

Claife Parish Council
Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held at High Wray Village Hall
Tuesday 20th June 2023

Attendees: Parish Councillors A Brodie (Chair), K Keighley & J Whitworth, Unitary Councillor S Pender, Parish Clerk L Prescott & 1 member of the public.

067/2023 **Apologies**

Apologies were received and accepted from Parish Councillor S Hilton & Ms C Hails.

068/2023 **Requests for Dispensation**

None received.

069/2023 **Declarations of Interest**

None received.

070/2023 **Minutes**

Resolved The council approved the minutes of the last meeting held on 23rd May 2023

071/2023 **Public Participation**

a) Reports were received as follows:

i) Police

The Clerk reported that the Police reported the following incidents in April 2023 – 1 Burglary & 1 theft at Low Wray and 1 violent incident at Near Sawrey.

ii) Unitary Councillor

Unitary Councillor Pender reported that she has been working on several areas:

- Holding Councillor Surgeries on the last Friday of the month at Coniston, Torver, Hawkshead, Colton & Lowick. In Hawkshead it is from 1 to 1.30 pm at Minstrels Gallery.
- She met with Graham Wheelhouse, local highways officer & she will continue to meet with him monthly. She raised a number of outstanding items relating to roads and he said a jet packer would be sent within a month to deal with various potholes. She has sent an update to the Parish Council on planned works. She has also had site visits to 3 roads with Highways Engineer Victoria Upton. Councillor Brodie reported concerns regarding filled potholes deteriorating within months on various locations in the Parish, the refusal of a requested grit bin in the parish without specifying the criteria or assisting in find an acceptable location, difficulty arranging training for the parish-employed gritting contractor & strimming around to bollards on the road between Hawkshead and Colthouse. Councillor Pender agreed to follow up on these.
- Ferry maintenance is planned for March 2024, there is no other information available on its operation. A member of the public raised concerns regarding the unreliability of the ferry service due to staff shortages, lack of information available to indicate whether services are operating and an incident where a staff member was abusive. Councillor Brodie reported that the FBA webcam is not working but Twitter updates are available. Councillor Keighley suggested Facebook updates would reach a wider audience. Councillor Pender is aware the ferry mobile number is unavailable and is working with the Comms team, she will also raise the other communication issues with Comms.
- The Unitary Council are supportive of the installation of 20 mph zones.
- She is working with Cadent and United Utilities in relation to emergency road closures and has asked them to notify parishes when works are to be undertaken.
- Bathing water in Coniston
- Hawkshead rejuvenation.
- Cabinet members are willing to attend Parish Council meetings in relation to issues relevant to their portfolio.

iii) National Trust

Councillor Brodie reported she has received a report from Laura Ruxton, who is standing in for John Moffat during his absence. The unreliability of the ferry service is creating major difficulties for Hill Top staff and visitors who wish to support sustainable transport and the National Trust has written to the Unitary Council in relation to this.

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- b) Members of the Public
A member of the public raised concerns regarding the large quantity of campervans parking overnight near Harrowslack and the missing 'no camping' sign at Ash Landing Car Park. Councillor Keighley reported that the barrier had been damaged/opened, but is now fixed and there have been problems with litter and waste and scorch marks from fires. The National Trust are aware but have limited staff to deal with the issue. Councillor Whitworth reported similar problems at Red Nab. Unitary Councillor Pender advised that there is an email to report these issues, help@lakedistrict.gov.uk, which is monitored 7 days/week and staff will attend and move people on.

072/2023 **Councillor Vacancies**

One candidate has expressed an interest in one of the 2 vacancies on the Parish Council in the Upper Ward and submitted a written application. This was considered by the Parish Councillors. **Resolved** Proposed by Councillor Brodie, seconded by Councillor Keighley and agreed unanimously to co-opt Claire Hails as Parish Councillor for the Upper Ward.

073/2023 **Councillor Matters**

Councillor Whitworth raised concerns regarding the speed of vehicles at Wray road end, which is in Hawkshead Parish. Unitary Councillor Pender will raise this with Highways Engineer Victoria Upton.

074/2023 **Updates on Ongoing Issues and Actions**

a) Windermere Ferry

Councillor Brodie reported that Laura Ruxton has suggested that the National Trust and the Parish Council send a joint letter to Tim Farron MP in relation to the unreliability of the ferry service and the difficulties this is causing for residents, staff and visitors.

Resolved To send a joint letter to Tim Farron MP.

b) Ash Landing

Councillor Brodie reported that she and Councillor Hilton had cleared all the litter from the land at Ash Landing owned by the Parish Council. She also reported that some roadside walls are damaged and in need of repair.

Resolved Councillor Keighley to take photographs of the damaged walls in order to identify whether it is a Highways or Parish Council responsibility to repair.

c) Road gritting/snow ploughing arrangements

Refer to Unitary Councillor report - 071/2023 a) ii)

d) New GP Surgery arrangements

Councillor Brodie reported that Hawkshead surgery is seeking volunteers to join a Patient Participation Group.

e) Local housing

No report

f) Requested new Grit Box at Near Sawrey

Refer to Unitary Councillor report - 071/2023 a) ii)

g) Maintenance on Council Land

Councillor Brodie reported that no action has yet been taken but reported that a hanging branch on a memorial tree noticed in 2022 is still in place and has not been removed.

h) Environmental & Water Quality

Councillor Whitworth reported that he was unable to attend the Tackling Water Quality event on 19th June but will receive and circulate the information.

075/2023 **New Agenda items**

a) Transport Options in the Lake District Survey

Resolved To submit individual responses

b) LDNPA Changes to Housing Supplementary Planning Document

Resolved No objections

c) Tree Preservation Orders within the Parish

The Clerk reported that notification has been received of a new Tree Preservation Order at the Pearsall Building. She also reported that the LDPNA Tree & Woodland Officer has

advised that anyone can requested a TPO be placed on any tree provided 2 criteria are satisfied – public amenity value & expediency.

076/2023 **Planning Applications**

- a) No planning applications were considered.
- b) The following Planning Decision was noted:
 - i) T/2023/0038 (Tree Work in Conservation Area). Howe End, Far Sawrey, Ambleside, LA22 0LQ. Fell 1 beech tree, 2 sycamore, 5 ash trees and fir trees. Prune several trees (mainly ash, sycamore, willow and holly). Remove 2 dead trees that have fallen over. No objection.

077/2023 **Financial Matters**

- a) Noted that the bank balance at 31 May 2023 was £18,100.91
- b) **Resolved** To authorise payment of the following accounts:

Community Heartbeat Trust (Annual Support – 2 defibrillators)	£302.40
CALC (Councillor Training)	£30.00
Clerk’s Salary (01/04/23 – 30/06/23)	£697.58
Clerk’s Travel (04/04/2023 & 23/05/2023) @ NJC rates	£29.25
Yellow Line Marking Spray	£16.99
- c) Grant Request - High Wray Village Hall
 A grant has been requested towards the balance of new defibrillator annual maintenance cost, £70 being awarded previously, leaving a balance of £81.20.
Resolved To award a grant of £81.20.
- d) Maintenance Costs – High Wray Defibrillator
 High Wray Village Hall have requested that from 2024 the Parish Council take over responsibility for the cost of maintenance of the new defibrillator.
Resolved The Parish Council to undertake responsibility for the cost of maintenance of the defibrillator from 2024.

078/2023 **Highways**

- a) Highways items to be reported
None.
- b) Highways items reported
Councillor Keighley reported that item EI/147779 has now been completed.

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/84443	Edge of road disintegrating - Cuckoo Brow Lane	Assigned to Highways Team
EI/106309	A metre wide and very deep pothole on B5285 in middle of road.	Completed
EI/119690	Blocked grid near High Wray Farm	Assigned to Highways Team
EI/121178	Drain blocked, filled with debris.	Assigned to Highways Team
EI/131765	Tarmac infill eroded- B5285 from Hawkshead to Sawrey East side of Pool Bridge	Assigned to Highways Team
EI/131767	Grit bin empty - B5285 at bottom of Cuckoo Brow Lane, Far Sawrey LA22 0LQ	Assigned to Highways Team
EI/131768	Grit bin empty - B5285 Top of Ferry Hill, Far Sawrey near junction with road to Cunsey	Assigned to Highways Team
EI/131778	Drain blocked, full of debris - B5285 Far Sawrey. Next to grit bin at junction with Cuckoo Brow Lane	Assigned to Highways Team
EI/131782	Drain blocked with debris. B5285 at Far Sawrey	Assigned to Highways Team
EI/147750	Pothole B5285 Close to West Vale, Far Sawrey	Assigned to Highways Team
EI/147748	Edge of road and potholes B5285 between Near and Far Sawrey	Assigned to Highways Team
EI/147779	Multiple deep potholes between Joyey's Cafe and first cattle grid and gate as head towards Harrowslack	Highways team aware
EI/148768	Grit bin requested for Near Sawrey	Assigned to Highways Team

079/2023 **Correspondence (for information only)**

The circulated correspondence was noted.

080/2023 **Date of Next Meeting**

Noted that the next Parish Council meeting will take place at 7.30pm on Tuesday 8th August 2023 at Braithwaite Hall.

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Signed & Approved by (Chair)

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