

Claife Parish Council
Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held at High Wray Village Hall
on Tuesday 19th July 2022

Attendees: Parish Councillors A Brodie (Chair), S Hilton (Vice Chair) K Keighley, J Whitworth, Parish Clerk L Prescott & 2 members of the public.

071/2022 **Apologies**

Apologies were received and accepted from District Councillor H Troughton.

072/2022 **Requests for Dispensation**

None received.

073/2022 **Declarations of Interest**

None received.

074/2022 **Minutes**

Resolved The council approved the minutes of the last meeting held on 14th June 2022.

075/2022 **Public Participation**

a) Reports

i) Police

The Clerk reported the following incidents were reported to the Police for the Coniston area in May 2022: 8 violent and sexual offences, 2 burglaries, 2 criminal damage and arson and 1 anti-social behaviour.

ii) County Councillor

No report received.

iii) District Councillor

Councillor Troughton submitted a written report as follows. They had a full council meeting on Thursday, Cross-a-Moor roundabout is now fully opened as is the refurbished South Lakeland House in Kendal Councillors again have their locality grant so projects can be submitted. The ferry consultation included the information that the new ferry will have a capacity to transport 15 cars.

iv) National Trust

Councillor Brodie reported she had been advised that the National Trust are clearing overgrowth on Esthwaite section of Claife Community Bridleway from Colthouse to Broomriggs with a mini digger.

b) Members of the Public

i) A resident queried the location of the proposed Boathouse for The Bield (7/2022/5395) as being too far from the house to be used by the residents and also the length of the jetty.

ii) A resident raised several concerns in relation to the new Windermere Ferry Consultation including the lack of a business case and the potential financial loss for the new Westmorland and Furness Council. He also raised concerns in relation to the lack of information made publicly available following the consultation events, the lack of a zero carbon electricity supply in the UK and the research undertaken prior to the proposals being finalised. He has been in contact with the MP and Unitary Councillor in relation to this matter. He has received information that potholes are being filled more quickly in the Penrith area compared to South Lakeland. He has been asked by CCC to advise the location of the blue plastic in Lake Windermere so they can remove it.

Councillor Brodie suggested contacting the County Councillors in relation to the new ferry – Keith Little (CCC Cabinet member responsible for Highways and transport including the Windermere Ferry) and Peter Thornton (CCC Deputy Leader and Cabinet member responsible for Finance, including commissioning and procurement. He is also the shadow Cabinet member responsible for Highways and Assets in the Westmorland and Furness Unitary Authority.)

076/2022 **Councillor Matters**

Councillor Brodie reported that the sign at Colthouse has been marked with red arrows.

Resolved Councillor Hilton will resolve the matter.

077/2022 **Updates on Ongoing Issues and Actions**

a) Report and Response to Plans for a new Windermere Ferry

Councillor Brodie circulated a draft response to the Consultation prior to the meeting. The following additional items were added:

- i) The need for turning space at Ferry House for the scheduled 525 minibus service.
- ii) The contingency plan in place in case of data failure preventing card payments – would cash payments be accepted or would the ferry run free of charge in this scenario?

Resolved To submit the revised response to Cumbria County Council and publish the Parish Council's response on the Parish Council website.

b) Replacement of the Far Sawrey Noticeboard

Councillor Hilton reported that the noticeboard with a header would fit to the existing frame.

Resolved To order a replacement noticeboard from Greenbarnes, constructed from Man-made Timber (recycled plastic). The noticeboard will be glazed, with space for 4xA4 notices each size, one side locked for Parish Council notices and one unlocked for public notices. A Header will be included with the Parish Council's name.

c) Recruitment of a new Parish Lengthsman

No expressions of interest have been received. Councillor Brodie reported that the bollards beside B5285 between Colthouse and Pool Bridge bollards at Black beck are very overgrown and need cutting back.

Resolved To employ a contractor to cut back around the bollards, but continue to advertise for a lengthsman. If no applications are received then contract for individual works as required.

d) Emergency Plan for the Parish

Councillors considered potential locations for a rest centre and whether the District Councillors' Locality Grant could be used for equipment eg generator.

Resolved To consider further at the next meeting

e) Agreement between the Parish Council and Tarn Hill Trustees

Councillor Hilton reported that he has not had a response from the Trustees regarding signing the agreement and will contact them.

078/2022 **New Agenda items**

a) Parish Councillor Vacancies

The Clerk reported that she has published the required notices following the resignations of Councillors Mary Wyburn and Pat Lennon. If there isn't a request for a By-Election then the vacancies for the Upper Ward could be filled by co-option after the expiration of the notices.

b) CALC District Meeting

Councillor Brodie attended this meeting and reported that there was information on a range of grants including towards installations for charging electric cars. CALC is seeking Councillor members for various committees, including South Lakes Local Committee which meets alternate months and Councillor Brodie is interested in attending in order to make contact with County Councillors.

Resolved To publicise the electric car charging grants and Councillor Brodie to put herself forward for the Local Committee.

c) Big Windermere Survey

Councillor Brodie reported that she participated in the survey by sampling water on Esthwaite from the Parish Council land. The data from this survey is currently being analysed and the results are expected within the next couple of months.

d) LDNPA Draft Statement of Community Involvement

The Clerk reported that this document relates to the process undertaken by LDNPA to involve the community in Planning Application decisions.

Resolved To respond to the Draft Statement as follows: LDNPA should use not just one but all 3 stated publicising options for Planning Applications ie Site Notice, Press Notice and Neighbour Notification Letter.

- a) The following planning applications were considered:
- i) 7/2022/5365. 6 The Old Vicarage, Far Sawrey, Ambleside, LA22 0LQ. Replacement of four sash, timber windows with four like for like sash, timber windows.
Resolved No objection.
- ii) 7/2022/5376. Satter Knotts, Far Sawrey, Ambleside, LA22 0LW. Replacement 3 bedroom dwelling and garage.
Resolved To object to the application on the following grounds:
- Site Access inaccurate as there is only 1 and possibly 2 but not 3 access roads.
 - The plans are an overdevelopment of the site and would be overbearing.
 - There is a potential of increased light pollution.
- iii) 7/2022/5385. Balla Wray, High Wray, Ambleside, LA22 0JQ. Renewal of dilapidated jetty associated with existing boathouse.
Resolved To object to the application on the following grounds:
- The jetty is extremely long for the site and extends into the lake far beyond the current footprint of the earlier jetty and the previous granted application for a replacement jetty 7/2017/5289.
 - The jetty also extends a long way onto the shore and it is not clear whether it would cause an obstruction to the bridlepath (510031) which is not marked on the plans.
- iv) 7/2022/5349. 2 Crabtree Cottages, Cunsey, Ambleside, LA22 0LX. Proposed porch and side extension to outbuilding.
Resolved No objection.
- v) 7/2022/5399. High Wray Bank, High Wray, Ambleside, LA22 0JD. Alterations to the existing primary and secondary means of access to the property, alterations to the garden including erection of associated ancillary buildings/structures, and to re-build as is the existing garden retaining wall.
Resolved No objection to application. Support installation of a drain and surfacing the footpath as the route currently becomes inaccessible when wet and infilling the path would reduce the number of walkers taking a wider route into the field to avoid the marshy ground.
- vi) 7/2022/5397. Dub How Farm, Near Sawrey, Ambleside, LA22 0LE. Non-material amendment to planning application 7/2021/5137 (Demolition of existing three dwelling and construction of three new dwellings) to amend position of roof lights on east & west, replace 2 chimneys with flues on east, alterations to stairs & formation of external under stairs store on south, re-position of package treatment plants.
Resolved No objection.
- vii) 7/2022/5395. The Bield, Cunsey, Ambleside, LA22 0LT. Demolition of the existing boathouse, construction of a replacement boathouse with dayroom and jetty and localised dredging and associated site works.
Resolved To object to the application on the following grounds:
- Application is not for a replacement building as the current structure is not a boathouse.
 - It is an overdevelopment of the site with a building 4 times the size of the current structure over 2 storeys. As it is within 100 metres of The Bield the large dayroom with toilet and shower is not essential.
 - Sewage disposal would cause further pollution to Lake Windermere.
 - Environmental impacts would occur as substantial dredging will be required and repeated dredging will also be required in the future as the site is known to silt up.
 - Increased light pollution in a dark skies area from large windows facing Lake Windermere.
- b) The following Planning Decisions were noted:
- i) 7/2022/5235. Apple Tree Cottage, 2 Town End Cottages, Far Sawrey, Ambleside, LA22 0LH. Replace existing timber windows and french doors with new timber replacement windows and doors to the same size and design as existing. Granted with conditions relating to plans.
- ii) 7/2022/5268/9. Appletree, Far Sawrey, Ambleside, Cumbria, LA22 0LH. Extension of existing lean-to outhouse. Addition of 2 no rooflights to existing kitchen. Approved with conditions relating to plans.

- iii) T/2022/0078. Sawrey Knotts, Far Sawrey, Hawkshead, LA22 0LG. 3 x Oak trees (O1, O2 and O3 in notification) - Crown reduction by up to 4m to suitable growing points. 2 x Birch trees (B1 and B2 in notification) - Crown reduction by up to 3m to suitable growing points. 1 x Cypress tree (C1 in notification) - Crown Reduce by up to 2.5m and reshape. No objections.
- iv) T/2022/0080. Lakefield, Near Sawrey, Ambleside, LA22 0JZ. Lime tree (T1 in notification) - Crown reduction by up to 2-3 metres. Elm tree (T2 in notification) - Fell to ground level. No objections.
- v) 7/2022/5106. High Cunsey Farm, Cunsey, Ambleside, LA22 0LT. Construction of new boathouse with dayroom, new timber jetty, extension to existing timber jetty, localised dredging and associated site works. Withdrawn.

080/2022 **Financial Matters**

a) Bank Balance

Noted that the bank balance at 30 June 2022 was £14,655.37.

b) Quarterly Financial Report

The Clerk submitted the financial report in an amended format with a Budget Comparison and a Bank Reconciliation.

Resolved To accept the Financial Report.

c) Payments

Resolved To authorise payment of the following accounts:

Clerk's Salary (01/04/22 – 30/06/22)	£615.82
Clerk's Travel (03/05/22 & 14/06/22) @ NJC rates	£29.25
5 Traffic Cones	£49.99
Community Heartbeat Trust 2x Annual Defibrillator Support	£302.40
BHIB Insurance (11/08/2022-10/08/2023)	£223.96

d) Parish Council account signatories

Due to the resignation of Councillor Lennon, there are only two remaining Councillor signatories on the parish council account, rather than the usual three. Two signatories are required to authorise each payment.

Resolved To remove Councillor Lennon as a signatory and add Councillor Whitworth as a signatory.

081/2022 **Highways**

a) Highways items to be reported

None.

b) Highways items reported

EI/4765	Road sign damaged on B5285 Far Sawrey	Assigned to Highways Team
EI/21611	Drain next to Grit Box on B5285 at bottom of Cuckoo Brow Lane	Assigned to Highways Team
EI/21616	Lane eroded by water at bottom of Cuckoo Brow Lane	Assigned to Highways Team
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/41426	Rubber Road side bollard marker damaged B5285 between Black Beck Bridge and Near Sawrey.	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/74947	Very deep pothole near Wilfin Beck bridge on B5285.	Being reviewed

082/2022 **Correspondence (for information only)**

The circulated correspondence was noted.

083/2022 **Date of Next Meeting**

Noted that the next Parish Council meeting will take place at 7.30pm on Tuesday 30th August 2022 at Braithwaite Hall.

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Signed & Approved by (Chair)

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