

## HAVERTHWAITE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2021 at 7.00pm by Zoom

### PRESENT

Gordon Eggleston (GE)	Sue Sanderson (SS)
Brian Fleming (BF)	Julian Bevins (JB)
Ian Wharton (IW)	Ann Newby (AN)

### MINUTE DESCRIPTION

#### APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

01/03/21 Resolved – Cath Stoddart

02/03/21 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - NONE

#### MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

03/03/21 Resolved – The Minutes of the Meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> January were signed off as an accurate record

04/03/21 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – NONE

#### DISTRICT & COUNTY REPORTS

05/03/21 Resolved – Sue Sandersons Report was read (attached)

06/03/21 Resolved – Ian Wharton advised of National Parks plans for upcoming Visitors to the Lakes when Lockdown restrictions are lifted. To monitor Littering, Tents, Campervans & Parking at designated Car Parks and the most popular routes around the Area. Also the new Ruling of 56 days instead of 28 for Fields etc. These do not have to be consecutive throughout the year but again to be wary of fly tipping and the possibility of Police Patrols. Cameras to record Night Activity at more well known venues and also 'Welcome Hosts' through the day to advise of the Countryside Code. Each area to have a specific Plan and the main aim of Control rather than Closure. There are long term discussions re Shuttle Buses to Launches & Ferries and as always in the Lake District the Weather plays a large part in the number of Visitors. Council Tax on 2<sup>nd</sup> Homes was also discussed

#### POLICE REPORT

07/07/19 Resolved – A number of cars were damaged at Low Wood but recorded as a RTC. A few Rabbit traps stolen near the Kennels. An issue with Poaching and the continuing Off Roaders which due to COVID restrictions cannot be acted upon as planned.

#### APPLICATIONS FOR DEVELOPMENT

08/03/21	7/2021/5101 White Gate, Backbarrow	No Objections
09/03/21	7/2021/5070 Birk Dault, Low Wood	No Objections
10/03/21	7/2020/5819 Mungeon Farm, Backbarrow	No Objections, and a tidy Development commented upon

**FINANCIAL MATTERS**

**11/03/21**      **Resolved** – The Precept has been accepted by SLDC and Account balances approved

**PARISH MATTERS**

**12/03/21**      **Discussed** – Street Lights at the Iron Works which are shining into surrounding Houses. To be brought to the attention of the Trustees & Developers (SS)

**13/03/21**      **Discussed** – A number of Street Lights have now been repaired but there are 2 along the Bridge Path which are not accessible for maintenance. As our nights are getting lighter now we have time to put some thought into this matter.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

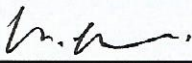
**14/03/21**      **Discussed** It was brought to our attention the subject of deteriorated Road signage around the Villages. These are to be reported as needed, for attention (SS) Also Litter as always is an issue, especially on the A590 which is a dangerous route to patrol. The Laybys have been attended to by Sue Warner who is the Locality Officer for SLDC. There are continuing issues of H&S for local residents to take part in any previous A590 Litter Picking events. And COVID has also prevented this in the last year. Any Volunteers wishing to help can contact us and we can forward their details. Some Grit Boxes at Brow Edge have been Vandalised too, this is a major concern given their purpose for Road Safety.

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

**15/03/21**      Next Meeting & AGM Monday 10<sup>th</sup> May. Venue to be advised.

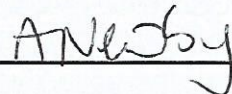
**Meeting Closed 7.55pm**

**Signed**

  
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**Chairman**

**Date:** 10/05/21

  
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**Clerk**

**Date:** 10/05/21

## **Report for Haverthwaite Parish Council**

Primary schools returned today and secondary are carrying out testing with a weeks grace. We continue to meet weekly. WE had to fight to obtain vaccinations for special school staff North Cumbria were willing to do it but Morecambe Bay were not we managed to get this decision overturned so all special school staff have been vaccinated. It remains a challenging area as most of you are aware. WE were awarded £1.3m from the government for food and holiday activities for pupils eligible for free school meals over Easter, Summer and Christmas.

I have heard from Highways England that the roadworks to install a compulsory left turn at Newby Bridge will be started on 8<sup>th</sup> February there will be some disruption but in the end it should reduce the disruption caused by blockages. This has happened but I spent most of last weekend observing as residents were concerned about the poor signage and road markings. I reported it to Highways England, managed to speak to Jonathan Reade and I am waiting for the outcome of a road safety audit.

I continue to raise the issue of lining on Brow Edge and at Lane Ends but I know Highways are under severe pressure because of the sickness/isolating and the weather which continues to be an issue. They have improved the HIMS system and it would be good to use it.

As you know there is a consultation about Local Government Reorganisation relating to Cumbria, North Yorkshire and Somerset. The decision will be made by Ministers. The County Council has proposed a single unitary, the other proposals involve splitting Cumbria in two, one including part of Lancashire. It is very unsettling for staff who have worked non-stop throughout the pandemic. It looks like it will be July before we hear any official outcome. Whatever happens we do not think it will not happen and we will lose a tier either the whole CCC or Districts. It seems there will be a bigger role for Town and Parish Councils something we need to be thinking about. It will be a completely fresh start all councillors will have to be selected and elected again to serve in a single unitary or one split into two unitaries.

Sue Sanderson

County Councillor