

Claife Parish Council

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held at the Braithwaite Hall, Far Sawrey at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 3rd December 2024.

Attendees: Cllrs A Brodie (Chair and Acting Clerk), S Hilton (Vice Chair), M Stanton (Acting Responsible Finance Officer) and 1 member of the public.

122/2024 Apologies

Cllrs S. Denyer and G.J. Whitworth

123/2024 Requests for Dispensations

None received

124/2024 Declaration of interest

None received

125/2024 Minutes

Resolved The council authorised the Chair to sign the minutes of the meeting held on 12th November 2024 as a true record.

126/2024 Public Participation

a) Reports received:

i) Police None received

ii) Unitary Councillor None received

iii) National Trust Amy Petch and Laura Lee informed Cllrs who attended site meeting on Dec. 19th that a new pedestrian entrance and exit to the car park for Hill Top House, Near Sawrey, was under consideration (splayed exit closer to the boundary wall with Buckle Yeat). The aim is to separate vehicle and pedestrian access and egress from the road. Also under consideration is a direct pedestrian access route to Hill Top House from the/a ticket office that does not involve pedestrians walking on the road within Near Sawrey. Additional parking for staff and volunteers is required. LDNPA have advised additional car parking would not be permitted. Currently the area used as a bus stop opposite the entrance to Hill Top garden is being used but this may be designated for use as Mountain Goat bus stop in future.

The Council's concerns regarding the NT plan to fell a Scots Pine within the grounds of the Tower Bank Arms and open up the view to the village from the garden was discussed. It was agreed that the pine could be retained if dead wood and damaged branches were removed.

Wray Castle, but not the grounds or the cafe, is to be closed for refurbishment so that a suitable environment can be created to hold items previously displayed at The Gallery, Hawkshead.

b) Representations from members of the public

None

127/2024 Councillor matters

Cllr Brodie reported that a resident had informed her that at about 9.00pm on November 22nd an ambulance attending an emergency 999 call had got stuck on the lane near the Far Sawrey Treatment works due to the icy conditions on the ungritted road. Coniston Mountain Rescue were called. It took MR over an hour to arrive with 2 vehicles kitted out with chains on tyres. One MR vehicle transported a paramedic to the patient, the other was required to tow the ambulance back to the gritted B5285. The resident requested the Parish Council make representation to Westmorland and Furness UA to resolve the lack of Winter maintenance on the roads to Cunsey.

128/2024 Highways

Road gritting and snowploughing arrangements. No updates available on Cllr Pender's request to Westmorland and Furness U A regarding a pilot scheme run by Hawkshead PC. Recent snow and ice rendered ungritted roads in the Parish inaccessible to pedestrians and to vehicles without chains on tyres. **Resolved** Acting Clerk to write to Highways and Cllr Pender about incident reported in 127/2024. Coniston Mountain Rescue to be asked to provide written supporting evidence.

129/ 2024 Planning Applications

None

130/2024 Financial matters

a) To note the bank balance on Nov 27th £23,505.87

b) Resolved To confirm with Cumberland that 2 Councillor signatures are required when issuing cheques.

c) Budget for 2025- 2026

Resolved The draft budget for 2025-26 proposed by the acting RFO was agreed.

d) Precept for 2025-2026

Resolved to set a precept of £13,260.75 for 2025-2026.

e) Accounts for payment. To authorise payments of the following accounts:

CALC (Councillor training) invoice TR3114 £62.00

The Braithwaite Hall, hall hire for meetings..... £50.00

Postage and stationery deferred to January 14th 2025 meeting

131/2024 Date of next meeting:

7.30pm Tuesday 14th January 2025 at High Wray Village Hall