

**Minutes of the Meeting of Claife Parish Council held on Tuesday 31  
January 2017 at 7.30pm at High Wray Village Hall**

**Councillors:** Dr C Lane (Chairman) Mr J Mallett Mrs A Brodie Mr S Hilton Mr A Irvine and Mr G Schofield and **Clerk** Mr VM Phillips

**Members of the Public:** Dr J Burgoyne Ms T Wakeman and Mr P Wrobel

**Minutes of the Meeting of 6 December 2016** were approved and signed.

**Declarations of Interest:** Messrs. Mallett and Hilton declared an interest in Item 14 - Items for the next Agenda - Planning Application Braithwaite Hall

**Other Committees**

(a) **Hawkshead Market Hall Trust:** The Council appointed the Clerk to be its representative on the Hawkshead Market Hall Trust.

**Finance**

(a) The current account showed a balance of £7679-27

**Planning Matters**

(a) **Production of a Community Led Plan:**

(i) **Car Parking Near Sawrey:** Mr Schofield reported that a rough survey of residential premises, second and holiday homes in Near Sawrey revealed a basic need for 52 car parking spaces. At peak times the parking pressure points were Tarn Hill Playground Car Park, Market Street/Stones Lane, the Tower Bank Arms Car Park and along the wall on the B5285 between the Sawrey House Hotel and Beechmount. One problem highlighted was the difficulty in enforcing any restrictions. It was agreed that a consensus of all interested parties was required. The Chairman thanked Mr Schofield for all his efforts and the Council was of the opinion that a report fully detailing the facts and issues would be of great assistance in finding solutions to the problems.

(ii) **Footpath Hawkshead to Near Sawrey:** Discussion centred upon the Council's grant application to South Lakeland District Council for the sum of £18000-00 under its Local Important Projects funding scheme. In this connection the Council agreed to contribute a total of £2000-00, with £1000-00 to be provided from the 2016/17 budget and the balance from the 2017/18 budget. The total cost of the project was estimated to be £100000-00 of which the National Trust was prepared to contribute £80000-00. In conjunction with the Application the Council agreed to adopt an Equalities Policy in the form

produced to the Meeting. The Chairman thanked everyone for their efforts and particularly Mrs Brodie and Mr Wrobel.

(iii) **Fibre Broadband:** As it currently stood the costs, which would have to be met by the Community, of providing super fast broadband to Near Sawrey and Colthouse were prohibitive. Unless that position changed the self help alternative championed by HB4RN (see Minutes 16 October 2016) was the only solution.

**(b) Planning Applications:**

**(i) National Trust, Red Nab Car Park High Wray - installation of Parking Machine**

The Council was not in favour of this application. It questioned whether the National Trust actually owned the land and felt installation of such a machine was increasing urbanisation of the countryside. It would also encourage motorists to park elsewhere in an area where access to the car park was very narrow and limited.

**(ii) Low Wray Camp Site, Low Wray, Ambleside, LA22 0JA - amend Condition No:7 on planning permission ref:7/2011/5296 to allow electrical services to be installed and connected to 10 camping pods**

The Council objected to this application if it resulted in caravans and motor homes using the site as highway access was wholly inadequate for such vehicles.

## **National Trust**

(a) **Highway Access to Wray Castle:** The Clerk was asked to write to the National Trust suggesting that future signage should indicate access to Wray Castle from both Colthouse and Wray Road end as the present arrangements had resulted in traffic congestion between the latter and the Castle.

## **County Council**

(a) **Windermere Ferry:** Mrs Brodie reported that 2 new machines were to be installed and the software modified on the existing machines.

## **Claife Parish Council - Land and Other Matters**

(a) **Website Services:** the Council's current services provider was ceasing business with effect from 31 March 2017 and the Clerk was asked to make a recommendation for an alternative provision.

(b) **Memorial Seat - Councillor RS Shuttleworth:** Mr Mallet suggested that the seat be installed near the top of Ferry Hill on a suitable piece of raised land. He said there was a seat nearby in a poor state of repair which appeared to belong to Friends of the Lake District. The Clerk was asked to write to the Friends and also

ascertain from the Lake District National Park Authority whether planning permission was required. It was also agreed that parishioners would be invited to contribute to the costs, which were estimated to be *circa* £400-00, through a feature in the March Edition of Esthwaite Link.

- (c) **Brathay Marathon 2017:** following a meeting with the organisers the Council noted that the format of the Marathon for 2017 would be the same as in 2015 and that a rolling road closure would be operated to minimise delays and disruption to local residents.

#### **Items for the next Agenda**

Housing Survey Far and Near Sawrey and Cunsey.

Beacon November 2018

Braithwaite Hall Planning Application

Land at Lake Bank - camping and parking problems

Invitation to Neil Morris, First Responder

Notice Boards Colthouse and Far Sawrey - clearing of vegetation

#### **Date and time of next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Council would be held on Tuesday 14 March 2017 at Braithwaite Hall at 7-30pm.