

**Minutes of the Meeting of Claife Parish Council held on Tuesday 14 March 2017
at 7-30pm at Braithwaite Hall**

Councillors: Dr C Lane (Chairman) Mr J Mallett Mrs A Brodie Mr S Hilton and Mr G Schofield and **Clerk** Mr VM Phillips

Apologies: Mr A Irvine

Members of the Public: PCSO E Forrester and Mrs E Mallett

Minutes of the Meeting of 31 January 2017 were approved and signed.

Finance

- (a) The current account showed a balance of £7554-67

Planning Matters

(a) **Production of a Community Led Plan**

(i) **Highway Maintenance:** It was agreed that the Clerk would write to Mr Walker, the lengthsman, to ask him if he would commit to providing the Council with services equivalent to one day a month and at the same time make up a backlog of 10 days for which the Council had committed funding.

(ii) **Car Parking Near Sawrey:** Mr Schofield said that the reference in the Minutes of 31 January 2017 to 52 car parking spaces was to 52 resident spaces. For the purposes of assessing total car parking requirements in Near Sawrey the boundary of the village was assumed to be from the Wraymires property on the B5285 in the north to Whinfell in the south and within that area there were 44 holiday homes and 11 commercial premises

(iii) **Footpath Hawkshead to Near Sawrey:** Mrs Brodie reported that a planning application was in hand in respect of that part of the path on the Council's land at Lake Bank. It would follow a natural route through the trees to avoid damage to tree roots, would be a maximum of 3.5 metres in width, with its surface maintained by the Lake District National Park Authority. A bund would be constructed adjoining the highway to alleviate potential flooding and discourage the parking of cars on Council land.

(b) **Planning Applications**

- (i) **Wray Castle Ltd, Low Wray, Ambleside, Cumbria LA22 0JA – installation of new car park machine close to front entrance on upper car park.**

The Council had no comment on or objection to what was proposed.

National Trust

- (a) **Highway Access to Wray Castle:** The Council noted that the National Trust had agreed to provide signage that permitted access to Wray Castle from both Colthouse and the B5286.

County Council

- (a) **Windermere Ferry:** Mrs Brodie reported that a forum to discuss ferry issues had been established comprising representative(s) of Cumbria County Council, Nigel Wilkinson of South Lakes Business Task Force, Ian Stephens of Cumbria Tourism and a representative of Claife Parish Council, whom the Council agreed would be Mrs Brodie.

Claife Parish Council – Land and Other Matters

- (a) **Tarn Hill Playground:** The Clerk was asked to write to the National Trust requesting that its employees and contractors did not park on the car park at Tarn Hill Playground as this was required for users of the facilities.
- (b) **Website Services:** It was agreed to appoint A2A to take over the Council's website services from Emenet.
- (c) **Memorial Seat – Councillor RS Shuttleworth:** The Council agreed to proceed with the provision of a seat in memory of the late Roland Shuttleworth. The Clerk reported that to date £190-00 had been contributed by parishioners with a further contribution of £150-00 to be provided by Hawkshead Show Committee. The Clerk was asked to write to Cumbria Highways to confirm that the Council's preferred location met with its approval. It was also agreed that the Council would refurbish the seat just down Ferry Hill on the left hand side, nominally belonging to Friends of the Lake District.
- (d) **Housing Survey Far and Near Sawrey, Colthouse and Cunsey:** A recent survey of properties in Near Sawrey had revealed that 45.6% were holiday/second homes. It was agreed that an additional survey of properties in Colthouse, Cunsey and Far Sawrey would be undertaken. The Chairman thanked Messrs. Mallett and Schofield for their efforts.
- (e) **Beacon 2018:** The Council agreed to be a partner with the National Trust and Hawkshead Parish Council in the provision of a beacon in November 2018 to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the end of the First World War. It noted that the National Trust had given permission for it to be located on Latterbarrow. The Council's representative was to be Mr Mallett and the Clerk was asked to notify the National Trust and Hawkshead Parish Council accordingly.
- (f) **Esthwaite Water Trout Fishery:** It was agreed to invite Jim Robertson, the new owner of the Esthwaite Water Trout Fishery, to attend the next meeting to hear his plans for its future development.

Date and time of next Meeting

The next meeting of the Council would be held on Tuesday 25 April 2017 at High Wray Village Hall at 7- 30pm.