

Claife Parish Council
Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held at Braithwaite Hall
on Tuesday 9th July 2024

Attendees: Parish Councillors A Brodie (Chair), S Hilton (Vice Chair), S Denyer, K Keighley, M Stanton & J Whitworth, Parish Clerk L Prescott & 1 member of the public.

066/2024 **Apologies**

Apologies were received and accepted from A McGowan (National Trust)

067/2024 **Requests for Dispensation**

None received.

068/2024 **Declarations of Interest**

None received.

069/2024 **Minutes**

Resolved The council approved the minutes of the last meeting held on 14th May 2024.

070/2024 **Public Participation**

a) Reports were received as follows:

i) Police

No reports were made to the Police in April 2024.

ii) Unitary Councillor

No report.

iii) National Trust

No report.

b) Members of the Public

A member of the public raised concerns in relation to flags marking out two new footpaths in Wray Cragg Wood, which is a bluebell wood and it appears that 15 trees will be felled in the process of creating the footpaths. The member of the public will email details and photographs to the Parish Council so enquiries can be made with Nicholas Thorne of the LDNPA.

071/2024 **Councillor Matters**

Councillor Keighley has submitted her resignation as a Parish Councillor.

Councillor Whitworth raised concerns about the excessive speed of some vehicles travelling along the Wray road and suggested that this is raised with Councillor Pender in relation to what could be done eg narrow road/blind bend signage.

Councillor Brodie advised that there has been a change in issuing car parking permits to Claife residents for the Hawkshead Square car park, previously they had been issued per car but now they are being issued per household. She has been advised that this is in line with the previous County Council policy and has been implemented due to complaints on the management of the process. Councillor Pender will be asked for more information including how many Claife applications are submitted.

072/2024 **National Trust**

The Clerk advised that National Trust representatives are unable to submit a report to the meeting but suggested that a Councillor site visit to Hill Top is arranged instead in September.

Resolved To arrange a site visit in September at a mutually convenient date.

073/2024 **Updates on Ongoing Issues and Actions**

a) Windermere Ferry

Councillor Brodie reported that there are not issues to report and that the email update service is proving very helpful.

b) Road gritting/snow ploughing arrangements

The Clerk reported there is no progress in this matter.

c) Management of Council Land

i) Councillor Brodie advised that a tree survey with Richard Tanner has not yet taken place and she will follow up on this. She also advised that there are several lengthsman tasks which

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need to be done including strimming at Ash Landing, strimming the path at Esthwaite, cutting and cleaning round noticeboards, the defibrillators and the playground parking area. Also cutting round bollards at town end/pool bridge and hedge trimming as required.

Resolved Matthew Keighly to be asked to undertake lengthsman works.

- ii) The Clerk advised that she submitted a request to the Tarn Hill Playground Trustees to provide a copy of their insurance details and confirmation of safety checks and enclosed a copy of the Agreement between the Parish Council and the Trustees, which includes these conditions. They responded asking why these were required.

Resolved To arrange a meeting with the Tarn Hill Playground Trustees to clarify the situation in relation to the Playground.

d) Environmental and Water Quality

Councillor Brodie reported that SCRT will provide a public report on the Wilfin Beck sampling findings after 6 months of testing has taken place. They are hoping to obtain funding to continue this work. She also reported that SCRT are to submit their concerns to the LDNPA in relation to the proposed development at Pearsall House in relation to the risk of sewage spillages and inadequate water supply.

e) Footpath signage

Councillor Brodie reported that the location of one of the footpath signs on the planning application was not where it was recommended and she will contact them regarding its location.

f) Training

Councillor Stanton reported that he has attended Module 1 of the Effective Councillor and found it very interesting.

The Clerk reported that it had not yet been possible to arrange a Planning Training date with LDNPA

Resolved To recirculate details to Councillors and submit a preferred date to LDNPA.

The Clerk reported that there is a recommended online Code of Conduct Training on 31st July.

Resolved To circulate details and Councillors attend.

g) Registering Parish Council Land

Councillor Denyer reported that she has not yet received a response from David Towler of the National Trust in relation to Ash and Landing and the Clerk has also emailed but not yet received a response.

Resolved To contact David Towler by telephone.

h) Parish Council Emergency Plan

Councillors Hilton and Stanton have met to start the process of preparing an Emergency Plan. Initial findings and proposals as follows:

Lack of electrical supply is the main concern, the only place with a generator facility locally is Market Hall in Hawkshed. Councillor Hilton will contact them in relation to its use.

They recommend that 2 Councillors per Ward are designated as contacts in an emergency, currently Councillors Brodie & Hilton for Lower Ward and Denyer and Whitworth for Upper Ward (as Councillor Stanton lives outside the Ward). Communication due to the proposed removal of landlines is a concern as the new service will not work without electricity. There is a need to make all residents aware that they can get a battery as backup if their landline is replaced. Due to the lack of a battery/generator backup for mobile phone masts, this needs to be addressed and Tim Farron MP is aware of this. The electricity companies can't prioritise specific services eg mobile masts.

i) Fibre Broadband in Claife

The Clerk is awaiting a reply from Fibrus and will send a reminder.

074/2024 **New Agenda items**

a) Proposals for permanent bus stops at Ash Landing

Councillor Brodie reported that no response has yet been received from the Unitary Council regarding their proposals for permanent bus stops and there was recently a serious road accident at the site of one of the proposed stops.

b) Lakes Parish Council's 'Vote of no confidence in the LDNPA'

The Clerk reported that Councillor Pender has suggested arranging a meeting between the Parishes in her Ward and the LDNPA to discuss the issues raised.

Resolved To proceed with a meeting between the parishes and the LDNPA.

075/2024 **Planning Applications**

a) The following planning applications were considered:

- i) 7/2024/5343. Church Cottage, Far Sawrey, Ambleside, LA22 0LH. Single storey rear extension to create ground floor wet room and garden room. alteration to existing side elevation window to form new side access.

Resolved To comment as follows:

- The extension is unsympathetic in that it doesn't respect the existing character of the property.
- This is the only flat roof in the area and does not fit with other properties in the area.
- The proposed roof light has the potential to increase light pollution.

- ii) 7/2024/E0072. Species Recovery Centre, Ferry Landing, Windermere, LA22 0LP. Develop a carbon neutral, natural positive hub for conservation, research, and public engagement purposes. Not considered as planning enquiry only.

b) Planning Decisions

- i) T/2024/0065. Howe End Cottage, Far Sawrey, Hawkshead, LA22 0LQ. Fell - Evergreen (possible Yew) tree due branches overlapping entrance driveway. Fell - small Ash tree that has been identified as having Ash die back. No objection.
- ii) 7/2024/5157. High Wray Bank, High Wray, Ambleside, LA22 0JD. Proposed earthworks, associated drainage and landscaping/ecological enhancements. Granted with conditions relating to plans, ecological mitigation and drainage.
- iii) 7/2024/5180. The Bield, Cunsey, Ambleside, LA22 0LT. Demolition of the existing boathouse, construction of a replacement boathouse and jetty, localised dredging and associated site works. Granted with conditions relating to plans, construction method, tree protection, landscaping, temporary access track, ecology, external lighting and materials.
- iv) 7/2024/5200. Esthwaite Farm Cottages, Near Sawrey, Ambleside LA22 0LB. Proposed to remove the existing LPG boiler and install a biomass boiler with associated wood store housed in the existing garage/bike store. The existing LPG boiler and redundant direct LPG hot water boiler flues will remain and a new biomass boiler flue installed terminating above the roof. Certificate of Lawfulness Refused.
- v) 7/2024/5257. National Trust, Hill Top House, Near Sawrey, Ambleside, LA22 0LF. 2x gate mounted signs and 1x small entrance sign which is free-standing, framed by wooden posts. Granted with a condition relating to plans.
- vi) T/2024/0094. Woodside, Far Sawrey, Ambleside, LA22 0LQ. 1 x Sycamore tree (marked as T1 in notification) - Fell to ground level. No objection.

076/2024 **Financial Matters**

a) Noted that the Bank Balance on 31 May 2024 was £26,040.19

b) Quarterly Financial Report

The Quarterly Financial Report was outlined by the Parish Clerk, noting that 2 authorised payments had not yet been made due to Cumberland Building Society not being able to provide a new cheque book.

Resolved To approve the Quarterly Financial Report

c) Accounts for payment

Resolved To authorise payment of the following accounts:

Clerk Salary (1/4/2024-30/6/2024)	£750.00
Clerk's Travel (16/4/2024/2024 & 14/5/2024) @ NJC rates	£29.25
Community Heartbeat Trust (2 Defibrillators Annual Support)	£324.00
Paul Blackburn (Internal Audit)	£75.00
CALC (Effective Councillor Training – Module 1)	£30.00

077/2024 **Highways**

a) Highways items to be reported

The Clerk reported on a proposal circulated by Councillor Pender to provide improved information on road closure signs.

Resolved To request that information is provided in relation to the local of the actual road closure and the reason for the road closure.

b) Highways items reported

Cumbria Highways Reported Faults			
Date	Reference	Details	Response
01/11/2021	EI/23831	White lines at road junctions on B5285 in Near and Far Sawrey are faded / washed away and need repainting.	Assigned to Highways Team
07/07/2022	EI/70844	White lines faded at junction with B5285, half way up the ferry hill road.	Assigned to Highways Team
30/01/2023	EI/119690	Blocked grid near High Wray Farm	Assigned to Highways Team
09/03/2023	EI/131782	Drain blocked with debris B5285 at Far Sawrey	Assigned to Highways Team
27/04/2023	EI/147748	Edge of road and potholes B5285 between Near and Far Sawrey	Temporary Repair
03/05/2023	EI/148768	Grit bin requested for Near Sawrey	Refused
10/06/2023	EI/156272	A pipe has been installed by a resident which discharges directly onto the B5285 Road.	Householder contacted
23/06/2023	EI/158356	Deteriorating roadside walls nr Ash Landing car park	Landowner instructed to repair
12/07/2023	EI/161952	Spoil from Brant Howe dumped on B5285 ferry hill	Assigned to Highways Team
31/07/2023	EI/164653	Deep culvert on B5285 by water trough on right hand side of road if traveling from Near Sawrey.	Closed but further works required
19/08/2023	EI/166424	Fence alongside the road has collapsed due to the posts being rotten adjacent to Chapel Cottage, LA220LQ.	Assigned to Highways Team
20/11/2023	EI/176550	A large slab of rock has fallen from rock face on B5285 near Ash Landing.	Landowner instructed to repair
04/12/2023	EI/178712	Grit heap requested for road from Near Sawrey down to bottom of Esthwaite.	Refused
17/01/2024	EI/185625	Grit bin requested for Stones Lane, Near Sawrey	Refused
31/01/2024	EI/188656	Edge of road is being eroded due to flow of water coming down bridleway behind Cuckoo Brown Inn	Assigned to Highways Team
31/01/2024	EI/188672	3 interconnecting drains blocked with grit and leaves at Near Sawrey.	Assigned to Highways Team
31/01/2024	EI/188695	Drains blocked near Far Sawrey Post Box	Assigned to Highways Team
19/02/2024	EI/192508	Stone Wall between B5285 and Lake Windermere collapsed in several places.	Landowner instructed to repair
20/02/2024	EI/193143	Directional road sign to Hawkshead pointing the wrong way and obscuring the Windermere via Ferry sign.	Completed

078/2024 **Correspondence (for information only)**
The circulated correspondence was noted.

079/2024 **Date of Next Meeting**
Noted that the next Parish Council meeting will take place at 7.30pm on Tuesday 20th August 2024 at High Wray Village Hall.

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Signed & Approved by (Chair)

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