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Minutes of the Meeting of Claife Parish Council held on Tuesday 1 March 2016 at 7.30pm at High Wray Village Hall

Councillors: Dr C Lane (Chairman) Mr R Shuttleworth Mrs A Brodie and Mr J Mallett and **Clerk** Mr VM Phillips

Apologies: Mr A Irvine

Members of the Public: Mr G Dent Mr J Moffat and Mr P Martin

Minutes of the Meeting of 12 January 2016 were approved and signed.

Finance

- (a) **External Audit 2017/18:** Following the abolition of the Audit Commission enabling Parish Councils to make their own independent external audit arrangements or join a National Association of Local Councils led body to procure audit services on their behalf it was agreed that the Council would participate in the NALC arrangements for the next five years.
- (b) The current account showed a balance of £3909-74.

Planning Matters

- (a) **Production of a Community Led Plan:**
 - (i) **Highway Maintenance:** The Clerk was asked to write to Dave Huck of Cumbria Highways drawing Cumbria County Council's attention to the continuing deterioration of the B5285 between Pool Bridge and Town End. Recent flooding had only exacerbated the problem. The Council noted that Hawkshead Parish Council shared a similar concern.
 - (ii) **Proposed off road footpath Hawkshead to Near Sawrey:** Mrs Brodie said that Rose Taylor and Carolyn Pegg were not prepared to make their land available but that John Fowkes had agreed to attend a meeting to which the Lake District National Park Authority and Natural England would be invited.
 - (iii) **Signs:** Mr Moffat said that procuring brown signs was taking longer than anticipated and, accordingly, AA signs would be utilised for the forthcoming season. Separate signs would be required for Wray Castle and Hill Top.
- (b) **Planning Applications:**
 - (i) **Rooftop Wray Castle, Heald Wood Wray, Cumbria, LA22 0JA - the removal of 2 no. omni antennae and installation of 1 no. new 6m.slimline flagpole and fixing, plus installation of 1 no. 0.6m transmission dish at rooftop level. In addition equipment is to be located internally, plus ancillary telecommunications development thereto; and**

(ii) Meadowside, Near Sawrey, Ambleside LA22 0LF- fell one leylandii tree.

The Council had no objection to either of the above applications.

County Council

(a) **High Furness LAP:** Mrs Brodie reported that the Environment Agency was now responsible for Cunsey and Black Becks, whilst Cumbria County Council was responsible for all other becks in the Parish.

Claife Parish Council - Land and Other Matters

- (a) **Queen's 90th Birthday Celebrations 21 April 2016:** It was proposed that similar arrangements to those put in place for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee in 2012 would be made for her 90th birthday on 21 April 2016
- (b) **Coaches:** It was agreed to procure 3 signs at £50-00 per sign. Such signs would be erected at the junction of the Graythwaite to Cunsey road, at the Colthouse turn immediately after Pool Bridge and at Wray Road end. Appropriate landowners would be approached for permission to erect.
- (c) **Ash Landing:** Mrs Brodie reported a meeting held on 16 February 2016 with Dr Mike Sturt. Coppicing was to go ahead and low fencing erected leaving access available to Lake Windermere for the launching of boats. Dr Sturt and Natural England were to undertake a similar research exercise in respect of Council land adjoining Esthwaite Water at Lake Bank.
- (d) **Foul and Storm Drains Market Street and Stones Lane Near Sawrey:** Following recent flooding of properties in Near Sawrey United Utilities PLC had offered a meeting with its Network Engineer to discuss the issue further. It was agreed to invite all relevant and interested parties including the National Trust and other property owners, residents, Cumbria Highways and the Lake District National Park Authority.

Date and time of next Meeting

The next meeting of the Council would be held on Tuesday 12 April 2016 at Braithwaite Hall at 7-30pm.