

Claife Parish Council

Minutes of Claife Parish Council meeting held in the Braithwaite Hall, Far Sawrey at 7.30pm on Tuesday 11th December 2018

Present: Cllrs (Chair) J Mallett, (ViceChair) R Bonham
Cllrs – A Brodie; C Lewis; P Lennon; S Hilton.
Clerk – J Heather

In attendance: 1 representative for the National Trust

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| 252/2018 | <p>1. Apologies No apologies were received.</p> | |
| 253/2018 | <p>2. Requests for Dispensations No requests received.</p> | |
| 254/2018 | <p>3. Declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests in respect of Agenda items None declared.</p> | |
| 255/2018 | <p>4. Minutes RESOLVED: Cllrs approved the minutes of 30th October and 8th November and the Chair signed those as a true record.</p> | |
| 256/2018 | <p>5. Public Participation A <u>Police report</u> was received. There were 15 calls for service during the period 1st August – 9th December including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 incidences of Highway Disruption with some parking issues at HillTop; 2 crimes of theft; 2 RTCs; 3 suspicious incidents; 1 crime of fraud; 1 concern for welfare; 1 crime of assault. <p>There have been a number of burglaries of outbuildings, sheds and construction sites. Insecure tools, equipment, machinery and bikes have been stolen throughout South Cumbria. Please ensure that bike locks are used as well as locking sheds and garages.</p> <p>An internet communication group has been created called Cumbria Community Messaging, www.cumbriacommunitymessaging.co.uk. It is free to join and will share information from Cumbria Neighbourhood Watch Association, Cumbria Constabulary, Cumbria County Council and Cumbria Fire and Rescue Service. Residents are encouraged to join.</p> <p><u>No County Council (CCC) report</u> was received. <u>No District Council (SLDC) report</u> was received.</p> | |
| 257/2018 | <p>A <u>National Trust (NT) report</u> was received. Most properties are closed for the winter and will reopen 16th February for half-term onwards. Hill Top will continue to not accept coach bookings. The lead theft that was reported was from Wray Castle. A project is underway to put fibre broadband into Wray Castle so that should reduce internet load on Wray area and increase bandwidth.</p> <p>The planning application to extend the number of days of use of the secondary carpark at HillTop has been withdrawn because it was going to be turned down by LDNPA. There is believed to be some concern</p> | |

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| | <p>from a World Heritage Centre perspective about the appearance of creating a new carpark. The application cannot be resubmitted for 2 years, and will require a Transport Management Strategy, so the NT will ask for CPC support at resubmission.</p> <p>Phytopthera has had a small impact in Claife and affected timber will be removed this winter by NT, Forestry Commission and private landowners. Trucks are supposed to use the road north towards Ambleside, although Cllrs commented that some large trucks have been observed coming south along the Colthouse road.</p> <p>South Cumbria Water Management Group keep a record of large flooding events like Storm Desmond, but have become aware that smaller communities have been missed, and are now trying to add those to the record. The council should be contacted by them shortly or contact will be made via the National Trust.</p> <p>The Parish Plan for 2019 was queried, Cllr Brodie asked the Clerk to add this to the next agenda. NT were asked to attend with their 2019 plan.</p> | Clerk |
| | <p>6. Update on Ongoing Issues and Actions from Last Meeting</p> <p>258/2018 <u>6.1 To report on the repair of the village triangle in High Wray</u> RESOLVED: Repair is underway and costs have been paid by insurance.</p> <p>259/2018 <u>6.2 To update on the lengthsman contract</u> UNRESOLVED: To be deferred until next meeting.</p> | |
| | <p>7. Planning Applications</p> <p>260/2018 <u>7.1 To note the council's response to planning application 7/2018/5655 The Riddings, Far Sawrey, LA22 0LW</u> RESOLVED: As the council had no objections to the application, it was considered that this application did not warrant an extraordinary public meeting. An informal response of no objection was sent to LDNPA.</p> <p>261/2018 <u>7.2 To consider the council's response to tree work application T/2018/0162 Pepperyeat Fold, Far Sawrey LA22 0LH.</u> RESOLVED: The council has no objection to this application. The Clerk was asked to convey this response to LDNPA.</p> <p>262/2018 <u>7.3 To consider the council's response to tree work application T/2018/0171 Scutcheon House Farm, Far Sawrey LA22 0LQ.</u> RESOLVED: The council has no objection to this application. The Clerk was asked to convey this response to LDNPA.</p> <p>263/2018 <u>7.4 To consider the council's response to the National Trust's Forest Management Plans for Claife and Wray.</u> RESOLVED: Cllr Lennon offered to bring together a group of Wray volunteers to help with the bird surveys. Cllrs were encouraged to respond via the Clerk for a Council response before the consultation period closes on 15th December.</p> | Clerk Clerk Clerk |

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| 264/2018 | <p><u>7.5 To approve the council's application for the grant assistance of £250 offered by LDNPA to help view planning applications.</u> RESOLVED: The council approves this application. The Clerk was asked to respond to LDNPA accordingly.</p> | Clerk |
| 265/2018 | <p><u>7.6 To consider the council's response to the Julian Glover review of National Parks and AONB</u> RESOLVED: Cllrs were encouraged to make their own responses directly to the website. Response required by 18th December.</p> | All Cllrs |
| 266/2018 | <p><u>7.7 To consider the council's response to tree work application T/2018/0172 Sawrey Institute and Reading Room, Far Sawrey.</u> RESOLVED: The Clerk advised the council that this tree work application was currently in the LDNPA system, but that the council had not received the usual notification from LDNPA and hence the application had been omitted from the agenda. The council agreed to respond informally with "No objection". The Clerk was also asked to contact LDNPA to ask why the usual notification was not received.</p> | Clerk |
| | <p>8. Highways Matters</p> | |
| 267/2018 | <p><u>8.1 To discuss the list of incidents and near-misses as compiled by Councillors</u> RESOLVED: Ongoing. The Clerk was asked to contact the PCSO for details of the parking issues at HillTop mentioned in her report. Cllrs commented there appeared to be more crime reported than normal.</p> | Clerk |
| 268/2018 | <p><u>8.2 To update on council arrangements for the snowplough/gritter and grit/salt delivery.</u> RESOLVED: Cllr Mallett met with Cllr Wood from Hawkshead PC (HPC) to discuss the snowplough. It was agreed that payment needs to be arranged so that both councils can claim their portion of VAT. The Cllrs also discussed extending the snowplough coverage to some additional roads in Claife Parish, but before this can be approved, the snowplough contractor will need to check accessibility and CCC will have to agree. It may be difficult for the snowplough to access Cuckoo Brow Lane (Far Sawrey) and the road to Belle Grange (Wray) due to the lack of turning space. Cllr Wood will arrange a meeting with the snowplough contractor and Cllr Mallett to finalise the arrangements. Wray grit bins were filled last week after Cllr Lennon contacted Highways. Grit bins in Sawrey have not yet been filled. Cllr Brodie will follow up.</p> | Cllr Mallett Cllr Brodie |
| 269/2018 | <p><u>8.3 To update on the reporting of flooding between Town End and Poole Bridge</u> RESOLVED: Ongoing. The Clerk has written to Highways, Natural England, South Cumbria Rivers Trust and Myles Sandys and has received responses from all. Cllrs feel responses indicate that the situation is not well understood. Cllrs would like to convene a site meeting in January with all the stakeholders to get the issue properly reviewed. More photos will be taken and Cllrs were asked to list the stakeholders required at the meeting and send to the Clerk for compilation in preparation for arranging the meeting.</p> | All Cllrs Clerk |

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| 270/2018 | <p><u>8.4 To consider joining the Cumbria Strategic Flood Partnership</u> RESOLVED: The Clerk was asked to contact HPC regarding formation of a sub-group, then to respond to the Strategic Flood Partnership with sub-group details.</p> | Clerk |
| 271/2018 | <p>9. Windermere Ferry RESOLVED: Nothing to report.</p> | |
| 272/2018 | <p>10. Councillor Matters <u>10.1 To update on reports of 4x4 vehicles using Scarhouse Lane in Colthouse.</u> RESOLVED: Cllr Bonham reported that he has been monitoring Scarhouse Lane since the issue was raised, but has not seen much 4x4 traffic. He will continue to monitor. The Clerk was asked to write to the parishioner to advise that the Parish Council does not have the power to change the Greenlane status of the lane.</p> | Cllr Bonham Clerk |
| 273/2018 | <p><u>10.2 To discuss the opportunity for an additional defibrillator installation in High or Low Wray.</u> RESOLVED: It was agreed that the best site for an additional defibrillator would be at Wray Lodge so can be used by Wray residents and Wray Castle or Wray campsite visitors, but it would need to be somewhere with 24hr accessibility. There was an old community defibrillator in Wray – Cllr Lennon to find out what happened to it and whether there is interest for a new defibrillator in Wray at the Village Hall.</p> | Cllr Lennon |
| 274/2018 | <p><u>10.3 Other issues</u> RESOLVED: Cllr Brodie reported that the ongoing work on Jemima Cottage, Far Sawrey has damaged some field drains so water is coming through the field/wall onto the highway, Cuckoo Brow Lane, damaging the lane surface. Cllr Lennon reported a similar situation is occurring in Wray from some land owned by the NT. The Clerk was asked to write to the NT to ask them to seek repair with United Utilities.</p> | Clerk |
| 275/2018 | <p>11. Financial Matters <u>11.1 To note that the bank balance stood at £8471.75 at 31st Oct 2018.</u> RESOLVED: Cllrs noted the bank balance.</p> | |
| 276/2018 | <p><u>11.2 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 £224.18 • Clerk's Overtime £93.41 • Clerk's expenses £29.05 • High Wray Hall rental for meetings £40.00 • CALC Invoice TR1662 for Cllr training 08.11.18/22.11.18 £160.00 | |
| 277/2018 | <p><u>11.3 To approve the draft budget for 2019/20 for the purpose of setting the 2019 precept.</u> RESOLVED: Cllrs reviewed the budget and agreed that the precept needs to be raised to cover increases in lengthsman's fees, snowplough costs and solicitors fees for land registration, as it has not been increased for several years. The council approved an increase of £1000.</p> | Clerk |

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| 278/2018 | <u>11.4 To approve the NALC amendments to the council's standing orders.</u> RESOLVED: Approved. | |
| 279/2018 | 12. Correspondence RESOLVED: Cllrs noted the additional following e-mails & correspondence received since the last meeting (items requiring action are in italics):- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CALC – ACT Issue 31; Friday round up (training); Public Toilets Exempt from Business Rates; Flood Hub website is Live; <i>Making Tax Digital for VAT</i>; Chainsaw Course Enquiry; NALC Spring Conference; LED light installation recommendations; CALC November newsletter; Village security surveillance cameras; Temp Clerk; <i>Update to NALC's model Standing Orders</i>; VAS Policy; Cumbria Coastal Strategy; LDNP Partnership Newsletter; <i>Cumbria Strategic Flood Partnership request for contact with local flood groups</i>; <i>Julian Glover review of National Parks and AONB</i>. Rural Services Network Rural Funding Guide. Cumbria CVS Ebulletin. • LDNPA – Planning Permission Granted for 7/2018/5508, 1 Lakefield Cottages, Near Sawrey LA22 0LB; <i>Grant assistance for viewing planning applications</i>; • National Trust – <i>NT Forest Plans Claife And Wray</i>; • SLDC – Grant Funding and Parish Declaration 2018; Annual Review of SLDC Constitution 2019; <i>Parish Council Precepts and Council Tax Base for 2019/20, LIPS Grants - Monitoring</i> • Natural England – <i>Re: Road Town End to Poole Bridge – Claife Parish.</i> • Parish Online – Parish Online News & Updates. • Hawkshead Parish Council – agenda and draft minutes for November 20th • Amanda McCleery, Parish Liaison Officer – Final Paperwork for November 29th meeting. • Zurich Online – Important Information About Your Data Security • Cognitive Publishing – Invitation to attend EvoNorth – shaping the Northern Powerhouse • GNAAS – Thank you for your donation | |
| 280/2018 | 13. Next Meeting The next meeting will be on Tuesday 29 th January at Wray Village Hall at 7.30pm. | |

Meeting closed 9.19pm
Cllr Bonham left the meeting at 9pm.

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Signed & Approved by (Chair)