

**Claife Parish Council**  
**Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held at High Wray Village Hall**  
**on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2023**

**Attendees:** Parish Councillors A Brodie (Chair), S Hilton, K Keighley & J Whitworth. Parish Clerk L Prescott, Mr SK Sayers (United Utilities) & 2 members of the public.

027/2023 **Apologies**

Mr J Moffatt of the National Trust.

028/2023 **Requests for Dispensation**

None received.

029/2023 **Declarations of Interest**

None received.

030/2023 **Minutes**

**Resolved** The council approved the Minutes of the last meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> February 2023.

031/2023 **Public Participation**

a) Reports

i) Police

The Clerk reported that 3 incidents of violence at Far Sawrey and 1 incident of burglary at Wray Castle were reported to the Police in February 2023.

ii) Unitary Councillor

No report.

iii) National Trust

Mr J Moffat submitted a written report which was read to the meeting by the Clerk. Sites now open include Wray Castle & Low Wray campsite. The Gallery in Hawkshead remains closed due to building issues. Forestry works are ongoing. The Mountain Goat will not be able to operate the services from Hawkshead to Ferry House due to funding issues. There are currently 2 residential properties vacant. Windermere Lake Cruises are restarting their passenger service from Bowness Bay to Ferry House.

iv) United Utilities

Mr K Sayers, Area Engagement Lead for Cumbria at United Utilities (UU), presented a report outlining their responsibilities both in North West England and more locally around Windermere. He is the UU representative on the Love Windermere Partnership. Their approach to managing catchments - Catchment Systems Thinking (CaST) – has awarded a grant of £48,000 towards a South Cumbria Rivers Trust project. UU Better Rivers plan (2022-25) to improve river water quality will invest £230 million by 2025 and River Champions will shortly be appointed in South Cumbria to monitor water quality. Improvements planned at Elterwater pumping station and wastewater treatment works at Ambleside, Hawkshead and Near Sawrey. Councillors raised concerns regarding Love Windermere funding, parish council representation on Love Windermere, the separation of surface water from waste water, facility to report damaged drains, planning decisions regarding boathouses, waste facilities at Ferry House and sewage overflows into rivers.

b) Members of the Public

No matters raised.

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032/2023 **Councillor Matters**

Councillor Brodie reported that a path repair is required near Waterside. Contractor details should be in the 2017 accounts.

**Resolved** To contact the contractor from the original works.

033/2023 **Updates on Ongoing Issues and Actions**

a) Windermere Ferry

Councillor Brodie attended a Parish Councils meeting with Westmorland and Furness Council (WFC) and requested information on the new contact person for the Ferry within the new Council – this is Angela Jones. She also asked whether the Windermere Ferry Advisory Group would continue, but this was not answered. The new WFC website does not have the Ferry information previously shown on the County Council website and the ferry staff line management is not clear.

b) Emergency Plan for the Parish

To defer to the next meeting.

c) Parish Councillor Vacancies

Two members of the public attended the meeting having expressed an interest in becoming Parish Councillors. Councillor Brodie outlined the procedures involved.

d) Lengthsman

Councillor Brodie has been unable to contact the lengthsman.

e) Ash Landing

A site meeting has been proposed by Hannah Teagle on the 15<sup>th</sup> or 16<sup>th</sup> May.

f) Road gritting/snow ploughing arrangements

Councillor Brodie has been advised that there will be training arranged by Cumbria Fire & Rescue in the autumn.

**Resolved** Councillor Brodie will contact the Hawkshead Parish Council representative.

g) New GP Surgery arrangements at Ambleside and Hawkshead

Councillor Keighley reported that the lack of continuity of GPs causes difficulties for patients with long term conditions needing to repeat the same information on each visit. She encourages everyone to complete the patient surveys.

h) Local housing

Councillor Keighley has met with Malcolm Tilsley of the Lakeland Housing Trust. They discussed the reduction in residential houses in the Parish. The proposed Sawrey Knotts plan has been withdrawn. The Trust has increased the number of properties available to rent in the past year. They have also done a leaflet drop resulting in several enquiries and donations. Councillor Keighley proposed that the Parish Council could assist in distributing the leaflets to raise local awareness.

**Resolved** To support a leaflet drop by the Trust.

i) Proposed Grit Box at Near Sawrey

Councillor Brodie has confirmation that the proposed location is acceptable.

**Resolved** Councillor Brodie to provide exact location details to Clerk so a request can be submitted to Highways.

j) Coronation Medals

The Coronation Medals have been ordered and received and will be distributed to the children in the Parish.

k) Love Windermere Partnership Event

Referred to elsewhere in Agenda.

034/2023 **New Agenda items**

a) Love Windermere Partnership – Parish Councils Representation

Councillor Brodie reported that a decision by LWP is awaited.

b) Windermere Community Partnership Drop In Events

Councillors Brodie and Whitworth attended the events. Councillor Whitworth has enrolled on the SCRT Freshwater Invertebrates Sampling training day. Councillor Brodie

asked Rachel Halhead of the SCRT to raise the issue of discharge into still waters with the LDNPA Planning Department and suggested engagement with Hawkshead School and a possible local monitoring group.

c) Environment Agency report on Cunsey Beck

Circulated and noted.

d) Rural Road Closures

Satterthwaite Parish Council have raised concerns regarding the road closures without consultation or advance notice with long diversions in rural areas and ask whether other Parishes would join a meeting to discuss this with Highways.

**Resolved** Agreed to support.

035/2023 **Planning Applications**

a) The following planning application was considered:

i) 7/2023/5167. Apple Tree Cottage, 2 Townend, Far Sawrey, Ambleside, LA22 0LH. Erection of shed and covered pergola in back garden and small side wall shed and small attached pergola.

**Resolved** No objections.

ii) [Notification not consultation]. 7/2023/5095 (CLEUD - Certificate of Lawfulness of Existing Use or Development). High Cunsey, Cunsey, Ambleside, LA22 0LT. Replace 2 caravans with 2 lodges/chalets.

b) The following Planning Decisions were noted:

i) 7/2022/5734. Brant Howe, Far Sawrey, Ambleside, LA22 0LW. Side extension to existing dwelling. Granted with conditions relating to plans.

ii) 7/2022/5797. Satter Knotts, Far Sawrey, Ambleside, LA22 0LW. Construction of boat house to provide wet dock, storage and ancillary accommodation, all in connection with using lake for recreation and water-based transport following withdrawal of 7/2022/5138. Refused.

iii) 7/2022/5694. Fellborough, Cunsey, Ambleside, LA22 0LT. Construction of new jetty with associated dredging. Granted with conditions relating to plans and tree protection.

iv) 7/2022/5624. Pearsall House, The Ferry Landing, Far Sawrey, LA22 0LP. The conversion and extension of a water testing lab to provide 14 new leisure residential units with associated pool. Erection of a new single dwelling. Creation of a new two jetty marina. Associated landscaping works. Withdrawn.

036/2023 **Financial Matters**

a) Bank Balance

Noted that the bank balance at 28 February 2023 is £10,048.78.

b) Payments

**Resolved** To authorise payment of the following accounts:

Braithwaite Hall (Meeting Room Hire)	£30.00
Information Commissioner's Office (Annual Data Protection Fee)	£40.00
Trophies Plus Medals (Coronation Medals)	£59.87

037/2023 **Highways**

a) Highways items to be reported

None.

b) Highways items reported

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/106309	A metre wide and very deep pothole on B5285 in middle of road.	Assigned to Highways Team
EI/119690	Blocked grid near High Wray Farm	Assigned to Highways Team
		Our Safety Inspection team have recently raised this report and the relevant team have been made aware. Any appropriate action that may be required will be completed in due course.
EI/121138	Large pothole - entering the C5026 from B5285 in Near Sawrey (bollard placed in)	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

038/2023 **Correspondence (for information only)**  
The circulated correspondence was noted.

039/2023 **Date of Next Meeting**  
Noted that the next meetings will take place on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2023 at Braithwaite Hall:  
7 pm Annual Parish Meeting, 7.30 pm Annual General Meeting, followed by the monthly Parish Council meeting.

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Signed & Approved by (Chair)

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Date