

Claife Parish Council
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at Braithwaite Hall
following the Annual General Meeting on Monday 24th May 2021

Attendees: Councillors A Brodie, S Hilton, P Lennon, J Whitworth & M Wyburn & Parish Clerk L Prescott. One member of the public.

092/2021 **Apologies**

Apologies were received and accepted from Mr J Moffat.

093/2021 **Requests for dispensations**

None received.

094/2021 **Declarations of Interest**

None received.

095/2021 **Minutes**

- a) **Resolved** To approve the minutes of the last meeting on 6th April 2021 and the Extraordinary meeting on 12th May 2021.
- b) **Resolved** Noted that Councillor Lennon attended the meeting on 25th February 2020 but was omitted from the list of attendees. Her name has now been added.

096/2021 **Public Participation**

a) Reports were received as follows:

i) Police

In the Coniston area, reports to Police in March 2021: 17 Anti-social behaviour & 2 Violent and sexual offences.

- ASB -Recently around the Ambleside area, Police have had a few reports relating to anti-social behaviour. The information they have been given is regarding a group of young people who are hanging around, causing litter, climbing scaffolding and being a general nuisance. Most of the activity is around the churchyard and the parish centre. If you know any of these young people or have any information that you would like to share please contact the Police.
- Off Road Vehicles - Over the past month Police have had various complaints about off road vehicles across the area and more of these have been 4x4s which at least have registration plates. They have been following up these incidents and are once again hoping to carry out an Operation to target these individuals. As usual please report sightings and registrations (if any present) to 101.

ii) County Councillor

No report received.

iii) District Councillors

No report received.

iv) National Trust

Written report received from Mr J Moffatt. Only one empty property in the parish, near Tock How farm, currently in process of being re-let going live this week. All of their visitor places are now open to the public again, though on greatly reduced numbers while social distancing still in place, so Hill Top, Wray Castle (indoors – ground floor only) and grounds, Claife Viewing station, Beatrix Potter Gallery in Hawkshead. Low Wray campsite and Strawberry Gardens caravan site also re-open again. Advance bookings ok but not brilliant – still a feeling that lots of people are hoping for a last minute holiday abroad. Countryside remains affected by the weather - but overall pretty quiet and they're not seeing the issues they were 12 months ago. Starting to work towards 21 June and planning for that –presuming all distancing will go, but of course will wait and see. Still some tree disease work being done (relating to ash and larch) but not too bad on the parish compared to elsewhere.

b) Members of the Public

A member of the public advised that he has received a notification that a pole will be installed by BT Openreach on the road near his home next week, but he has been unable to discover the exact location. He is concerned that the installation could further reduced a very narrow road or reduce access to his property. He has been in contact with Councillor Hilton who has requested that it is raised with Openreach. The Clerk will contact Cumbria Highways to try to establish the planned location of the proposed pole.

097/2021 **Update on Ongoing Issues and Actions from Last Meeting**

a) Update on broadband provision in the parish

Councillor Hilton reported that Whinfell near Sawrey was missed off the original fibre connection. There is now a new line which has been dug in but it has not yet been connected.

b) Update on deteriorating footpath in Wray

None.

c) Request by Ambleside Action for a Future (AAFAP) to support Keswick Town Council in asking CCC to conduct a feasibility study into a possible sustainability charge for visiting vehicles

Councillor Wyburn reported that she emailed Cumbria County Council on behalf of the Parish Council to support the Keswick Town Council request for a feasibility study into how a sustainability charge on vehicles entering the Lake District National Park might work. She received a reply from Executive Director Angela Jones advising that Cumbria County Council has no plans to undertake a feasibility study to introduce a Congestion Charge Zone or establish a Clean Air Zone in the Lake District National Park. They will continue to work with Cumbria Local Enterprise Partnership and Lake District National Park Authority to secure Government funding for sustainable travel measures.

d) Audit of Environmental Initiatives for Broughton & Coniston Ward

Councillor Wyburn reported she is yet to do an audit on local measures. She is due to attend a CAFS (Cumbria Action for Sustainability) webinar in June and will report to the next meeting.

- e) Recruitment of a new Clerk
Resolved The Chair and Clerk to sign the Clerk's Contract of Employment.
- f) Update on request for additional Grit Bin at Wray
Resolved Councillor Lennon will speak to the farmer and send a map of the proposed location to the Clerk.
- g) Update on co-option of a councillor for Lower Ward vacancy
Councillor Brodie reported that there is no progress on this at present.

098/2021 **Planning Applications**

- a) The Council's response to the following planning applications were noted:
 - i) T/2021/0060 (Tree Work in Conservation Area). T1 - Fell Sycamore. Aspland House, Near Sawrey, Cumbria, LA22 0JZ. No objection.
 - ii) 7/2021/5274. Creation of hardstanding as stacking area for timber and creation of track. Gillbank, Colthouse, Ambleside, LA22 0JT. No objection.
 - iii) 7/2021/5269. Storage building (re-submission of 7/2020/5287). The Braithwaite Hall, Far Sawrey, Ambleside, LA22 0LQ. No objection.
- b) To consider the following planning application and formulate a response to the planning authority:
 - i) T/2021/0071 (Tree Work in Conservation Area). Crown reduction of 3-4m on 8 sycamores (S1-S8). Crown reduction with a maximum of 2m on 4 oaks trees (O9-O12). Sawrey Knotts, Far Sawrey, Ambleside, LA22 0LG.
Resolved To support the application as the trees are currently in a dangerous condition and the proposed works will improve public safety.

099/2021 **Gate Installation**

- a) Belle Grange and Entrance to Heald Wood from Harrowslack
Installation of gates at these locations has been suggested by the National Trust. There have been issues with campervans using the track and also wild camping. Parishioners have a right to drive along the track between these locations so a locked gate would not be suitable. Horse riders and cyclists also use the track.
Resolved Councillors Brodie and Lennon to take photographs of both locations with solutions to be considered at the next meeting to put forward to the National Trust.
- b) Ash Landing
There are some outstanding matters in relation to the land registration of the Parish Council land that need to be resolved before this can be considered further.

100/2021 **Matters Arising**
None not already on Agenda.

101/2021 **Councillor Matters**
None.

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Financial Matters

- a) Audit 2020/21
 - i) **Resolved** To approve the Certificate of Exemption
 - ii) Received the Internal Audit Report 2020/21
 - iii) **Resolved** To approve the Annual Governance Statement 2020/21
 - iv) **Resolved** To approve the Accounting Statements 2020/21

- b) To authorise the following amendments to the Cumberland Building Society account:
 - i) **Resolved** To remove Ex-Councillor Mallet as Signatory.
 - ii) **Resolved** To add Councillor Lennon as Signatory.
 - iii) **Resolved** To change Address to new Parish Clerk's address.

- c) Noted that the bank balance at 30 April 2021 is £13,957.64.

- d) **Resolved** To authorise payment of the following accounts:
CALC/NALC subscription (2021/2) £128.04
T Brown (Lengthsman) £58.50

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Training

Resolved To book the following training with CALC and note future training plans:
Councillor Wyburn – 1st June 2021 – Effective Councillor 1
Councillors Brodie & Lennon – 7th June 2021 – New Chair
Councillor Brodie – 8th July 2021 – Finance for Councillors
Councillor Whitworth to undertake training later in year. Councillor Wyburn to undertake Effective Councillor 2 later in year. Information on Internal Controls course to be considered at the next meeting.

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Correspondence

The following correspondence was noted:

- a) BBC Radio Cumbria
Public toilets survey.
- b) CALC
Northern Counties Allotments Association - New Mapping Service. MHCLG Electronic Communications Infrastructure Consultation. Local Nature Recovery Strategy Pilot, New Clerk Induction Guide and Volunteer Agreement, April/May Newsletter, Advice on face-to-face meetings, Friday roundups, Highways heads up, Cilca Qualification, Climate Change crash course, Cumbria in Bloom awards, Action for health and mental health forum bulletin, Cumbria Arts and Culture Newsletters, Cumbria CVS Survey, Youth survey, VAT on digital services, protocol and guidance re Duke of Edinburgh, Cumbria Covid recovery plan consultation & AGAR auditor guidance.
- c) Cumbria County Council (South Lakeland Area Support)
Welcome back fund briefing, job opportunities at Every Life Matters, Funding opportunities, Reading Round project, Move for Health programme.
- d) Cumbria Police
South Lakes Focus, Covid-19 updates & National Stalking Awareness.
- e) Lake District National Park Authority
Creation of Public Bridleways and associated extinguishment of redundant sections of footpaths - Hawkshead to Wray.
- f) National Association of Local Councils (via CALC)
Chief Executive's Bulletin & Coronavirus update, DCMS Broadband Consultation, Cyber security guide, star council awards,

Initialed Date

- g) National Trust
Low Carbon Lake District Grant Fund Launch
- h) Rural Services Network
Bulletins.
- i) South Lakeland District Council
Locality Team newsletter, Weekly lists, Great British Spring Clean (28 May – 13 June 2021), Standards Committee Meeting Agenda. Elections – next steps.

105/2021 **Dates of Next Meetings**

Noted that meetings of the Council will be held at 7.30 pm on the following Tuesdays:

- 6th July 2021 – High Wray Village Hall
- 17th August 2021 – Braithwaite Hall
- 28th September 2021 – High Wray Village Hall
- 9th November 2021 – Braithwaite Hall
- 14th December 2021 – High Wray Village Hall

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Signed & Approved by (Chair)

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