

Claife Parish Council

**Minutes of Claife Parish Council meeting
held in the High Wray Village Hall, High Wray at 7.30pm on Tuesday 31st July 2018**

Present: Cllrs (Chair) J Mallett, (ViceChair) R Bonham
Cllr – S Hilton.
Clerk – J Heather

In attendance: 5 members of the public and Anne Hall, District Councillor

Minute Number		Action By
169/2018	1. Apologies Apologies were received from Cllr Brodie and Cllr Brereton (arrived at 7.40).	
170/2018	2. Requests for Dispensations No requests received.	
171/2018	3. Declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests in respect of Agenda items None declared. Cllr Bonham commented that should matters involving the Lakeland Housing Trust be discussed, he would have to recuse himself from the discussion.	
172/2018	4. Minutes RESOLVED: Cllrs approved the minutes of 26 th June & 10 th July and the Chair signed both as a true record. Cllrs also approved an amendment to correct the minutes of 13 th March. The Chair signed the amendment and requested that it be appended to the minute book.	Clerk
173/2018	5. Public Participation No <u>police report</u> was received. No <u>National Trust (NT)</u> report was received. <u>County Councillor Brereton</u> – reported on Cumbria County Council (CCC)'s handling of the Windermere Ferry breakdown. There will be a public meeting for residents and business holders in Hawkshead on August 7th. There has been some difficulty getting the responsible CCC officers to attend due to holidays, but there will be CCC representation. Engine repair has commenced and October has been suggested for return to service, but this is not definite, and could be as late as Spring 2019. A main issue is liability with regards to safety concerns; CCC as the operator needs to demonstrate absence of liability before it can be returned to service. Cllr Brereton is pushing for the service failure of the Ferry to be held to the same scrutiny as the service failure on the Lakes Line. CCC has stated annual contracts will be refunded on a pro-rata basis, but Cllr Brereton is pushing for a refund for the annual amount and advises residents to keep records of losses, e.g. petrol & mileage to support compensation claims. Cllr Airey is requesting a compensation scheme for businesses. The Hawkshead meeting is also to discuss ways to mitigate the impact for businesses for the rest of the season, e.g. a shuttle bus service from Bowness. Cllrs asked whether a cost analysis should be carried out for Ferry performance given recent problems including the ticket machines and the latest failure, as this impacts ratepayers. It was commented that the Ferry service has been a problem for many years and CCC should be pressured to provide a better service.	

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174/2018	<p>Cllr Brereton responded that there should be an opportunity for a future review. He also reported that he is Vice-Chair of the <u>Lake Administration Committee</u>, which manages moorings, slipways, jetties and lake wardens. He would like to have meetings hosted on both sides of the lake to increase west side involvement.</p> <p><u>District Councillor - Anne Hall</u> <u>Waste collection and recycling</u> - South Lakes District Council (SLDC) are developing an online interface (Customer Connect) to get rubbish collection, recycling and other issues to be reported online, which will be an estimated £8m saving. She also noted that parishioners can ask for a blue bin for cardboard recycling if needed. <u>Housing</u> – council tax collected from second homes is divided partly between Cumbria County Council (CCC) and SLDC. The SLDC portion goes towards supporting Housing Associations to develop affordable housing. SLDC is aware that with the introduction of small business rate relief, holiday homes do not currently pay anything towards rates, so efforts are being made to see if there is a way to close the loophole. Also, any home empty for more than 2 years should pay an additional 50% premium. <u>Tour of Britain</u> – SLDC is encouraging decorations that can be seen from the air. There may be funding available from SLDC. <u>LDNPA Planning Applications</u> – SLDC are aware that the move by LDNPA to have all planning application information online has made it difficult for parish councils to review some parts of planning applications, particularly architects' drawings which need to be printed on paper larger than A4 to be legible. They are talking to LDNPA to try to come up with a better solution.</p> <p>Cllrs commented that some local holiday homes have been observed using SLDC bins for waste collection when they should be using commercial waste collection. This is particularly unfair when holiday homes benefit from small business rate relief.</p>	
175/2018	<p>A member of the public raised concerns about the confusing ferry diversion signs at Hawkshead which point in both directions. Cllr Brereton will take photos and follow this up with CCC Highways.</p>	
176/2018	<p>Two members of the public raised concerns about planning application 7/2018/5363 for 1 Lakefield Cottages, Near Sawrey, LA22 0LB, for which the consultation period closed on 26-Jul-2018 (Review of this planning application took place at the previous council meeting on July 10th, see minute 167/2018). They felt that there is insufficient parking in the proposed layout for the 4 homes on the plot. Cllrs agreed that parking is a concern but believe the greater good is the development of affordable housing in the parish, hence the council's support for the application. Anne Hall noted that SLDC are currently doing a housing survey and will be using Hawkshead and Claife Parishes as the starting point of the survey.</p>	
177/2018	<p>6. Update on Ongoing Issues and Actions from Last Meeting</p> <p>6.1 To report on the registration of Claife Parish Council land at HM Land Registry Cllr Bonham reported that the council is taking steps to ensure that all Parish Council land is properly registered.</p> <p>6.2 To update on the Councillor vacancies Two applications have been received, from Pat Lennon, a resident of High Wray, and Chris Lewis, a resident of Near Sawrey.</p>	
178/2018	<p>RESOLVED: Pat Lennon was co-opted as councillor for the Upper Ward. Pat Lennon was present at the meeting and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office which was then witnessed by the Clerk.</p>	

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	RESOLVED: Chris Lewis was co-opted as councillor for the Upper Ward. Clerk was asked to write to Mr Lewis and arrange for his Acceptance of Office.	Clerk
179/2018	<u>6.3 To note the council's response to the Living Lakes Local Plan Review</u> RESOLVED: Cllr Brodie collated the council's views and sent a response on July 3rd on behalf of the council.	
180/2018	<u>6.4 To consider whether a thank you gift should be arranged for Dr Chris Lane</u> RESOLVED: Cllrs agreed a private thank you gift would be arranged by those Cllrs who had served with Dr Lane.	Chair
181/2018	7. Planning Applications No planning applications received.	
182/2018	8. Highways Matters RESOLVED: Clerk was asked to write to Highways regarding the following priority issues for the council: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • traffic management between Near Sawrey and Hawkshead; • Road collapse between Poole Bridge and Town End at Hawkshead; • Re-marking of the white lines in the middle of the road from Far Sawrey to Hawkshead along with replacement signs; • Re-marking of the yellow lines in Near Sawrey; • Resurfacing of Stones Lane; • Resurfacing of Cuckoo Brow Lane <p>Cllr Brereton asked that the council also report any drains that appear to be blocked now the prolonged dry spell appears to be over.</p>	Clerk
183/2018	9. Windermere Ferry A public meeting on the ferry will be held in the Upper Market Hall, Hawkshead on Tuesday 7 th August 7.30pm. Residents and businesses are encouraged to attend.	
184/2018	10. Councillor Matters RESOLVED: NALC are looking for views from councillors regarding the rural economy. Cllr Brodie volunteered by e-mail to follow this up. RESOLVED: A member of the public has raised an issue regarding damage to the village triangle and fence in High Wray after a traffic accident on May 23 rd . 2 posts need renewing. It was also requested that if the chain needs to be replaced, that part of it be replaced with a chain and hook, to enable easier mower access. Cllrs Bonham and Lennon will follow this up.	Cllr Brodie Cllrs Bonham and Lennon
185/2018	11. Financial Matters <u>11.1 To note the quarterly financial report.</u> RESOLVED: Cllrs noted the financial report. Bank balance at 30 th June 2018 was £14475.17. Projected balance at the end of this fiscal year is > £6000. Cllrs noted that this report does not include any VAT recovery owing to NT.	
186/2018	<u>11.2 To note receipt of recovered VAT from 2017-18, the sum of £3234.80.</u> RESOLVED: Cllrs noted receipt of the recovered VAT. The Clerk was asked to enquire of Paul Wrobel and Cllr Brodie how much of this is owed back to NT.	Clerk

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187/2018	<p><u>11.3 To authorise payment of the following accounts:</u> RESOLVED: Cheques were signed for the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clerk's Salary £149.46 • Clerk's Expenses £70.69 • Clerk's Overtime £196.16 • Locum Clerk's Salary £100.80 • HMRC – PAYE (Locum Clerk) £25.20 • National Trust final path invoice £2439.10 • Mark Phillips' settlement payment £375.00 	
188/2018	<p><u>11.4 To consider a contribution towards annual servicing of the Sawrey defibrillators</u> RESOLVED: Cllrs deferred a decision on contribution until further clarification about the council's financial position is available.</p>	
189/2018	<p>12. Correspondence RESOLVED: Cllrs noted the following e-mails & correspondence received since the last meeting:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>CALC</u> – Remembrance Day Silhouette Grants: deadline extended; June north west coastal access update; planning training events in September; High Court decision against Ledbury Town Council; ACT Gazette Summer 2018; Certificate of Exemption from External Audit AGAR 1 & 2 only; CALC newsletter July 2018; CALC AGM 2018; Developing Your Skills & September training update; Warning Re Trees in Drought • <u>LDNPA</u> – LDNPA Change to Planning Consultation; Planning Permission granted for 7/2018/5147; Listed Building Consent granted for 7/2018/5208 • <u>SLDC</u> - South Lakeland and Eden District Councils' Joint Older Persons' Housing Strategy 2018-2025; SLDC Agenda for July 24th 2018. • <u>Hawkshead Parish Council</u> – minutes 19th June, agenda 17th July; minutes 17th July. • <u>National Trust</u> – Inv No 3061685 for Hawkshead/Sawrey Off-Road Bridleway. • <u>Sportive Lakes</u> – Velo Retro Vintage Cycling Event July 15th. • <u>Friends of the Lake District</u> – rally on Latrigg, 4th August. • <u>NALC</u>: Call for Evidence: Rural Economy 	
190/2018	<p>13. Next Meeting The next meeting will be on Tuesday 18th September at Braithwaite Village Hall at 7.30pm.</p>	

Meeting closed 20.50pm

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Signed & Approved by (Chair)

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