

Minutes of the Meeting of Claife Parish Council held on Tuesday 25 April 2017 at 7.30pm at High Wray Village 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: Mrs E Mallett Miss S Rowley and Mr J Robertson

Minutes of the Meeting of 14 March 2017 were, with one amendment, approved and signed.

Finance

- (a) The current account showed a balance of £8167-67
- (b) **Payment of Accounts:** It was agreed to make the following payments:
 - (i) High Wray Village Hall Committee - 3 Meetings 2016 £30-00
 - (ii) Clerk's half yearly salary £750-00
 - (iii) Clerk's expenses 29.09.16 to 18.04.17 £63-90

Planning Matters

- (a) **Production of a Community Led Plan:**
 - (i) **Highway Maintenance:** The Council noted that Mr Walker, the lengthsman, had undertaken some work and Mr Mallett said he would ascertain how much and obtain an invoice from him.
 - (ii) **Car Parking Near Sawrey:** Mr Schofield reported that he was endeavouring to obtain from the National Trust the number of vehicles parked in Near Sawrey during the day at peak times by its employees, volunteers and visitors to Hill Top.
 - (iii) **Footpath Hawkshead to Near Sawrey:**
 - Mrs Brodie said that she had received verbal confirmation from South Lakeland District Council of its grant of £18000-00 in respect of the footpath construction. Formal confirmation was to follow; and
 - The Council confirmed its approval of the Clerk signing the offer of a grant of £3000-00 by the Lake District National Park Authority from the Lake District Communities Fund.
 - (iv) **Fibre Broadband:** Mrs Brodie reported that the National Trust was working with BT Openreach and there was a possibility that it would result in super fast broadband being made directly available to Near Sawrey. With regard to new BT landlines in Near Sawrey Mr Hilton reported that 3 local tenants

in the recently completed Illingworth Cottages had each requested a landline which might mean that BT Openreach would be forced to upgrade the existing 50 year old cable to facilitate their requests.

(b) Planning Applications:

(i) Hawkrigg Farm, Far Sawrey, Ambleside, LA22 0LL - installation of an oak framed gazebo with cedar shingles.

The Council had no objection to what was proposed.

(ii) Former Far Sawrey Stores, Far Sawrey, Ambleside, LA22 0LQ - proposed change of use at the former stores to a holiday cottage.

The Council was in favour of the proposed change of use but unhappy with the proposed location and height of the flue from the wood burning stove, which would result, when the wind was in a certain direction, in smoke blowing straight into the windows of the property on the other side of the highway.

County Council

- (a) Windermere Ferry:** Mrs Brodie reported that to date 3152 persons, including 400 locals, had petitioned Cumbria County Council to remove the ferry ticket machines and reinstate a pay on board system incorporating swiftness, security and card payment.
- (b) High Furness LAP -** The Council noted that a joint meeting with Grange and Cartmel LAP was to be held at Coniston Institute on 10 May 2017 with the Police and Crime Commissioner for Cumbria and members of the local constabulary to discuss rural crime and rural policing.

Claife Parish Council - Land and Other Matters

- (a) Tarn Hill Playground:** The wooden fence at the rear of the car park had fallen into such a state of disrepair that there was now a safety issue. The Council agreed to ask Mr Irvine to repair it if he could do so for £200-00 or less.
- (b) Website Services:** It was agreed that Mrs Brodie would speak to Andrew Read of A2A Website Services as to the way forward with the Council's Website.
- (c) Memorial Seat - Councillor RS Shuttleworth:** To date £570-00 had been donated towards the cost of providing a seat in memory of Roland Shuttleworth. Mr Mallett reported that he had procured a suitable seat from NBB Recycled Furniture, Pandora Signs were to provide an inscribed plaque and he and Messrs Hilton and Irvine were to arrange for installation at the approved location.
- (d) Esthwaite Water Trout Fishery - Land at Lake Bank:** Following the change of ownership of the Esthwaite Water Trout Fishery it was agreed to remove the litter bin to encourage all users of the Council's land to remove their litter.

Date and time of next Meeting

The Annual Parish Meeting would be held at 7-00pm and the Annual Parish Council Meeting at 7-30pm on Tuesday 30 May 2017 at Braithwaite Hall.