

LAKES PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on 31 March 2004 at St. Martin's College (Ambleside Campus) at 7.30pm

PRESENT: Cllrs. R. Sutton (Chairman), L. Johnson, G. Middleton, Mrs. V. Rees, A. Green, W.H. Allen, N.C. Martin, J.R. Westmoreland, Mrs. A.E. Garlick, Mr. E.S. Bradshaw,

APOLOGIES: Cllrs. Mrs. E.M. Braithwaite, C.C. Morris, Mrs. M. Lockley, Mrs. E. Wilson, G H Brookes

IN ATTENDANCE: District Cllrs. D. Vatcher, R. Barker

271. MINUTES

The minutes of the Council Meeting held on 3 March 2004 and the Plans Meeting held on 17 March 2004 at St. Martin's College, Ambleside, were approved as correct records and were signed by the Chairman accordingly, with the following amendment:

Minute 270 : Cllr. Rees declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the consideration of planning application no. 7/04/5161, and took no part in the discussion and recommendation.

272. PRESENTATION

Kirstie Royce of the Lake District Tourism and Conservation Partnership attended the meeting and set out the main work of her organisation, involving landscaping and heritage conservation work in conjunction mainly with tourism enterprises. She suggested that the Parish Council could become more involved by suggesting potential projects, being involved in activities, subscribing to the Partnership and engaging more closely. Members thanked Kirstie for her presentation.

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273. REPORTS

- (i) Cumbria County Council consultation meeting, Kendal, 5 March 2004
The Clerk reported on a consultation meeting called to discuss the Local Strategic Partnership's Community Strategy and the County Council's Community Contract for South Lakeland.
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- (ii) Ambleside and District Chamber of Trade, 15 March 2004
Cllr. Martin reported on issues including disc parking in Ambleside, rubbish in the village, Holehird Steering Group, Ambleside Sports and St. Martin's new library.
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- (iii) Parish Plan meeting, 17 March 2004
The Clerk reported that an initial meeting had been held to initiate the Parish Plan and that a steering group would be established and funding sought.
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- (iv) Rural Regeneration Cumbria, Kendal, 22 March 2004
The Clerk reported on the launch of the Social and Community Regeneration programme of RRC.
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- (v) Lakes Neighbourhood Forum, Grasmere, 22 March 2004
Cllr. Johnson reported on issues including youth provision, feedback on ongoing projects, Grasmere First Responders, Fairtrade and the Resolve Mediation Service. Members considered a specific query about the proposed nursing home in Windermere.
RESOLVED to write to the LDNPA supporting the planning application in principle.
- (vi) St. Martin's College, Ambleside, Campus Liaison Group, 24 March 2004
Cllr. Johnson reported on the agenda which included a report from the Assistant Principal, closer ties with the Armit, the Parish Plan, Ambleside Fairtrade and various community issues.
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- (vii) Rydal Hall, 5 March
The Chairman reported that he attended a meeting which outlined the garden restoration programme.
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- (viii) Sprite, 10 March
The Chairman attended a meeting addressing tourism in 'lagging rural areas' including the Lake District.
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- (ix) Lake Windermere Administration Sub Committee, 26 March
Cllr. Green reported on the proposed ferry closure around Easter, requests by Windermere Nautical Trust for an extended lease, and a site visit to the proposed new jetties at Waterhead. After discussion on declarations of interest it was RESOLVED that the Clerk would write to SLDC's Standards Committee, copied to CALC, on the concern of local members who feel unable to represent the parish's interests on committees when the Parish Council had previously discussed the issue.
- (x) Cumbria County Council, Ambleside and District Chamber of Trade, Capita, 26 March 2004
Cllr. Martin reported on a meeting to discuss parking in Ambleside, including the lack of signage, cost and availability of discs and the acceptability of not displaying discs when none was available, and the Waterhead cycle lane, where a further review would be undertaken
RESOLVED to write to Cumbria County Council/Capita, to ensure that adequate signage was displayed alerting visitors to disc parking in Ambleside.

274. POLICE REPORT

the Police Officer present reported that funding was now in place for a new officer to be based in Ambleside, and on some incidents with drunken youths, and commented on the cycle route at Waterhead.

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275. FINANCE

- (i) RESOLVED to approve the orders for payment submitted to the meeting and totalling £2669.9.
- (ii) Current budget and outturn
The Clerk presented a written report (see attached) outlining the anticipated outturn against the agreed budget, together with a bank reconciliation.
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- (iii) Assets Register and Risk Assessment
RESOLVED to approve the current register of assets (see attached) and risk assessment (see attached) in accordance with audit requirements.

276. GRANT APPLICATIONS

RESOLVED to pay the following grants:

- (i) £125 to Langdale PCC for graveyard upkeep, in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 1972 S214
- (ii) £50 to the Great Langdale Marathon Committee for an Easter Egg Fun Run in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act, 1972, S145.
- (iii) £100 to St. Mary's Church, Ambleside, for its 150th Birthday Celebration, in accordance with the provision of the Local Government Act, 1972, S144.
- (iv) £250 to Cumbria Rural Citizens' Advice Bureau, in accordance with the provision of the Local Government and Housing Act, 1989, S38.

277. HMS UNDINE CELEBRATION

RESOLVED to contribute £200 to the exhibition and celebration associated with the HMS UNDINE reunion on 17 April, organised jointly by SLDC, Windermere and Lakes Parish Councils, in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act, 1972, S144.

278. LIQUOR LICENCE APPLICATIONS

RESOLVED not to object to the following applications for licences:

- (i) Scotts Café, Waterhead (new licence)
- (ii) Lucy's on a Plate, Ambleside (transfer)
- (iii) Rothay Garth Hotel, Ambleside (transfer)
- (iv) Miller Howe Café, Grasmere (transfer)
- (v) White Cross Bay, Caravan Park and Supermarket Shop (transfer)
- (vi) Co-op Village Stores, Ambleside (transfer)

279. PROPOSED ADDITIONS TO THE MAIN RIVER NETWORK

The Clerk presented proposals by the Countryside Agency to designate as 'main river' Fisher Beck, Redacre Gill and two drains in Ambleside, watercourses where there is the greatest risk of flooding.

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280. SOUTH LAKELAND AREA REVIEW OF BUS SERVICES

Members considered a minor review by Cumbria County Council of bus services affecting Ambleside, Langdale and Grasmere.

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281. TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE, GRASMERE

Members considered a proposed road closure of the U5526 in Grasmere.

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282. WINDERMERE ENDOWED SCHOOL

Members considered a vacancy on the Windermere Endowed School

RESOLVED to appoint Cllr. N. Martin to the endowment.

283. LANGDALE VALLEY NEWS

Members considered a request for representation of the Parish Council on the Valley News Committee.

RESOLVED to appoint Cllr. Wilson (or Cllr. Sutton) to the Committee.

284. COMMEMORATIVE PLATE

The Clerk presented correspondence from an individual inviting the Parish Council to acquire a commemorative plate depicting Rydal.

RESOLVED to acquire the plate for the sum of £22 and donate to the Armit Museum and Library. (Cllr. Rees declared a prejudicial interest in this item and took no part in the debate or decision).

285. BRITISH TELECOM KIOSK

The Clerk presented a response from BT regarding the removal of a telephone kiosk on Rydal Road, Ambleside, which despite the Parish Council's continuing objections, BT insisted on closing.

RESOLVED to accept BT's decision reluctantly.

286. BROADBAND

The Clerk presented a report from DEFRA on rolling out Broadband to rural communities.

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The meeting was adjourned at 9.00 to give the public present the opportunity to make representations. There were none and the meeting recommenced immediately.

287. NATIONAL PARK LIAISON MEETING

Members considered an invitation to attend a liaison meeting with the LDNPA Chief Officer on 6 May 2004 in Ambleside.

RESOLVED to approve the attendance of the Chairman and Clerk, with a request that a further two members might attend if space permits.

288. ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

RESOLVED that the Annual Parish meeting would take place on 19 May 2004, and that Ambleside Fairtrade, Kelsick Foundation, Ambleside Welfare Charity and other organisations would be invited to attend and speak.

289. MATTERS OF INFORMATION

A. From the Clerk

The Clerk laid the following items on the table for members' information:

- 1 DIS Issue 575 – 8 March 2004
 - 2 Windermere Parish Council Agendas – 10/22 March 2004
 - 3 Skelwith Parish Council agenda – 5 April 2004
 - 4 SLDC Council meeting agenda – 30 March 2004
 - 5 SLDC Standards committee agenda – 16 March 2004
 - 6 SLDC Minutes – Cabinet/Council/Committees Feb – March 2004
 - 7 Ambleside Civic Trust – minutes 17 February 2004
 - 8 CALC County Circular – March 2004
 - 9 Local; Council Review – March 2004
 - 10 Cumbria County Council directory – Your Cumbria – Spring 2004
 - 11 Cumbria County Council Guide –2004
 - 12 Cumbria County Council – Temporary Traffic Register 19 March 2004
 - 13 Update from the LDNPA – 24 March 2004
 - 14 NW Network newsletter – February 2004
 - 15 Morecambe Bay Hospitals NHS Trust – Foundation Hospitals consultation notice
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B. From Members

Cllr. Johnson reported on the demolition and rebuilding of a bungalow on Stoney Lane, Ambleside, the presence of a mobile trader on the Market Cross, and the deadline for entries to Cumbria in Bloom of 21 April. Cllr. Bradshaw said he would be attending the meeting on regional government with the Deputy Prime Minister in Kendal on 15 April.

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C. From District Councillors

Cllr. Barker reported that SLDC planning department had received £480K to help improve its services, £9m had been approved by the Housing Corporate for affordable housing, and that 50% of the additional second homes tax collected by Cumbria County Council would be passed to SLDC. He added that parking fines were increasing to £30 on 1 May and reported on a report by the Cumbria Strategic Partnership on affordable homes, economic development and inward investment. Cllr. Vatcher reported that up to 44 new affordable homes could be built in the district in the near future.

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290. PLANNING APPLICATION, GREENGATE, TROUTBECK

Members considered a response from an objector to the planning application for affordable housing in Troutbeck to a previous letter from the Parish Council. Members were disinclined to change their position and were not aware of any other alternative sites.

RESOLVED to reiterate the Council's previous support for the application and write to the objector stating that it is unaware of any alternative sites and that the decision now rests with the LDNPA.

291. APPEAL DECISIONS

Members were informed that an appeal against the refusal of planning permission for an extension to form 3 additional letting bedrooms, owners' accommodation and dining room at Ash Cottage, Red Lion Square, Grasmere had been allowed.

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292. LDNPA PLANNING DECISIONS

The Clerk submitted a report on planning decisions by the LDNPA on plans on which the Council had previously commented (see attached)

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293. LDNPA MINOR PLANNING AMENDMENTS

The Clerk reported on the following amended plans under delegated authority on which previous comment had been made:

7/03/5512 Moss Grove Hotel, Grasmere
Crete independent residential unit (referred to as Acorn Cottage)
Introduction of steel beam

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294. PLANS FOR CONSIDERATION

RESOLVED to make the following recommendations on the undermentioned plans:

7/03/5691 Hillhead, Ellerigg Road, Ambleside
Demolition of side extension, erection of single and two storey extension,
internal alterations and external works to 2 existing C3 residential units of
accommodation (amended plans)

APPROVAL

7/03/5713 Ambleside Backpackers, Old Lake Road, Ambleside
Conversion of backpackers hostel to residential apartments (amended
plans)

APPROVAL– the proposed changes to parking and access allay some
of the Council's previous reservations

7/04/5204 Field No. 7643, Wilson Place Farm, Little Langdale
New agricultural building

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7/04/5210 1 Loughrigg View, Low Gale, Ambleside
To enclose an understair utility area next to front door of flat to create
new porch/utility space

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7/04/5216 Greenburn, Nook Lane, Ambleside
Provision of home office and storage

APPROVAL

7/04/5224 Fell Foot Farm, Little Langdale
Installation of 2 antennae, 1 link dish, 2 equipment cabinets, an electric
meter cabinet and associated apparatus
APPROVAL – the Council's previous comments about the need for such
an installation in this area are reiterated

7/04/5229 Oak Bank Hotel, Broadgate, Grasmere
Owners' accommodation – new dwelling in garden of Oak Bank Hotel
APPROVAL – however members have reservations about the shared
access and effect of the proposed new dwelling on neighbours and
request that a site meeting be held to investigate these concerns on site.

The meeting closed at 10.20 p.m.