

**Claife Parish Council**

**Minutes of Claife Parish Council meeting  
held in Wray Village Hall, High Wray at 7.30pm on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2020**

Present: Cllrs (Chair) J Mallett  
Cllrs – S Hilton, A Brodie, C Lewis  
Clerk – J Heather  
In attendance: 4 members of the public.

Minute Number		Action By
030/2020	<b>1. Apologies</b> Apologies were received from Cllr Bonham and District Cllr Coward.	
031/2020	<b>2. Requests for Dispensations</b> No requests received.	
032/2020	<b>3. Declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests in respect of Agenda items</b> With regards to item 6.5., Cllr Hilton noted that although he was formerly employed with Openreach, he has no financial interest in Openreach now.	
033/2020	<b>4. Minutes</b> <b>RESOLVED:</b> Cllrs approved the minutes of 28 <sup>th</sup> January and the Chair signed those as a true record.	
034/2020	<b>5. Public Participation</b>  <u>A Police report</u> was received by e-mail. During the last month there were 2 incidents of note in the Claife area, both concerns for welfare which were resolved positively. Overnight outbuilding break-ins are still occurring and parishioners are asked to ensure outbuildings and vehicles are secure.  <u>No County Council (CCC) or District Council reports were received.</u> An e-mail was received from Tracy Coward, District Councillor requesting the addition of a regular "Climate Focus" agenda item to every pc meeting agenda in light of SLDC's recent declaration of Climate Emergency. Cllrs agreed to be mindful of climate issues for all items on the agenda.  <u>A National Trust (NT) report</u> was received. Visitor attractions opened for half-term and Low Wray campsite will open for Easter holidays. The NT confirmed with the LDNPA that specific planning permission was not required for the temporary catering provision at Hill Top.	
035/2020	3 members of the public raised a range of concerns about the planning application 7/2020/5042 at The Cottage, High Wray. These included, but were not limited to: overdevelopment at the property; the risk of retrospective application of change of use from a garage to residential use, and the detrimental impact the garage extension would have on the distinctive character and historical balance of High Wray. The council advised the public that more than 8 objections are required for a planning application to be referred to the LDNPA Development Committee, and that several objections from parishioners carry more weight than one objection from the parish council. Any parishioner wishing to attend a Development Committee meeting should include that request in their letter of objection to ensure an invitation.	

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<b>6. Update on Ongoing Issues and Actions from Last Meeting</b>		
036/2020	<p><u>6.1 To update on the lengthsman's work</u>  <b>RESOLVED:</b> The lengthsman continues to work one day/mth for Claife PC.</p>	
037/2020	<p><u>6.2 To update on local housing</u>  <b>RESOLVED:</b> Cllr Mallett reported that the cottages at Near Sawrey, recently refurbished by the Lakeland Housing Trust (LHT), are high quality and have been advertised at £600-700/mth which seems high for affordable housing and may be difficult for young families to afford. Cllr Bonham to report back after applicant interviews.</p>	Cllr Bonham
038/2020	<p><u>6.3 To update on 2019 priority and community-led plan initiatives:</u>  6.3.1 <i>Registration &amp; management of council land–boat rental at Ash Landing</i>  <b>RESOLVED:</b> Clerk was asked to check Title with the Land Registry website and write to NT to ask if boat berths are being rented for 2020.</p>	
039/2020	<p>6.3.2 <i>Tree management – organisation of a tree surgeon's report</i>  <b>RESOLVED:</b> The clerk outlined a proposal agreed with Bergen Tree Services (BGT) to carry out the highest priority work at Lake Bank, Waterside and Tarn Hill Playground. The proposal was approved by councillors, and the clerk was asked to instruct BGT to proceed.</p>	Clerk
040/2020	<p>6.3.3 <i>Improvement, on safety grounds, to the entrance at Hill Top</i>  <b>RESOLVED:</b> Ongoing.</p>	
041/2020	<p>6.3.4 <i>Dog fouling &amp; litter collection</i>  <b>RESOLVED:</b> Cllr Brodie asked for volunteers to help with litter collection at Lake Bank, Cllrs Lennon &amp; Hilton offered to help.</p>	Cllrs Lennon & Hilton
042/2020	<p>6.3.5 <i>Ongoing log of parking problems &amp; highway incidents</i>  <b>RESOLVED:</b> Ongoing. One incident has occurred since HillTop reopened, Cllr Lewis will continue to maintain the log.</p>	Cllr Lewis
043/2020	<p>6.3.6 <i>Continue to seek non-participating landowner support to complete the Claife Bridleway</i>  <b>RESOLVED:</b> Ongoing.</p>	
044/2020	<p><u>6.4 To update on signage for mountain bikes in Stones Lane.</u>  <b>RESOLVED:</b> Cllr Mallett has received permission from the landowner for a post at the bottom of the lane, posts and installation will be arranged by Cllrs Mallett &amp; Hilton.</p>	Cllrs Mallett & Hilton
045/2020	<p><u>6.5 To consider B4RN proposal for broadband for all of Claife.</u>  <b>RESOLVED:</b> Cllr Hilton presented a comparison of the BT and the B4RN schemes for broadband in the parish. The B4RN scheme is clearly the better option as it provides the opportunity for fast broadband to every property in the parish and is reasonably priced. All community centres and schools receive free installation and rental. The council agreed to formally support the B4RN proposal as it is cheaper and more inclusive for the whole community. Parishioners were urged to sign up online to support the scheme, one third of homes need to be signed up for B4RN to go ahead and this is more difficult to achieve in an area of high holiday rental/second home ownership.</p>	
<b>7. Planning Applications</b>		
046/2020	<p><u>7.1 To consider the council's response to planning application 7/2020/5042 at The Cottage, High Wray, Ambleside, LA22 0JE</u>  <b>RESOLVED:</b> The council strongly objects to this application on the following grounds: 1) High Wray is a small village of historical significance and distinctive character, in keeping with the LDNPA characterisation of the</p>	

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	<p>Coniston Valley, with a delicate balance between the vicarage, farm and the surrounding cottages. It is felt that this development will have significant negative impact on that balance and distinctive character.</p> <p>2) There have been multiple planning applications and development on this site, at least one of which was the planning application for the initial garage, this building was subsequently changed to residential use and the council is concerned that this approach may be taken again with this application. Further, the parish council questions whether a retrospective certificate for change of use was applied for with regards to this previous application.</p> <p>3) Overdevelopment. The application doubles the size of the original garage and intrudes on the outlook of the surrounding cottages and Wray Village Hall. It appears to be equivalent garage space for 7 cars, much more than is necessary for The Cottage, and not in keeping with other cottages of similar nature in the village and the Claife parish, which tend to have 1 or 2 parking spaces at most, if at all.</p>	
047/2020	<p><u>7.2 To consider the council's response to planning application 7/2020/5045 at High Cunsey Farm, Cunsey, Ambleside LA22 0LT</u></p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> The council has no objection on condition that the public footpath nearby is not obstructed or damaged.</p>	
048/2020	<p><u>7.3 To consider the council's response to planning application 7/2020/5065 at Low House, Near Sawrey, Ambleside LA22 0LB</u></p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> The council has no objection.</p>	
049/2020	<p><u>7.4 To consider the council's response to planning application 7/2020/5040 at 2 Broomriggs Cottages, Near Sawrey, Ambleside LA22 0JX</u></p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> The council objects to the design of the Greenwood Vista as it is not in keeping with local vernacular architecture, but has no objection to the shed and store.</p>	
050/2020	<p><u>7.5 To consider the council's response to planning application 7/2020/5071 at 1 The Old Vicarage, Far Sawrey, Ambleside LA22 0LQ</u></p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> The council has no objection.</p>	
	The clerk was asked to convey these responses to the LDNPA.	Clerk
051/2020	It was noted that the 7/2020/5106 planning application for Dub How Farm, Near Sawrey arrived too late to be considered at this meeting. This will now be considered at an extraordinary meeting on 18.03.2020 (see minute 061/2020).	
	<b>8. Highways Matters</b>	
052/2020	<p><u>8.1 To update on the correspondence with CCC about the deteriorating road surfaces at Stones Lane, Near Sawrey</u></p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> The clerk reported on correspondence with Karen Dockery, Senior Highways Technician South Lakes. The resurfacing work will be added to the "Priority Assessed List", but CCC cannot commit to timescales with the current budget constraints. Item closed.</p>	
	<b>9. Windermere Ferry</b>	
053/2020	<p><u>9.1 To update on discussions with CCC regarding the ferry</u></p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> Cllr Brodie reported that the next FAG meeting, scheduled for 04.03.2020, may be postponed until 09.03.2020. She has requested to receive the agenda at least a week beforehand. Discussion with Mr Greenup of CCC</p>	

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	has indicated there may be a proposal to raise fares proposal at the meeting, possibly including removal of free travel to Blue Badge holders.	
054/2020	<p><b>10. Matters Arising</b></p> <p><u>10.1 To consider the council's response to the "Waterbird" Application for a Windermere Byelaw Exemption</u></p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> The council has no objection to exemption application. The organisers have also asked for help to source parking on the west side of Windermere, Cllr Brodie to follow up.</p>	Clerk Cllr Brodie
055/2020	<p><u>10.2 To update on CCC's "Working Together" Service</u></p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> The clerk reported that she had contacted CCC's "Working Together" initiative; they are not offering financial assistance at this time, only assistance with formalising contractual arrangements with regards to safety.</p>	
056/2020	<p><b>11. Councillor Matters</b></p> <p>Cllr Hilton raised the issue of a blocked culvert in Far Sawrey near Brimstock Cottage.</p> <p>Cllr Brodie raised the issue of the B5285 flooding between Near Sawrey and Town End.</p> <p>The clerk was asked to put both these issues on the next agenda.</p>	Clerk
057/2020	<p><b>12. Financial Matters</b></p> <p><u>12.1 To note that the bank balance stood at £7,818.16 at 31.01.2020.</u></p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> Cllrs noted the bank balance.</p>	Clerk
058/2020	<p><u>12.2 To authorise the clerk to issue the annual rent invoice for Chapel Cottage</u></p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> Cllrs approved issuing the invoice.</p>	
059/2020	<p><u>12.3 To authorise payment of the following accounts:</u></p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> Cheques were signed for the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clerk's Salary £117.24</li> <li>• Clerk's Overtime £58.62</li> <li>• Clerk's expenses (stamps) £3.48</li> </ul>	
060/2020	<p><b>13. Correspondence</b></p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> Cllrs noted the additional following e-mails &amp; correspondence received since the last meeting (<i>items requiring action are in italics</i>):-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>CALC</b> – Fw: Commissioner Launches Council Tax Consultation; Environment Agency Flood Action Week; Climate Emergency Support Workshop 13/03/20; Recruitment of new CLNP Chair; Friday Round up; Finance and End of Year Course; CALC's February Newsletter; Community Led Housing Advice Surgery – 27.02.20; NW Coastal Access Monthly Update Feb 2020; Cumbria in Bloom Pride in Your Community Competition and IYN Awards 2020; <i>Major package of support announced by Government for storm-hit areas.</i></li> <li>• <b>SLDC</b> – <i>Parish elections briefing information</i>; Update regarding Storm Dennis; Update 5.30pm 15.02.20; Update from Flood Advisory teleconference 1.30pm 19.02.20; Agenda for SLDC Meeting 25.02.20; Reminder &amp; Additional O&amp;S Meeting Date; <i>South Lakeland Local Plan Review</i></li> <li>• <b>Amanda McCleery</b> – Final Paperwork for District Association Meeting on 05.03.20</li> <li>• <b>Cumbria Police</b> – Weekly South Cumbria Newsletters;</li> <li>• <b>Rural Services Network</b> – Rural Bulletins (weekly); Rural Funding Digest 0220;</li> <li>• <b>LDNP Planning Inform</b> – 07/2019/5702 – Granted</li> <li>• <b>LDNPA</b> – Footpath &amp; Bridleway Closure 14/03/20 Grizedale for Malcolm Wilson Rally</li> <li>• <b>Hawkshead Parish Council</b> – HPC Minutes 21.01.20; HPC Agenda 18.02.20;</li> </ul>	

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061/2020	<p><b>14. Next Meeting</b></p> <p>The next meeting will be an extraordinary meeting held on Wednesday March 18th at The Braithwaite Hall, Far Sawrey at 7.30pm. Dates for the following two meetings will be: Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April 7.30pm at The Braithwaite Hall, and Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May for the annual parish council meeting and annual parish meeting from 7pm, both to be held at Wray Village Hall.</p>

Meeting closed 9.19pm

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Signed & Approved by (Chair)

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