

Claife Parish Council
Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held at High Wray Village Hall
on Tuesday 10th January 2023

Attendees: Parish Councillors A Brodie (Chair), S Hilton & K Keighley & J Whitworth.

001/2023 **Apologies**

Apologies were received and accepted from District Councillors T Coward, H Troughton & I Wharton, Unitary Councillor S Pender & Parish Clerk L Prescott.

002/2023 **Requests for Dispensation**

None received.

003/2023 **Declarations of Interest**

None received.

004/2023 **Minutes**

Resolved The council approved the Minutes of the last meeting held on 22nd November 2022.

005/2023 **Public Participation**

a) Reports

i) Police

None.

ii) County Councillor

None.

iii) District Councillors

Councillor Wharton sent an email to clerk and councillors updating on Windermere Ferry – due to costs the decision has been made not to replace the existing ferry, but to keep the current vessel going. A grant scheme is available from SLDC for people with disabilities to apply for so they can make adaptations to their homes.

iv) Unitary Councillor

None.

v) National Trust

None.

vi) Community Catalysts

None

b) Members of the Public

None.

006/2023 **Councillor Matters**

a) Councillor Brodie has received a request for a Grit Box at Near Sawrey. She will visit the location to make an assessment.

b) Councillor Keighley has received a request for support in relation to a combined Sawrey May Queen and Coronation event taking place on 7th May 2023 at Braithwaite Hall. This will be considered at the next meeting.

007/2023 **Updates on Ongoing Issues and Actions**

a) Windermere Ferry

Councillor Brodie reported that the replacement ferry plans postponed; reasons given include economic (inflation, high costs of steel) and funding uncertainty for Council and lack of suitable tender companies. Instead of replacement, a maintenance and

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improvements programme to prolong the life of Mallard to be developed. Several questions are current unanswered in relation to this decision including : What is the Plan B maintenance and improvement programme for the Mallard? Will the Marine and Coastguard Authority accept plan B and allow the Mallard to continue in service? If the Mallard continues in service will the plans for a ticketing app go ahead? The app will provide critical information about who is using the ferry and when. What is the shortfall in funding that has prevented replacement plans to go ahead? Why wasn't the funding gap recognised sooner? Could a change in specifications (e.g., drop plans for powering with electricity, provision of on-board shop) reduce cost sufficiently to bridge the funding gap? Will the Westmorland and Furness Authority retain the ambition to replace the ferry? The Unitary Councillor has raised similar questions with the Programme Manager, Owen David.

b) Emergency Plan for the Parish

To defer to the next meeting.

c) Parish Councillor Vacancies

No candidates have put themselves forward.

d) Lengthsman

He has cleared area around bollards near Pool Bridge, Hawkshead; tidied and cleared around playground and fixed the fence by playground car park.

e) Ash Landing

South Cumbria Rivers Trust would like to discuss work they are have undertaken and are planning to do. They have suggested a site meeting in March.

008/2023 **New Agenda items**

a) Market Hall Trust

Councillor Hilton reported that Mary Alston has taken over from Tom McCann as Chair and the Trust now has a projector.

b) Road gritting/snow ploughing arrangements

Councillor Brodie reported that Cumbria County Council has not been clear about courses and training for road gritter and snow plough employed by the Parish, this is ongoing.

c) New GP Surgery arrangements at Ambleside and Hawkshead

Councillor Brodie reported that CHOC is in service until April. The Parish Council is keen to hear feedback about the service from residents.

d) Local housing

Councillor Keighley reported that the parish will be losing a residential property when one of the National Trust properties reverts to a holiday let. Over the last 10 years Claife Parish Council area has lost approximately 12 Occupied Dwellings (2011 = 145, 2021 = 133) With residents going from approximately 300 to 235 during the same period.

Resolved To keep the situation under consideration.

e) Proposed footpath diversion - 510032 at High Wray

Councillors Hilton and Whitworth attended the site visit and walked the route from Wray to the boathouse. The top part of the path as it passes the garden to High Wray bank is extremely muddy and the scheme to improve the drainage here by diverting surface water into an existing culvert can only serve to make the footpath more usable, this work is to be completed by the contractors working at High Wray Bank with the cost borne by the house owner. Further down some more drainage work is required and it is understood that the National Trust will undertake this. The last section of path going down to the boathouse on the definitive plan is shown on the left hand side of the wall, in practise walkers choose the right of the wall which is an easier route and it would seem sensible to adopt this proposed diversion, if this were done the "old" path which is bordered on one side by the wall and the other side by a fence could form a wildlife corridor.

Resolved To support the diversion of the footpath.

009/2023 Planning Applications

- a) The following planning application was considered:
- i) 7/2022/5797. Satter Knotts, Far Sawrey, Ambleside, LA22 0LW. Construction of boat house to provide wet dock, storage and ancillary accommodation, all in connection with using lake for recreation and water-based transport following withdrawal of 7/2022/5138.
Resolved
To object to the application for the following reasons:
 - i) Construction site access may impede a right of way
 - ii) Car parking location is unsuitable
 - iii) Negative impacts of sewage treatment arrangements on Lake Windermere
 - iv) Proposed tree planting unrealistic
 - v) Flood risk to site
- b) The following Planning Decisions were noted:
- i) 7/2022/5376. Satter Knotts, Far Sawrey, Ambleside, LA22 0LW. Replacement 3 bedroom dwelling and garage. Granted with conditions relating to plans, tree protection, construction statement and traffic management plans, surface water, CO2 emissions, external lighting, landscaping, stonework & roofing.
 - ii) 7/2022/5395. The Bield, Cunsey, Ambleside, LA22 0LT. Demolition of the existing boathouse, construction of a replacement boathouse with dayroom and jetty and localised dredging and associated site works. Refused.
 - iii) T/2022/0193 (Tree Work in Conservation Area). Hill Top House, Near Sawrey, Ambleside, LA22 0LF. Cherry tree (T1 in notification) - Fell to ground level. No objection.

010/2023 Financial Matters

- a) Bank Balance
Noted that the bank balance at 30 November 2022 is £11,215.78
- b) Payments
Resolved To authorise payment of the following accounts:
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| Clerk's Salary (01/10/22 – 31/12/22) | £615.82 |
| Clerk's Travel (4/10/22 & 30/11/22) @ NJC rates | £29.25 |
| Hawkshead Handyman (Lengthsman November/December 2022) | £203.00 |
| A2A Annual Web Hosting Fee | £84.00 |
| A2A (Website SSL Certificate 1 year) | £60.00 |
| High Wray Village Hall (hire) | £40.00 |
| Brooke Supplies (railing for playground car park) | £9.49 |
| Postage Stamps (second class) | £5.44 |
- c) Grant Requests
- i) High Wray Village Hall – new Defibrillator maintenance
Resolved To award a grant of £70.
 - ii) High Wray Village Hall – grass cutting & planting in High Wray
Resolved To defer to next Parish Council meeting.
- d) 2023/24 Budget and Precept
Resolved to adopt the proposed budget and set a Precept of £8,500.00 for 2023/4.

011/2023 Highways

- a) Highways items to be reported
Several potholes need to be reported to Cumbria Highways.

b) Highways items reported

Reference	Details	Response
EI/23846	Road junction markings faded / washed out . Junction of Stones Lane, Near Sawrey with B5285	Assigned to Highways Team
EI/23783	Road surface deteriorating with multiple pot holes developing. B5285 near Sawrey House Hotel	Assigned to Highways Team
EI/23796	Road surface from Belle Green to the entrance to the last house on the left of the lane.	Assigned to Highways Team
EI/23823	Passing place sign broken off post and other one unreadable, B5285 between Near and Far Sawrey.	Assigned to Highways Team
EI/23831	White lines at road junctions on B5285 in Near and Far Sawrey are faded/washed away and need replacing.	Assigned to Highways Team
EI/70844	White lines faded at junction with B5285, half way up the ferry hill road.	Assigned to Highways Team
EI/84435	Pot hole near top of Ferry Hill	Completed
EI/84443	Edge of road disintegrating - Cuckoo Brow Lane	Completed
EI/104135	Icy road	Closed
EI/106309	A metre wide and very deep pothole on B5285 in middle of road.	Assigned to Highways Team

012/2023 **Correspondence (for information only)**

The circulated correspondence was noted.

013/2023 **Date of Next Meeting**

Noted that the next Parish Council meeting will take place at 7.30pm on Tuesday 28th February 2023 at Braithwaite Hall.

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Signed & Approved by (Chair)

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Date