

## LAKES PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> December 2005 at St. Martin's College  
(Ambleside Campus) at 7.30pm

PRESENT: Cllrs. A. Green (Chairman), W.H. Allen, Mrs E.M. Braithwaite,  
E.S. Bradshaw, G.H. Brookes, L. Johnson,  
N.C. Martin, G. Middleton, C.C. Morris, J.R. Westmoreland

APOLOGIES: Cllrs R. Sutton, Mrs M. Lockley, Mrs E.A. Garlick, Mrs E  
Wilson, Mrs V. Rees and Mrs E Lassey

IN ATTENDANCE: District Cllrs R Barker, D Vatcher, County Cllr B Barton

ALSO: M. A. Johnson, Sgt 885 Allison, PC 1685 Wilson, the Press  
and 2 members of the public.

### 138. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> November 2005 and the Plans Meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> November 2005 at St. Martin's College, Ambleside were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman accordingly.

### 139. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- ◆ Councillor Johnson declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 7(b) Minute 143(b). There were no other declarations of Interest from Members.

### 140. POLICE REPORT

The Police Officers present gave a comprehensive report on Policing within the Parish over the past four weeks. They were pleased to note a significant reduction in the November crime figures year on year. They spoke about the letter sent to the Parish Council regarding disorder in Ambleside by a concerned resident which had been copied to the Police for their attention. They informed Members of the new Police telephone number for non urgent matters 0845 3300247 and answered Members questions. The Chairman thanked them for their attendance and they left the Meeting to resume their duties.

### 141 AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN SOUTH LAKELAND

The Clerk had circulated a letter from the MP, Tim Farron on this subject which was mainly for information of the Parish Councillors. He would attend the January meeting of the Council when this matter could be discussed.

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### 142. REPORTS

1. Ambleside and District Chamber of Trade. Councillor Martin reported on the most recent Meeting. Among the subjects discussed were the Lake Road traffic island; the number of street traders present at the Ambleside lights switch on; the closure of Tourist Information Centres and problems with dropping membership. Councillor Brookes clarified the position with the regulation of street traders.
2. CALC South Lakeland Area Meeting – The Chairman reported on a two part meeting. The first part had been with County Council Officers but

unfortunately Nick Raymond had been unable to attend. The second part involved the election of Officers for the Association. There was nothing of consequence for Lakes Parish Council.

3. Councillors Green, Johnson and Mrs Braithwaite had attended a Lakes Admin Sub Committee meeting.
4. Councillor Johnson had attended a meeting on Environment Quality in another capacity which had been attended by 33 people, mostly Officers of various Authorities but not one elected Member. He reported on the content which had included the cleaner Neighbourhoods and Environment act.

143. FINANCE

- a. RESOLVED to confirm approval the orders for payment submitted to the meeting totalling £5370.41
- b. RESOLVED to agree to contribute £325 (25% of the total cost) towards the completion of the Market Cross/King Street car park bollard-capping scheme. SLDC will contribute the remainder of the costs.
- c. RESOLVED To request further information from Grasmere Village Hall on whether they had entered in to competitive tendering and how the work was being prioritised regarding their request for funding towards improvements of the Hall.

144. PLANS FOR CONSIDERATION

RESOLVED to make the following recommendations on the undermentioned plans:

1. 7/05/5657 Upper Todd Crag, Clappersgate, Ambleside  
Conversion of and extension to outbuildings to form annexed accommodation to Upper Todd Crag. – **No objections however a condition should be attached in perpetuity that would prohibit this accommodation from being sold or let separately from the main building.**
2. 7/05/5667 Gold Rill Hotel, Red Bank Road, Grasmere  
Lounge and bedroom extension – **No objections**
3. 7/05/5718 Lakeland Warehouse Site, Rothay Road Ind Est Ambleside  
Drainage improvements/600mm earth bund/stone gabion retaining structure – **No objections**
4. 7/05/5715 McQuarrie, Old Lake Road, Ambleside  
Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of replacement dwelling. – **No objections however the Council have misgivings about the technical retrospective element of this application in that the dwelling is already demolished.**
5. 7/05/5722 Hayes Garden World, Lake Road Ambleside  
Erection of glass house. – **Refuse on the grounds that there is no proven need for this glass house and it would constitute overdevelopment of the site. Should the Planning Authority be minded to approve this application then a full land drainage investigation should take place prior to approval and any drainage should not be allowed to enter Fisher Beck. The Lakes Parish Council are concerned about developments that might cause potential**

**flooding problems and in this case there is a potential flooding problem for Fisher Beck and Borrans Road.**

6. 7/05/5727 Forest Side Cottage Grasmere  
Building consent for erection of a woven hazel hurdle fence 2.7m high in front garden. – **No objections**
7. 7/05/5743 Kingswood, Old Lake Road, Ambleside  
Additional window – **No objections**
8. 7/05/5742 9 Benfield, Grasmere  
Extension to existing domestic dwelling – **No objections**

145 MATTERS OF INFORMATION

- A. From the Chairman  
The Chairman had nothing to report.
- B. From the Clerk
  - 1 Windermere Town Council – Agenda 7<sup>th</sup> December 05
  - 2 DIS Extra –620/ 621 – 12 December 2005
  3. Skelwith Bridge Working Group – 21<sup>st</sup> December for viewing plans at 2pm.
  4. SLDC – Agenda for 20<sup>th</sup> December 2005
  5. Guide to Services FIRST North West – Train Times for Intercity services
- C From Members  
Councillor Johnson informed Members that SLDC needed an urgent response on signage of the Alcohol prohibition orders as the last thing that was needed was the whole village of Ambleside covered in intrusive signage. The Clerk would urgently contact SLDC and ensure a suitable response was made
- D. From District Councillors  
Councillor Barker spoke on matters concerning the District and said that he was concerned that the Rate Support Grant was low and that Authorities were to be capped to 5% in the next financial year. He also spoke on concessionary fares for over 60's within the South Lakeland District and Cumbria wide.  
Councillor Vatcher spoke on the petition raised to object to the loss of the Post Office in Ambleside. This had now 2380 signatures and there were still 17 petitions in shops throughout the area.  
Councillor Mrs Braithwaite reported on and eco award to Langdale School.
- E. From the County Councillor  
Councillor Barton had nothing to report  
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146. LOW/HIGH GALE AMBLESIDE - PARKING

The Clerk reported that the County Council would place this on the TRO list for an inclusion in a future programme. Consideration will be given to a Keep Clear sign which might help in the short term.

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147. BUS USE OF THE STRUGGLE - AMBLESIDE

Councillor Mrs Wilson had asked that this item be deferred to the January meeting.

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148 LDNPA – PARISH COUNCIL REPRESENTATION AT SITE VISITS

The Clerk had circulated information provided by Councillor Johnson. He was of the opinion that the Council should write again press through CALC for site visit representation to be reinstated and that the Clerk should attend with a nominated Councillor as substitute.

RESOLVED To make representations as outlined above and also to request that all Plans be available in Ambleside Library.

149 GRASMERE POST OFFICE

The Clerk had circulated information contained within a letter from the owners of Grasmere Post Office regarding relocation to the Tourist Office in Grasmere.

RESOLVED That the Council wholeheartedly support the proposals for relocation contained within the letter and offer assistance should it be required. Members were of the opinion that only a long term lease would secure the future of postal services within Grasmere.

150. DUNMAIL RAISE LAYBY

The Clerk read a request from a member of the public to have all parking restriction removed from this lay-by.

RESOLVED – That the Council support the request to amend parking restrictions in the lay-by which had formed part of the old road to Grasmere but with a restriction of no parking between the hours of 11pm and 7am.

151. BORRANS/GALAVA FOOTPATH

The Clerk updated Members with progress on this footpath. A further meeting would be sought in the New Year to try to move things along.

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152 BIG ART PROJECT - AMBLESIDE

The Clerk gave Members a précis of what is proposed for this project.

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153 NOTIFICATION OF PLANNING APPEALS/WITHDRAWN APPLICATIONS

- a. Miller Field Rothay Road, Ambleside – appeal against enforcement notices served on Mr M Roberts, Lakeland Estates (Ambleside).
- b. 7/2005/5589 – General purpose/livestock agricultural building and adjacent midden store at Knott Houses Farm, Grasmere – This application is withdrawn.

The meeting closed at 9.37pm