

**Claife Parish Council**  
**Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held at Braithwaite Hall**  
**on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2023**

**Attendees:** Parish Councillors A Brodie (Chair), S Hilton & K Keighley. Parish Clerk L Prescott & 2 members of the public.

014/2023 **Apologies**

Apologies were received and accepted from Parish Councillor J Whitworth, County Councillor M Brereton, District Councillor Wharton & Unitary Councillor S Pender.

015/2023 **Requests for Dispensation**

None received.

016/2023 **Declarations of Interest**

None received.

017/2023 **Minutes**

**Resolved** The council approved the Minutes of the last meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> January 2023.

018/2023 **Public Participation**

a) Reports

i) Police

The Clerk reported that 4 incidents were reported to the Police in December 2022 at Ferry Landing – 3 violent offences and 1 criminal damage.

ii) County Councillor

Councillor Brereton submitted a written report advising he has contacted Karl Melville in relation to the lack of clarity over the local gritting arrangements and has also raised with members of the executives on both existing and shadow authorities the unsatisfactory situation regarding Highways works. He has also asked for information regarding the Windermere Ferry situation but has received no response in relation to a potential replacement.

iii) District Councillors

Councillor Wharton submitted a written report advising that the main focus is the Local Government Reorganisation. The Lake Administration meeting included the Annual Report and Lake Warden/Ranger operations, but not the future management of the Lake Bed. The Waterbird Hydroplane will be flying again on 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> May.

iv) Unitary Councillor

No report.

v) National Trust

Mr J Moffat reported that Hill Top will be re-opening this coming weekend (5 days/week, closed Thursday/Friday) and the other locations (Wray Castle/Coniston Gondola/the Gallery) in March, until the end of the October Half Term. The outdoor sites and cafés have remained open and the campsite is to be partially opened. The advance booking system will remain in place for Hill Top, with 6 days/week opening from April (closed Friday). Staff are currently being recruited. They are working with Mountain Goat on restarting the service to/from the Ferry, if that isn't feasible they may talk to Stagecoach. A shuttle bus from Bowness to Ferry House is also being planned. The Parish Council will be advised if/when services are operational. The NT will be printing a leaflet to be delivered to outdoor sites/holiday lets and asked whether the Parish Council might support – this request will be considered at the next Parish Council meeting. The West Shore tree felling works have been completed, the next focus is on the removal of diseased ash and larch trees.

Defibrillators have been provided at Hill Top and Wray but are only accessible by staff. The Claife Toilets will be re-opened at the weekend following maintenance works. One property in the Parish will become a holiday let, however 2 properties in another Parish will become permanent lets. Changes to the EPC has resulted in additional works being required on some properties before they can be re-let. Checks on overnight camping near the Lake will re-start this weekend, the partnership created in 2020 is still in place. The Southern Trail is expected to reach the ferry in due course, NT have 4 fields in Cunsey on the route which they have agreed can be included in this. The Love Windermere Partnership event is being held from 3 to 7 pm at Brockhole on 14<sup>th</sup> February 2023.

b) Members of the Public

A member of the public raised concerns regarding blocked culverts and drains on the Cunsey road, requested an additional grit box, an update on the Ferry replacement and the situation regarding a Post Office in Hawkshead. Councillor Brodie agreed to walk the route with the member of public and report any issues to Cumbria Highways, advised a suitable off-road location is required for a new grit box, also the Ferry replacement is currently on hold and she or the Clerk can be contacted for updates. Councillor Hilton advised that a request has been received to use the Market Hall as a Post Office for 2 sessions a week and this is supported.

019/2023 **Councillor Matters**

None.

020/2023 **Updates on Ongoing Issues and Actions**

a) Windermere Ferry

Councillor Brodie reported there is no new information available and it is not clear whether the Ferry Advisory Group will continue.

b) Emergency Plan for the Parish

To defer to the next meeting.

a) Parish Councillor Vacancies

The Clerk submitted an article to the Esthwaite Link but it had not been published. Councillor Keighley provided the current email for a future submission.

**Resolved** Submit article to Esthwaite Link.

b) Lengthsman

Councillor Brodie will contact the lengthsman regarding checking/clearing round grit boxes, litter collection at Esthwaite, cleaning signs, removing saplings & scrub by playground car park. Councillor Keighley advised that ash trees will need to be checked for disease before they grow too high.

**Resolved** Councillor Brodie will check where ash trees are located on Parish Council land.

c) Ash Landing

The Clerk reported a site meeting was proposed in March, however she suggested to defer the meeting to April or May.

**Resolved** To arrange a site meeting in April or May.

d) Road gritting/snow ploughing arrangements

Councillor Brodie raised this issue during a Westmorland and Furness Council update meeting and has been given a contact at Eden District Council (EDC) who will investigate the training arrangements at Cumbria County Council. The Clerk has provided details of the courses and the 3 published names she has attempted to contact at the County Council to the EDC contact.

**Resolved** The Clerk to liaise with the contact regarding the courses.

e) New GP Surgery arrangements at Ambleside and Hawkshead

Councillor Keighley reported that same day appointments are now available at the Surgery.

- f) Local housing  
Councillor Keighley proposed liaising with Lakeland Housing Trust in relation to potential new sites/properties for permanent residences within the Parish.  
**Resolved** Councillor Keighley to contact the Chair of Lakeland Housing Trust.

#### 021/2023 **New Agenda items**

- a) Proposed new Grit Box at Near Sawrey  
Councillor Brodie is liaising with Paul Farrington regarding a proposed site for the grit box near the Hotel at Near Sawrey.  
**Resolved** To submit a request to Highways once the location is agreed.
- b) Marking the Coronation  
Medal and mug options for children in the Parish were considered  
**Resolved** To purchase 70 mm gold and black colour Coronation medals with a ribbon (for the children in the Parish) with engraving 'Presented by Claife Parish Council' from Trophies Plus Medals.
- c) Love Windermere Partnership  
Councillor Brodie reported that she attended a meeting arranged by ACT attended by a small number of local parish councillors. Concerns were raised about the lack of representation by Parish Councils on the Love Windermere Partnership. She raised the issue of the lack of conversations between the Planning Authority and Environment Agency in relation to sewage discharges for developments requiring planning permission. Councillors raised concerns that that the LWP members may not be fully considering the impact of their own actions on water quality. There is a Love Windermere Partnership drop in on 14<sup>th</sup> February. The Clerk reported that the representative from United Utilities has confirmed she will attend the Parish Council meeting in April.
- d) Risk Assessment & Management (Financial)  
The Risk Assessment & Management (Financial) document was considered. No revisions were required from the previous year's documents.  
**Resolved** To approve the Risk Assessment.
- e) New Grants Policy  
The draft New Grants Policy and Application Form were considered.  
**Resolved** To approve the Grants Policy and Application Form and publish on the website.

#### 022/2023 **Planning Applications**

- a) The following planning application was considered:  
7/2022/5734. Brant Howe, Far Sawrey, Ambleside, LA22 0LW. Side extension to existing dwelling.  
**Resolved** To object to the application unless the following issues are addressed:  
No construction method statement indicating access, parking and storage of materials and excavated materials.  
Sewage – no information confirming whether current package treatment system is adequate for the increase in bedrooms and bathrooms.  
Surface water – no information advising how surface water will be managed as footprint of property is doubled.  
Light pollution – increased windows and no information regarding external lighting in a 'dark skies' location.
- b) The following Planning Decision was noted:  
7/2022/5760. High Wray Bank, High Wray, Ambleside, LA22 0JD. Non-material amendment to planning permission 7/2021/5236 (Demolitions, extensions and alterations). Approved unconditionally.

023/2023 **Financial Matters**

a) Bank Balance

Noted that the bank balance at 31 January 2023 is £10,048.78.

b) Quarterly Financial Statement

The Clerk outlined the Quarterly Financial Statement including Budget comparison and Bank Reconciliation.

**Resolved** To approve the Quarterly Financial Statement.

b) Payments

**Resolved** To authorise payment of the following accounts:

Community Heartbeat Trust (Far Sawrey Emergency Phone Annual Rental) £72.00  
 A2A (Domain Name Registration) £36.00

c) Grant Request

High Wray Village Hall – grass cutting & planting in High Wray

**Resolved** To award a grant of £100.

024/2023 **Highways**

a) Highways items to be reported

None.

b) Highways items reported

Councillor Brodie reported that E/106309 has been repaired.

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/106309	A metre wide and very deep pothole on B5285 in middle of road.	Assigned to Highways Team
EI/119690	Blocked grid near High Wray Farm	Assigned to Highways Team
		CCC Safety Inspection team have recently raised this report and the relevant team have been made aware.
EI/121138	Large pothole - entering the C5026 from B5285 in Near Sawrey (bollard placed in)	

025/2023 **Correspondence (for information only)**

The circulated correspondence was noted.

026/2023 **Date of Next Meeting**

Noted that the next Parish Council meeting will take place at 7.30pm on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2023 at High Wray Village Hall.

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 Signed & Approved by (Chair)

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 Date