

**Minutes of the Meeting of Claife Parish Council held on Tuesday 29
August 2017 at 7.30pm at High Wray Village Hall**

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

Members of the Public: Mr and Mrs C Atkinson Dr J Burgoyne PCSO E Forrester Mr and Mrs M Heather Mrs E Mallett Mr N Morris Mr T Porter and Mr P Wrobel

Resignation of Councillor Alistair Irvine

It was noted that Councillor Irvine had resigned. Appropriate notices had been posted on the notice boards in Upper Claife notifying electors that a poll would be held if at least ten of their number informed South Lakeland District Council within 14 days of their wish for an election. Thereafter, if there was no such request, it would be up to the Council to co-opt a replacement.

Minutes of the Meeting of 11 July 2017 were approved and signed.

Finance

- (a) The current account showed a balance of £13306-17
- (b) The Council agreed to make the following payments:
 - (i) Zurich Municipal - Insurance Premium 2017/18 £240-80
 - (ii) LDNPA - Planning Application Fee - Path Signs £192-50
 - (iii) A2A - Website Services £438-00
 - (iv) Mrs A Brodie (purchase of Council dedicated laptop and ancillary equipment from Curry's) £536-98
 - (v) D Walker - Lengthsman £720-00
 - (vi) NWAS First Responder - Defibrillator Donation £600-00

Planning Matters

- (a) **Production of a Community Led Plan:**
 - (i) **Highway Maintenance:** Mr Mallett reported that Dave Walker, the Lengthsman, had completed work in both the Upper and Lower Wards of the Parish and submitted an invoice. He was to carry out further work.
 - (ii) **Car Parking Near Sawrey:** Mr Schofield said that the National Trust had informed him that at any one time there might be up to 20 staff and volunteers on duty in Near Sawrey with 15/16 cars parked. Many of the cars were parked in the lay by below Whinfell and, as that was for the duration of the day, no visitor parking was possible during that time.

- (iii) **Off Road Footpath and Cycle Park Hawkshead to Near Sawrey:** Mrs Brodie stated that work would commence on the Council's land at Lake Bank on Monday 4 September 2017 when the path would be marked out, a tree removed and bluebells re-sited. It was agreed to provide a replacement litter bin as the current bin could become difficult to remove at a later date. Work on Sections 1 and 2 of the path could not be started until the end of September after the cattle had been moved to winter quarters. As part of the work it was agreed that the Contractor would repair the fence at Tarn Hill Playground car park.

(b) Planning Application:

(i) Cuckoo Brow Inn, Far Sawrey, Ambleside, LA22 0LQ - Extension of existing guest accommodation, formation of fuel storage and heating plant area. Extension of existing kitchen.

In the first instance the Council believed that the proper procedure had not been followed in that no site notices had been posted and owners of neighbouring properties had not been informed of the proposed development.

In any event the Council objected to what was proposed for the following reasons:

- (i) raising the roof and installing dormer windows on the former stable block was not in keeping with the character of this old coaching inn and inappropriate in a Conservation Area.
- (ii) the existing car parking arrangements were already inadequate and additional guests and staff would only exacerbate the problem.
- (iii) the close proximity of the building to be developed to the highway meant that the properties on the other side of the road would be horribly overlooked and darker.
- (iv) proposing to locate the oil tank over an existing drain could lead to environmental issues in the event of a spillage.
- (v) an extension to the kitchen facilities could result in more noise emanating from the extraction equipment.

National Trust

(a) Traffic Congestion Illegal Parking and Visitor Safety - Hill Top
Members were concerned at the increasing traffic congestion, illegal parking and, particularly the safety of visitors, in Near Sawrey. The Clerk was asked to write an appropriate letter to the National Trust.

County Council

- (a) **Windermere Ferry:** Cumbria County Council was currently in the process of making further changes to the ticketing arrangements for the ferry. This could only result in more disruption to services.
- (b) **High Furness LAP:** Mrs Brodie said she would attend the next meeting of the High Furness LAP if the date was convenient for her.

Claife Parish Council - Land and Other Matters

- (a) **Website Services:** Mrs Brodie updated Members on the new website. It was agreed that additional input to the site would not be made without Council approval.
- (b) **Maintenance of Notice Boards:** Mr Hilton said he would attend to the necessary maintenance of the notice boards in Colthouse and Far Sawrey
- (c) **Erection of “No Motor Vehicle” Signs at each end of the Lake Shore Track - Strawberry Gardens to Red Nab:** It was agreed that two signs would be procured for erection at each end of the Lake Shore Track. The wording would read “No Motor Vehicles - do not follow Sat Nav”. It was noted that the National Trust was willing to work with the Council.

Items for the next Agenda

Request for funding by the High Wray Village Hall Committee

Date and time of next Meeting

The next meeting of the Council would be held at 7-30pm on Tuesday 10 October 2017 at Braithwaite Hall.