

Claife Parish Council
Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held at High Wray Village Hall, High Wray
At 7.30 pm on Tuesday 12th November 2024.

Attendees Cllrs A Brodie (Chair), S Hilton (Vice Chair), M Stanton,
J Whitworth, S Denyer.

115/2024 **Apologies**

None received

116/2024 **Requests for Dispensations**

None received

117/2024 **Declaration of Interest**

None received

118/2024 **Minutes**

Resolved The Council authorised the Chair to sign the minutes of the meeting on 1st October 2024 as a true record.

119/2024 **Public Participation**

a. Reports were received from

i. Police

Police arrested person for possession of drugs whilst carrying out an anti-poaching patrol in the Rusland area.

ii. Unitary Councillor

None received

iii. National Trust

None received

b. Representations from members of the public

None received

119/2024 **Councillor matters**

It was noted antisocial behaviour and break ins attracted by the jetty at High Wray Bay boathouse, concerns to be raised with National Trust.

120/2024 **Updates on Ongoing Issues and Actions to be considered**

a) To consider a report on the parish Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer vacancy.

Discussions with CALC and Cllr S. Pender (Unitary Councillor) revealed that there are currently 3 parishes with no clerk, and another where the incumbent wishes to step down, in the Hawkshead Coniston UA ward. Alternatives and changes being explored, e.g. employment of digital clerk, increasing wages and number of hours.

i. Recruitment ongoing.

ii. **Resolved** A. Brodie to stand in as Clerk.

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- iii. **Resolved** M Stanton to stand in as Responsible Financial Officer.
 - b) To consider a report on Lower Ward Parish Councillor vacancy.
 - i) No applications to date.
 - ii) **Resolved** to carry out a leaflet drop in the lower ward to advertise councillor vacancy
 - c. Report on Windermere Ferry
None Received
 - d. Report on road gritting/snow ploughing arrangements
Unitary Councillor S.Pender is continuing to push for Hawkshead and Claife to become a pilot area.
 - e. Management of Parish Council land.
 - i. Path at Esthwaite has been trimmed by Lengsthman
 - ii. Tree felling (thinning) of trees identified by external consultant requires permission from Natural England for certificate and Forestry Commission Felling Licence.
 - iii. **Resolved** M Stanton to find out fee from Natural England and Forestry Commission. A. Brodie to get Quote for work so we have figures to put in budget 2025/2026
 - f. Report on environmental and water quality issues in and around the Parish. FBA Windermere water quality survey on November 17th and are asking for volunteers.
 - g. Report on footpath signage.
Resolved To ask National Trust about a sign next to the defibrillator at Near Sawrey.
 - h. Training Courses
 - i. Module 2 carried out by Cllrs J. Whitworth and S.Denyer
 - ii. M. Stanton completed finance and year end courses
 - iii. A.Brodie completed being a good employer and also the budgeting course. To attend Clark 1 and Clerk 2 modules.
 - i. Registering Parish Council land.
Appointment with Napthens solicitor on the 21st November to register land and to change contact details.
 - j. Report on preparing a Parish Council Emergency Plan.
To note the Council still has major concerns about loss of landlines and mobile signal in an emergency.
 - k. Report on proposals for permanent bus stops at Ash landing
Cllr J. Whitworth will talk to Mountain Goat informally about location.
- 122/2024 **New agenda items**
- l. To consider changing PC website domain name and Clerk email address from .org.uk to gov.uk.
CALC confirmed Council can wait to change to .gov.uk when domain is up for renewal in 2026.
 - m. Footpaths and bridleways
 - i. To note; any concerns in the Parish Council area that need reporting, send to LDNPA Ranger, Sara Spicer.
 - ii. Stones lane, Near Sawrey bridleway is holding water across the the full width of track making it unsuitable for pedestrians.
Resolved. Clerk to report to LDNPA Ranger.

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- n. Report on Councillors' meeting with National Trust representatives regarding plans for Hill Top.
Date Confirmed; 19th November at 10am
- o. Possible unauthorised development within the PC area.
Groundwork and tree clearance at Sawrey Stables, Far Sawrey.
Resolved Clerk to make enquiry.

118/2024 **Planning Applications**

- a. Council considered the following planning applications and formulated a response to the planning authority:
 - i. 7/2024/5550 at Bryers Cottage, Far Sawrey, Ambleside LA22 0LW
Erection of dwelling and associated infrastructure following demolition of existing dwelling.
Resolved To object on for the following reasons:
Negative impact on World Heritage landscape, does not contribute to sustainable development (retention rather than demolition), tidying up grounds and stating house will be lived in not justification for building large house on site, contravention of National Planning Policy Framework paras 182 and 183, waste water treatment plant discharging to surface water (Windermere) would contribute to degradation of water quality in lake.
 - ii. T/2024/0174 at Hill Top House, Near Sawrey, Ambleside LA22 0LF
Tree work in conservation area. HT1- Fell small self-seeded sycamore- HT2 Fell Scots pine. Remove small self-seeded holly in same area. HT3- Crown lift yew.
Resolved To object to felling Scots Pine for the following reasons: Disputes that damage to tree is so great that felling is necessitated, native conifers should be protected, disputes lack of historical significance, the pine T2 and the neighbouring pine provide positive contribution to landscape. Reservation regarding removal of holly next to T2 because it provides screening to garden from Tower bank Arms garden. No objections to other tree works.
- b. To note the following Planning decisions by Lake District National Park Authority:
 - i. 7/2024/5453 Satter Knotts, Far Sawrey, Ambleside LA22 0LW.
Amendments to dwelling scheme planning application
7/2022/5376
 - ii. 7/2024/5498 1, Crabtree Cottages, Cunsey, Ambleside LA22 0LX
Approval of details reserved by condition 3 (tree protection) on planning permission.
 - iii. T/2024/0137 The Love Shack, Cunsey, Ambleside LA22 0LT
Approved with conditions.
- c. To note LDNPA position regarding creating TPOs in conservation areas. All trees in conservation area are protected. A specific TPO is only considered if an application to fell is submitted.

119/2024 **Financial Matters**

- a. To note the bank balance on September 30th and Nov 1st 2024 statements was £23,835.37

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- b. Quarterly Financial Report no change
- c. Accounts for payment: To authorise payment of the following accounts:
 - i. CALC (councillor training):
 - TR3063 M. Stanton Councillor 2, replacement of cheque that went missing in post. £30.00
 - TR3015 Effective Councillor 2. J. Whitworth and S.Denyer £60.00
 - TR3092 Being a Good Employer. A. Brodie £20.00
 - TR3109 Finance training. M.Stanton £20.00
 - ii. Lengthsman; Thornley Wildlife Services 8 hours £200
 - iii. Parish Online (mapping software) annual licence renewal valid until Oct 22nd 2025 £36.00
- d. **Resolved** To change correspondence address for The Cumberland. Form completed at meeting.
- e. To note, Previous year's budget given to councillors as a prompt to consider items for budget year 2025- 2026 prior to next meeting.

120/2024 **Highways**

- a. Large pothole by Larch cottage, Highways department is aware.
- b. Concern raised about time taken and work involved in reporting potholes via Parish Council meetings.
Resolved Change Council website to flag the link to the UA's Highways online reporting tool.
- c. To note Westmorland and Furness UA's agreement to provide Near Sawrey with a Grit Box outside Low House.

121/2024 **Dates of future meetings**

Tuesday 3rd of December 7.30pm The Braithwaite Hall
Tuesday 14th January 7.30 pm High Wray Village Hall
Tuesday 25th February 7.30 pm The Braithwaite Hall

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