

**Claife Parish Council**  
**Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held at Braithwaite Hall**  
**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> August 2023**

**Attendees:** Parish Councillors A Brodie (Chair), S Hilton, K Keighley & J Whitworth, Parish Clerk L Prescott & 6 members of the public.

081/2023 **Apologies**  
None received.

082/2023 **Requests for Dispensation**  
None received.

083/2023 **Declarations of Interest**  
None received.

084/2023 **Minutes**  
**Resolved** The council approved the minutes of the last meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> June 2023

085/2023 **Public Participation**

a) Reports were received as follows:

i) Police  
None.

ii) Unitary Councillor  
None

iii) National Trust

Amy McGowan and Alice Sage advised that the National Trust at Hill Top are planning to amend the pedestrian entrance arrangements, and will be consulting with the Highways department. They also asked whether the Parish Council would consider re-siting the Parish Council Noticeboard from the Hill Top car park to an alternative location within Near Sawrey. Amy will provide more information so this proposal can be considered at the next Parish Council meeting.

b) Members of the Public

Two members of the public reported their concerns in relation to tree felling and land clearance on land adjoining Bryers Cottage, on the shore of Lake Windermere. No Felling Licence has been obtained and the works were carried out during bird nesting season. They have contacted the Forestry Commission and would support a re-stocking order being made. They have also contacted the LDNPA and were advised that no planning applications have been submitted. They request the Parish Council's support in objecting to these works. Councillor Hilton suggested that the residents contact Tim Farron MP in relation to this matter.

086/2023 **Councillor Vacancies**

Claire Hails has withdrawn her application. A resident who had expressed an interest will not be proceeding with an application, however another resident has expressed an interest and plans to attend the next meeting. A resident attending the meeting expressed an interest and is considering submitting an application.

087/2023 **Councillor Matters**  
None.

088/2023 **Updates on Ongoing Issues and Actions**

a) Windermere Ferry

Councillor Hilton reported that the ferry not been operating recently due to a mechanical breakdown and staff shortages. It will have an overhaul early in 2024.

b) Road gritting/snow ploughing arrangements

No further information received.

c) Requested new Grit Box at Near Sawrey

No further information received.

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d) Council Land

Councillor Brodie reported that she and the Clerk met with Hannah Teagle of the South Cumbria Rivers Trust (SCRT) at Ash Landing. Hannah advised the SCRT plan to continue to maintain the reedbed within the fenced area and undertaken maintenance of the fence, cut back overhanging tree branches and use them along the fence to protect the reedbed from boat wash.

Councillor Brodie also reported that the slipway area for residents to launch boats is overgrown with branches and has two large trunks which will have to be removed. The Clerk will contact an arborist in relation to the trees on the Esthwaite Land and request a proposal of works and quotations. A Felling Licence will not be required as it is a public space. The Clerk has tried again to contact Steven Foster in relation to path maintenance on this land but has not received a reply. Councillor Brodie will provide the Clerk with contact details for alternative contractors. Resolved The Clerk to contact an arborist in relation to the trees and contractor in relation to the path repairs.

e) Environmental & Water Quality

Councillor Whitworth reported that he has not received the notes from the Tackling Water Quality event on 19<sup>th</sup> June. He has also not yet been able to undertake river monitoring due to the water levels. Councillor Brodie reported that the SCRT had contacted her in relation to monitoring on Wilfin Beck, she has spoken to the landowners who are in agreement and she will ask SCRT for more information. She attended the Windermere community meeting, and SCRT have advised they will be launching a hub with information, she will circulate the link as well as information on planting trees by watercourses and grants available. Councillor Keighley suggested putting this information in the Esthwaite Link. Councillor Brodie advised there is a drop in monitoring demonstration event at White Moss Common on 9<sup>th</sup> August from 10.30 am. She will be attending the Windermere Sewage Works visit and will ask if one to could be arranged to the Hawkshead Sewage Works. She advised that the Environment Agency no longer annually inspect septic tanks and the requirement to do so has been removed.

089/2023 **New Agenda items**

a) Deposit of Statement, Map and Declaration Highways Act 1980 Section 31(6) – Graythwaite Estate

**Resolved** No response required.

b) Tree Felling and Tree Preservation Orders

Councillor Brodie reported that she and the Clerk had visited the site by Bryers Cottage where most of the trees have been felled and land completely cleared. The Clerk has contacted the Forestry Commission who advised that they are aware and their National Office colleagues are investigating.

**Resolved** To submit a formal response to the Forestry Commission supporting the investigation, protection of the remaining trees onsite and a re-stocking order. To submit the same information to the LDNPA Trees & Woodland Officer.

c) Footpath Signage

Councillor Brodie reported that pedestrians are walking on the B5285 road at Near Sawrey/Hill Top instead of using the safer Community footpath, as the wooden signs are obscured and not obvious.

She proposes the installation of additional signs at each end to clearly indicate the route of the footpath. One sign could be by the Defibrillator and another on the gate (which is on National Trust Land).

**Resolved** To support the installation of signs. Councillor Brodie to visit the sites in relation to specific sign locations.

d) CALC District AGM

Councillor Brodie reported that she attended this meeting and the Chair and Vice Chair were elected. Information was also provided in relation to grants.

e) Highways Meeting with Parish Councils

Councillor Hilton and the Clerk both attended this online meeting. Highways outlined the works they are doing as well as new pothole treatment equipment. Councillor Brodie reported that local highway works are due to take place in September.

f) New Defibrillator at High Wray

The Clerk reported that the new Defibrillator has now been installed at High Wray and the Village Hall Committee expressed their thanks to the Parish Council for their support.

090/2023 **Planning Applications**

- a) The following Planning Application was considered:
- i) 7/2023/5431. Land where existing driveway from Wraymires Cottage meets B5285, Near Sawrey, Ambleside, LA22 0JX. Widening of access for forestry operations and maintenance of existing forestry track.  
**Resolved** No objections.
- b) The following Planning Decision was noted:
- i) 7/2023/5286 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 (following refusal of planning application 7/2022/5395). Refused.
- c) Councillor Brodie attended the Development Control Committee Site Inspection meeting at the Pearsall Building. She was not asked any questions by the members. The owner was also present. The Development Control Committee meeting will probably be in September and she would be able to attend.

091/2023 **Financial Matters**

- a) Noted that the bank balance at 30 June 2023 was £16,167.89
- b) The Clerk outlined the Quarterly Financial Statement including Budget comparison and Bank Reconciliation.  
**Resolved** To approve the Quarterly Financial Statement.
- c) **Resolved** To authorise payment of the following accounts:
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| BHIB (Insurance 11/8/2023-7/8/2024) | £251.76 |
| CALC (Councillor Training)          | £30.00  |

092/2023 **Highways**

- a) Highways items to be reported  
None.
- b) Highways items reported

Date	Reference	Details	Response
01/11/2021	EI/23846	Road junction markings faded / washed out. Junction of Stones Lane, Near Sawrey with B5285	Assigned to Highways Team
01/11/2021	EI/23783	Road surface deteriorating with multiple pot holes developing B5285 near Sawrey House Hotel	Assigned to Highways Team
01/11/2021	EI/23796	Road surface from Belle Green to the entrance to the last house on the left of the lane.	Assigned to Highways Team
01/11/2021	EI/23823	Passing place sign broken off post and other one unreadable, B5285 between Near and Far Sawrey.	Assigned to Highways Team
01/11/2021	EI/23831	White lines at road junctions on B5285 in Near and Far Sawrey need replacing.	Assigned to Highways Team
07/07/2022	EI/70844	White lines faded at junction with B5285, half way up the ferry hill road.	Assigned to Highways Team
06/09/2022	EI/84443	Edge of road disintegrating - Cuckoo Brow Lane	Assigned to Highways Team
30/12/2022	EI/106309	A metre wide and very deep pothole on B5285 in middle of road.	Completed
30/01/2023	EI/119690	Blocked grid near High Wray Farm	Assigned to Highways Team
03/02/2023	EI/121178	Drain blocked, filled with debris.	Assigned to Highways Team
09/03/2023	EI/131765	Tarmac infill eroded- B5285 from Hawkshead to Sawrey East side of Pool Bridge	Assigned to Highways Team
09/03/2023	EI/131767	Grit bin empty - B5285 at bottom of Cuckoo Brow Lane, Far Sawrey LA22 0LQ	Assigned to Highways Team
09/03/2023	EI/131768	Grit bin empty - B5285 Top of Ferry Hill, Far Sawrey near junction with road to Cunsey	Assigned to Highways Team
09/03/2023	EI/131778	Drain blocked, full of debris - B5285 Far Sawrey. Next to grit bin at junction with Cuckoo Brow Lane	Completed
09/03/2023	EI/131782	Drain blocked with debris. B5285 at Far Sawrey	Assigned to Highways Team
27/04/2023	EI/147748	Edge of road and potholes B5285 between Near and Far Sawrey	Assigned to Highways Team
03/05/2023	EI/148768	Grit bin requested for Near Sawrey	Refused
10/06/2023	EI/156272	A pipe has been installed by a resident which discharges directly onto the B5285 Road.	Householder contacted
12/07/2023	EI/161952	Spoil from Brant Howe dumped on B5285 ferry hill	Assigned to Highways Team
19/07/2023	EI/163163	Large pothole on Ferry Hill	Assigned to Highways Team
19/07/2023	EI/163172	Deep Pothole on Ferry Hill	Assigned to Highways Team
19/07/2023	EI/163175	Deep pothole near Ash Landing Car Park	Assigned to Highways Team
31/08/2023	EI/164654	First drain blocked after leaving B5285 On right hand side of Cuckoo Brow Lane, Far Sawrey.	Assigned to Highways Team

093/2023 **Correspondence (for information only)**

The circulated correspondence was noted.

094/2023 **Date of Next Meeting**

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Noted that the next Parish Council meeting will take place at 7.30pm on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2023 at High Wray Village Hall.

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Signed & Approved by (Chair)

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