

Claife Parish Council

Minutes of Claife Parish Council meeting held in the Braithwaite Hall, Far Sawrey at 7.30pm on Tuesday 13th August 2019

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

In attendance: John Moffat National Trust (NT), County Cllr Brereton,
1 member of the public.

Minute Number		Action By
153/2019	1. Apologies Apologies were received from District Cllr Hall.	
154/2019	2. Requests for Dispensations No requests received.	
155/2019	3. Declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests in respect of Agenda items No declarations received.	
156/2019	4. Minutes RESOLVED: Cllrs approved the minutes of 24 th June and the Chair signed those as a true record.	
	5. Public Participation <u>No Police report</u> was received. <u>A County Council (CCC) report</u> was received from Cllr Brereton.	
157/2019	<u>Highways:</u> Cllr Brodie was thanked for providing reports on the deteriorating road surfaces at Stones Lane, Cuckoo Brow Lane and Ash Landing. These have been forwarded to Highways. Cllr Brereton also undertook to send a photo of the pot hole between Broomriggs and Town End to Highways and to raise parish councillors' request for re-marking of white lines, and request that CCC Highways staff pay a site visit to gain a clearer picture of the issues.	Cllr Brereton
158/2019	<u>Windermere Ferry:</u> see minute 174/2019.	
159/2019	<u>B4RN Broadband:</u> Cllr Brereton is looking at whether B4RN can be extended to Claife. Kirby-in-Furness are considering it but Claife would not be eligible until the parishes in between adopted it. Cllr Brodie noted that Cllr Hilton is Claife's point person for broadband, as a retired Openreach engineer he has the knowledge and contacts, and Cllr Brereton agreed to include Cllr Hilton in any future discussions. <u>A National Trust (NT) report</u> was received. Wray Castle is now on its own broadband and off the local Wray Village network. HillTop is the next one to be transferred. Villages will benefit from having less bandwidth occupied by these visitor attractions but will not benefit from access to the infrastructure.	
160/2019	Hill Top and Wray Castle have been very busy and parking and traffic have been an issue. Cllrs were urged to continue to collect photos and log evidence	All Cllrs

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161/2019	<p>of problems. Cllr Mallett commented that Nr Sawrey residents are beginning to complain bitterly as it is a constant job for residents to keep their own parking bays clear. Cllr Bonham and Cllr Lennon commented that there appears to be many people parking on the road outside Wray Castle to avoid paid parking at the castle, however NT stated that most castle visitors are members who are eligible for free parking. A number of parking solutions for Near Sawrey were discussed. NT asked for council opinion on 2 temporary overflow carparks for 28 days each, one in "Post Office field" opposite HillTop, the second at the United Utilities site at Ees Bridge. Cllr Brodie undertook to arrange a residents' consultation. NT is also applying to make the temporary wooden building to the left of the HillTop shop a permanent fixture. Cllr Mallett commented that there have been quite a lot of complaints from residents, and noted that objections can be made in response to the planning application.</p> <p>NT is holding a celebration to mark the 50 year anniversary of BaseCamp and asked Cllr Lennon to represent the council, Cllr Lennon will attend if she has finished an earlier community commitment. NT will also kick off a project to replace the facilities. Cllr Lennon requested that the NT clear out cattle grid up to Base Camp as it is full of stones washed down in the recent heavy rains. Cllr Brodie asked if NT could remove the dead branch hanging down over the middle of the B5285 "just before the 2nd metal field gate on the right after Halstead, Near Sawrey". NT agreed to look into it.</p>	Cllr Brodie NT Cllr Lennon NT NT
162/2019	<p>6. Update on Ongoing Issues and Actions from Last Meeting</p> <p><u>6.1 To update on the lengthsman's work</u> RESOLVED: The clerk was asked for a progress update from the lengthsman.</p> <p><u>6.2 To update on local housing</u> RESOLVED: Ongoing.</p> <p><u>6.3 To update on the donated speed sign from Pandora Technologies</u> RESOLVED: Cllr Hilton reported that the location of the sign is agreed. Installation has been quoted as £100 + concrete. The council approved spending of up to £100 and Cllr Hilton undertook to arrange installation.</p> <p><u>6.4 To update on 2019 priority and community-led plan initiatives:</u></p> <p>6.4.1 <i>Registration and management of council land</i> RESOLVED: Ongoing.</p> <p>6.4.2 <i>Tree management – organisation of a tree surgeon's report</i> RESOLVED: Clerk has contacted Capita about quoting for a tree surgeon's report. Cllrs asked for more quotes and will send other tree surgeon's names to the Clerk. Clerk to seek additional quotes. In addition, Cllr Hilton will ask the arborist to quote for taking down the fallen tree at Lake Bank.</p> <p>6.4.3 <i>Written procedures for Lengthsman & snowplough</i> RESOLVED: The Clerk provided a draft for review. The clerk was asked to query with Hawkshead PC whether the section from High Wray to Balla Wray, National Trust land, has been formally added to the CCC register, and also to ask whether continuation to Red Nab carpark, also NT land, could be added to the route (and formally added to the CCC register). NT agreed with this route extension and committed to payment for it.</p> <p>6.4.4 <i>Improvement, on safety grounds, to the entrance at Hill Top</i> RESOLVED: Cllr Brodie asked NT to remove more ivy from the wall at the entrance. NT agreed to take another look.</p>	Clerk Cllr Hilton All Clerk Cllr Hilton Clerk NT

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169/2019	6.4.5 <i>Dog fouling & litter collection</i> RESOLVED: Ongoing.	
170/2019	6.4.6 <i>Ongoing log of parking problems & highway incidents</i> RESOLVED: See minute 160/2019.	
171/2019	6.4.7 <i>Continue to seek non-participating landowner support to complete the Claife Bridleway</i> RESOLVED: Ongoing. It was noted that the landowners at Lake Bank and High Crag have indicated that they do not wish to participate.	
	7. Planning Applications	
172/2019	<u>7.1 To note the council's response to planning applications 7/2019/5413 & 7/2019/5414 Buckle Yeat Guest House</u> RESOLVED: The council had no objection. The Clerk conveyed this response to LDNPA.	
	8. Highways Matters	
173/2019	<u>8.1 To update on the report to CCC Highways about the deteriorating road surfaces at Stones Lane, Near Sawrey and Cuckoo Brow Lane, Far Sawrey.</u> RESOLVED: See minute 157/2019.	
	9. Windermere Ferry	
174/2019	<u>9.1 To update on discussions about ferry operations and the Ferry Advisory Group (FAG)</u> RESOLVED: Cllr Mallett advised that Cllr Brodie had represented Claife and Hawkshead PCs at the FAG meeting on 16.07.19 and continues to work with the Claife parishioner with naval architecture qualifications who volunteered to provide technical and operational advice. Cllr Brereton agreed that access to this expertise was particularly welcome with regards to ferry replacement, and that CCC's assumption that an 18 month lead-time for ferry replacement was highly unrealistic. Cllr Brodie reported on the FAG meeting. The official draft minutes and informal notes had been circulated to Claife council and Hawkshead PC prior to the Claife PC meeting. She noted the following concerns: 1) CCC officers responsible for the ferry have no expertise or qualifications re. ferry maintenance or for commissioning a new ferry; 2) The "chain of command" for the ferry within CCC is unclear; 3) The FAG does not recognise that Claife parishioners are those most severely impacted by ferry outages. 4) CCC's approach in the meeting focused on increasing visitor numbers and did not reflect the committee TOR and 5) CCC officers lack of concern for stranded pedestrians and cyclists when unscheduled stoppages occur – CCC are not prepared to take any responsibility for them. It was agreed that the following issues are priorities: 1) Sight and review of the financial plan and management accounts; 2) Sight and review of the operating procedures; 3) Sight and review of the long-term plan for ferry replacement; reliability management and alternative transport solutions during service outages. In addition, Hawkshead PC would like permanent signage at Plumgarths roundabout and other routes into the area. Cllr Lewis offered to prepare a paper with Cllr Brodie on key issues ahead of the 20.09.19 meeting with CCC staff Greenup & Melville. The paper will be shared with Cllrs, and Hawkshead PC, NT and the Forestry Commission will be invited to contribute. Cllr Brereton undertook to push key issues at all South Lakes CCC meetings.	Cllrs Brodie & Lewis Cllr Brereton

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<p>175/2019</p> <p>176/2019</p>	<p>10. Matters Arising</p> <p><u>10.1 To discuss tidy of the verge areas by the council car park at Tarn Hill playground</u> RESOLVED: Cllr Brodie would like to have this area cleared and planted with perennial seeds. The seeds and planting would be a donation from the Brodie family but the clearance and treatment of saplings would have to be paid for by the council. Council approved pending receipt of a reasonable quote for treatment of saplings. Cllr Hilton was asked to obtain a quote from the arborist.</p> <p><u>10.2 To discuss the use of mountain bikes in Stones Lane</u> RESOLVED: Parishioners are concerned about the speed of mountain bikes coming down the lane, also unauthorised vehicles driving up the lane which appear to be seeking parking. It was noted little could be done about either, but Cllr Brodie undertook to contact LDNPA about signage.</p>	<p>Cllr Hilton</p> <p>Cllr Brodie</p>
<p>177/2019</p> <p>178/2019</p> <p>179/2019</p> <p>180/2019</p>	<p>11. Councillor Matters</p> <p>RESOLVED: A parishioner has asked about a piece of land in Far Sawrey which is overgrown and needs maintenance. It was clarified that the council does not own or have responsibility for this land. Cllr Hilton will advise the parishioner that they are welcome to maintain the land providing they comply with conservation area rules.</p> <p>RESOLVED: A parishioner has expressed concern about the speed of traffic down Ferry Hill. Unfortunately, the parish council has limited influence.</p> <p>RESOLVED: A parishioner has contacted the council to advise that there are invasive plant species by Esthwaite shore – Cllr Hilton will advise the parishioner that only one of these is classified as an invasive species, and that he has informed Natural England as it may be harmful to the SSSI.</p> <p>RESOLVED: A councillor has identified Himalayan Balsam, an invasive species, on the path to Moss Eccles Tarn. The clerk was asked to notify the landowner.</p>	<p>Cllr Hilton</p> <p>Cllr Hilton</p> <p>Clerk</p>
<p>181/2019</p> <p>182/2019</p> <p>183/2019</p>	<p>12. Financial Matters</p> <p><u>12.1 To note that the bank balance stood at £10,556.09 at 31st July 2019.</u> RESOLVED: Cllrs noted the bank balance.</p> <p><u>12.2 To note the quarterly financial report of July 2019</u> RESOLVED: Cllrs noted the report.</p> <p><u>12.3 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 £234.48 	
<p>184/2019</p>	<p>13. Correspondence</p> <p>RESOLVED: Cllrs noted the additional following e-mails & correspondence received since the last meeting (<i>items requiring action are in italics</i>):-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CALC – Ending Business Rates on Council Public Toilets; NW Coastal Access Monthly Updates – June & July; NALC Annual Conference; ACT Gazette – Issue 33 Summer 2019; Action for Health Bulletins 02.07.2019 and 29.07.2019 ; Better Internet Access in Cumbria; NALC Legal Update; FW: Press Release – Cumbria Health on Call Hosting Clinical Careers Day for Year 12 Students; Training Programme of September 2019; Bridges Guidance; Northern Counties Allotments 	

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	<p>Association – Harrogate Autumn Flower Show and visit to RHS Harlow Carr gardens; First Steps to Grant Funding – Kendal; 2018/19 AGAR submission – notice of 1st chargeable chaser letter run on 15.07.19; July Edition of the CALC newsletter; Milnthorpe PC Clerk/RFO Vacancy; <i>NALC Model Template for Financial Regulations 2019; Elections to CALC Executive Committee</i>. Developing Your Skills Programme September-December 2019; CALC Vacancy.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SLDC – Climate Change conversations; Licencing List 11 24.06.19; List 12 01.07.19; List 13 15.07.19 & 22.07.19; List 14 29.07.19; SLDC Agenda for Meeting on 23.07.19; SLDC Green Team tips; Community Governance Review – Final Recommendations; Letter from the Legal, Governance and Democracy Lead Specialist on behalf of the Independent Remuneration Panel. • Cumbria Police – Weekly South Cumbria Newsletters • Rural Services Network – Rural Bulletins: 02.07.19; 09.07.19; 16.07.19; 23.07.19; 30.07.19; 06.08.19; Rural Funding Digest August Edition. • Hawkshead Parish Council – minutes 18.06.19; agenda & draft minutes 16.07.19. • Amanda McCleery, Parish Liaison Officer – <i>Paperwork for Next Meeting 19.09.19</i> • LDNPA – 7/2019/5210 site west of High Wray Boathouse – Inform – Granted; <i>Windermere Byelaw Exemption Application – Coniston Record Attempts Committee for 2019</i>; 7/2019/5306 2 Crabtree Cottages, Cunsey LA22 0LX – Inform – Granted; 7/2019/5340 Syke Side, High Wray LA22 0JG – Inform – Granted. Submission of Local Plan • CCC – <i>Temporary Road Closure – C5021 Colthouse Road, Hawkshead; Working Together Statement.</i> • UHMB – NHS – People in Morecambe Bay can have “life-saving” defibrillators fitted. • HMRC Digital Communications – HMRC Business Help & Support Emails. • PKF LittleJohn – Automatic reply: Contact details and Certificate of Exemption for Claife Parish Council; Data logged – notification of exempt status. • Cumbria Strategic Flood Partnership – A New Information Service from CSFP; News from Andy Brown at the Environment Agency • Zurich Insurance – Making Risk Management Simple • Napthens – correspondence (confidential) • PSMA – Your PSMA Newsletter June 2019 • Alan Brenton – Velo Retro Update • Cllr Tracy Coward – <i>Tree planting</i> • SLCC - Membership • BT Openreach – Broadband in Claife 	
185/2019	<p>14. Next Meeting The next meeting will be held on Tuesday October 1st at High Wray Village Hall at 7.30pm.</p>	

Meeting closed 9.46pm

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Signed & Approved by (Chair)

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