this application.

041/2021 8.2 07/2021/5080 High Loanthwaite Farm, Outgate, LA22 0NL

RESOLVED: The council had no objections to this application.

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9. Highways Matters

042/2021 9.1 To update on the gritting and snowplough arrangements with Hawkshead PC
RESOLVED: Cllr Brodie reported on discussions with Hawkshead PC. The agreed route is: Upper Claife: Wray road plus down Red Nab road as far as Briggs farm buildings and Loanthwaite lane; Lower Claife: leaves the B5285 at first right into Near Sawrey past The Garth down to Ees Bridge to the Hawkshead road then back over Ees Bridge and return to B5285 via the exit road next to the Sawrey House Hotel; also up Stones Lane as far as Belle Green B&B; also at Far Sawrey, turn right past Bee Boles and old Sawrey Stores, down to Cunsey T-junction next to Overbeck, turns left and up to Ferry Hill. Route takes 1.25-1.5 hrs. Callout is triggered by Cllr Brown in the morning, then gritter goes out in the evening. **Cllr Lennon** commented that this winter gritting has not been happening frequently enough for the Wray area. **Cllr Brodie** stated this may be due to the late delivery of grit from CCC.
ACTION: Cllr Brodie to confirm with Hawkshead PC whether the gritter goes via the lower or higher road to Ferryhill from Cunsey.
ACTION: Clerk to write to Cllrs Brereton, Coward and Wharton to ask for funding for an extra grit bin for Wray. Exact location to be advised when funding is forthcoming.

043/2021 9.2 To note the local Highways issues reported on HIMS.
RESOLVED: The following issues were reported:
HIMS Ref: W2181032646 - Gully Blocked or Overgrown B5285
HIMS Ref: W2181032666 - Gully Blocked or Overgrown B5285
HIMS Ref: W2181032676 – Dip, Hollow or Subsidence Cuckoo Brow Lane.
RESOLVED: It was agreed that Cllrs should continue to report Highways issues to CCC and only major Highways repairs should be sent to the Clerk.

044/2021 10. Windermere Ferry
Cllrs remarked that the CCC response to the parish council letter was noncommittal. **Cllr Brodie** advised that there was an upcoming Ferry Advisory Group meeting where she planned to raise Plumgarth’s signage, the number of crew onboard, and any service users’ concerns.

045/2021 11. Matters Arising
11.1 To consider what action should be taken regarding the state of local footpaths.
RESOLVED: Cllrs reported on the deterioration and widening of local footpaths onto grazing land. Responsibilities for repair and restoration are split between local landowners, LDNPA and NT.
ACTION: Cllr Brodie to contact the landowner about the path deteriorating in Wray.
ACTION: Cllr Lennon to take photos of the Wray path and send to the NT.

11.2 To report on the plans for parish elections in May.
RESOLVED: The clerk reported on guidance from SLDC regarding parish elections on 6th May. Any parishioner wishing to stand and Cllrs wishing to stand again must submit nomination papers to SLDC. Nomination papers will be available in early March from the Clerk and require a proposer and seconder, they must be submitted in person in Kendal between 24/03 and 8/04. To reduce COVID contact risk, SLDC recommend the Clerk collect and submit papers for existing Cllrs and any parishioners. If there are fewer nominees than Cllr positions (6), then nominees are elected unopposed, there is no election process and the nominees take office 4 days after the election. The usual voting venues will be open, including the Braithwaite Hall, but parishioners are encouraged to register for postal voting if possible. Any parishioner wishing to stand is advised to contact the Clerk for advice on whether nominees are required in the Upper or Lower Ward. It was agreed to schedule the annual meeting and the annual parish meeting for Tuesday 18th May as the first meetings of the new council. These may be held in-person depending on the government’s timetable for easing of restrictions.
ACTION: Clerk to put notice of election on website and noticeboards.

ACTION: Clerk to distribute nomination papers and list of electors when available.

046/2021 12. Councillor Matters

Cllr Wyburn reported that Ambleside Action for A Future are seeking support for a feasibility study into a sustainability charge for vehicles visiting the area. The intent would be to discourage visitors coming in cars and proceeds would be used to support public transport. Cllr Wyburn would like Claife PC to support the initiative and write to CCC to express support.

ACTION: Clerk to add to the agenda for the next meeting.

Cllr Brodie reported that she had spoken to the owner of the property which has lighting on throughout the night. The owner has responded positively and a reduction in overnight lighting has already been observed.

047/2021 13. Financial Matters

13.1 Cllrs noted that the bank balance at 31st January stood at £9018.47

13.2 To authorise the clerk to issue the annual rent invoice for Chapel Cottage.

RESOLVED: Cllrs approved issue of the invoice. **ACTION:** Clerk to action.

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

- Clerk's 1 month's salary and 21.5 hrs overtime (Jan-Feb) £336.34
- Clerk's expenses (1 months' Zoom subscription; office expenses) £28.34
- Lengthsman expenses £104.00

048/2021 Correspondence – 13.01.21-23.02.21

To note the following correspondence received since the last meeting (items requiring action are in italics):
Ambleside Parish Centre – 13/1 Community Contacts List . 16/2 Community Consultation Questionnaire; CALC – 15/1 NW Coastal Access Update; ACT's Letter to COVID & Emergency groups; 15/1 Friday round up; *Request to ask Member Councils to Complete HMLR Land Survey by 26/2*; CCC: Cumbrian schools launch laptop appeal; 21/1, 27/1, 3/2 Cumbria A&CN Newsletter; 22/1 & 12/2 Action for Health & Mental Health Provider Forum Bulletin; Section 137 limit for 2021/22; 29/1 Friday round-up; Facebook query; Celebrating Student Volunteering Week with Cumbria CVS; Virtual Dark Skies Festival 5-21 February; EPC2-21 – Model Design Code – NALC Consultation briefing; 2/2 New NHS Vaccination Centres South Cumbria; 3/2 Climate Change – opportunity for Volunteers; 8/2 Nature Recovery Event 25/2; Preparing for a Return to FacetoFace Meetings; 12/2 Friday round-up; Clerk vacancy – Lowick; EPC1-21-Right to regenerate; Free Communications Webinar 17th March; 23/2 Local Government Reorganisation Consultation; Reopening road map announcements. CCC – Highways Customer Feedback Survey; *CCC Highways – Response to 28/1 Letter from Claife PC regarding Windermere Ferry*; 17/2 Re: Virtual with Angela Jones – CCC; CCC South Lakeland Area Support – ; Mental Health Family Hour; CCRG: Volunteering during lockdown; Updated: Every Mind Matters materials; ACTION with Communities in Cumbria; CCC WIHW 2021 SLEDP & Monsignor Slattery Events; Hospital Campaign materials feedback; CCRG Update; Some things for the weekend; A guide to vaccinations for COVID-19; Training Course information; Experiences of hate crime in the county; Calling all Parents/Carers; Connect with other carers today; Wellbeing and Mental Health During COVID; Cumbria Police – Weekly updates; Safer Internet Day; Free Property Marking kits; District Cllr Coward: Greening Campaign open meeting 16/2; District Cllr Wharton: Free online funding workshops for LD farmers; Green Coordinator; LDNPA press release: National Park launch 'pop up' campsite guide; Friends of the Lake District –Weekly "Postcards"; Hawkshead Parish Council – Agenda 16/2; Minutes 19/1; HMRC - Business Help and Support E-mails; LDNPA Planning – 07/2021/5004 – High Loanthwaite, Outgate – Inform only; Inform (Granted) : 07/2020/5641 The Clock House, Far Sawrey, 07/2020/5865 & 5866 Apple Tree Cottage Far Sawrey; Member of the Public – 20/1 Letter to CCC – Windermere Ferry; 5/2 Ferry; 11/2 Ferry; 16/2 & 19/2 Virtual with Angela Jones – CCC; NWAA – Emergency appeal; Parish Online – News & Updates; Rural Services Network – Monthly Funding Digests; Weekly Rural Bulletins; SLDC – Weekly list of licence applications 29/1, 5/2, 12/2, 15/2; 1/2 Invitation to Consultation Event – 4/2 @ 6pm – Changes to Local Government Structures; 2/2 Message from SLDC Chief Executive about Local Government Reorganisation; 2/2 Greening Campaign open meeting 16/2; 5/2 Furness Revealed – for information; 5/2 Follow up response to 4/2 Consultation event. SDLC Flood Advisory Service – 2/1 Update from FAS telecon today 16.30 hrs; *Parish Clerk's Election 2021 Bulletin 2 – Election Register Request*; SDLC Full

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049/2021 Date of Next Meeting

The next regular meeting of the council will be held by Zoom on Tuesday 6th April at 7.30pm with Cllr Brodie as Acting Chair. Login in details will be available from the Clerk.

Meeting closed 9.26pm.

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Signed & Approved by (Chair)

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