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Minutes of a meeting held in the Lower Market House, Hawkshead on Tuesday 18 May 2010,
immediately following the Annual Meeting.

present

Councillors

Mr R M Woodhouse (Chairman), Mrs F Stride, Mr W Barr and Mr D J Spedding, Mrs C Wood,
Mr I Moulton and Mr A Brown. Clerk – Mr J I Poole

Members of the public

PCSO Laura Ashley, Mrs P Orford, Mrs L Woodhouse, Mr M O'Connell, Mr J Cameron, Mrs A
Cameron, Mr J Usher, Mrs B Brown, Mr D Vaughan, Mrs E Hunter, Mr R Banks and Ms J Stabler.

Apologies

189 None. All members present.

Minutes

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minutes of the last meeting held on 19 January 2010.

Declarations

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item of correspondence regarding the church clock and signed the Interests' Book
accordingly.

Police liaison

192 The Chairman welcomed PCSO L Ashley to her first meeting representing Kayleigh
Largue. A burglary at the Trout Farm had been committed on 25 April involving theft of
fishing tackle but there had been no further incidents of any description.

193 When a mobile police station visited Hawkshead recently, many members of the public
raised a number of issues varying from dog fouling to speeding. Both the police and
public were positive about the exercise, which may be repeated in the future.

Action results

194 The next meeting of the Steering Group is at 9 am 19 May 2010 at The Croft.

195 PCSO K Largue to report re provision/cost of dog-waste bins.

196 The potholes at Hannakin (ref 406211) had been inadequately filled and posed a
danger to pedestrian and vehicle traffic. The Clerk had reported this again – ref
416497. **Action** – Clerk to email County Cllr Mrs C Salisbury for her to attempt
resolution.

- 197 Local Development Framework documents were in circulation. **Action** – Chairman to arrange briefing in June to formulate a reply.
- 198 The transfer cost of the old playgroup from Cumbria County Council to South Lakeland District Council was not yet known. Prior to this being investigated, District Cllr C Davies was to inform the Clerk of sale completion.

Correspondence

- 199 SLDC – Parliamentary Election – 6 May 2010.
- 200 CCC – Windermere Ferry Time Table 2010-11.
- 201 LDNP – Planning Seminar 15/6/10 – Eagle & Child Inn, Staveley.
- 202 LDNP – Local Development Framework – Housing Provision.
- 203 Natural England – Proposed extensions to Lake District and Yorkshire Dales.
- 204 Claife Parish Council – request for information. Clerk has sent for a copy of the Lease. Item **deferred**.
- 205 Forestry Commission re Sawrey Ground Wood. Several members of the public expressed concern that the sale of this land may result in loss of public access. **Action** – Clerk to write letters to the Forestry Commission and LDNP to urge management of the wood in the public interest with no loss of access should the land pass to private ownership.
- 206 Mike O’Connell re Sawrey Ground Wood. **Action** – as above.
- 207 CCC – Cumbria Minerals and Waste Development Framework.
- 208 Friends of the Lake District – Annual Review 2009.
- 209 Clerks and Councils Direct – May 2010.
- 210 South Lakeland Strategic Partnership – Grants available. **Action** – Clerk to take this to the meeting on 19 May 2010.
- 211 Ms M Falconer – Wastewater Treatment Works. Although the author supported United Utilities application, concerns were raised in her letter about noise and light pollution. **Action** – Clerk to acknowledge the letter and write to LDNP requesting noise and light restrictions.
- 212 Hawkshead PCC re Church Clock. Following a general discussion about the merits of supporting a worthwhile cause and not another, it was decided not to make a grant towards clock repairs. **Action** – Clerk to write.
- 213 SLDC – Annual Meeting Agenda for 18/05/10.
- 214 RGT – Recreation Ground open for car parking during Spring Bank Holiday.
- 215 CALC meeting – 7 pm 17/06/10 at Kendal Town Hall. **Action** – Cllr Mrs Wood to attend.
- 216 CCC – Real Nappy Campaign.
- 217 LDNP – Hawkshead Conservation Area.
- 218 Barrow Funding Fair – Wed 16/6/10. **Action** – Cllr Mrs Stride to alert the PCC to this.
- 219 Queries regarding ethics. This email had been circulated to all Councillors and following an explanation; the Chairman did not consider that there was a problem. **Action** – Clerk to reply stating that members were satisfied that no person had acted inappropriately.
- 220 Cumbria Improvement and Efficiency Partnership – participatory budgeting.

Public participation

- 221 Several complaints had been received about the poor state of the public toilets on the main car park. **Action** – Cllr Barr to inform the Clerk whom at LDNP to write.
- 222 Non-permit holders were regularly using the old police station car park. **Action** – Clerk to inform SLDC Warden Service.
- 223 It was asked if the Information Office had obtained planning permission for their signage and where was the map that was once fixed to the exterior wall? **Action** – Clerk to discover.
- 224 It was commented that in the last 12 months the precept application had risen 1.4% from £10,346.00 to £10,500.00, yet Council Tax Bills showed a change of 3.8%

resulting from the spending plans of Hawkshead Parish Council. **Action** – Clerk to write asking for an explanation.

- 225 The budget was questioned as to whether it represented best value because members of the public were not consulted. **Action** – In future an advertisement would be placed in The Link advising the budget meeting date.

Highway steward duties

- 226 No new work was identified.

Finance

- 227 Reply awaited from BDO external auditors.
228 The following accounts were approved for payment:- SLDC - £2,362.43; Clerk's reimbursements - £36.67 and Hawkshead Recreation Ground - £3,050.00 p.

Planning

- 229 Application 7/2010/5118 for non-illuminated fascia signs to Hawkshead Outdoors has been withdrawn.

Reports from Councillors

- 230 County Cllr Claire Salisbury and District Cllr Colin Davies had sent their apologies for absence.

Items for inclusion in next agenda

- 231 No new items noted.

Date of next meeting

- 232 Tuesday 20 July 2010.

The meeting ended at 9.06 pm.

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