

LAKES PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on 16th November 2005 at St. Martin's College (Ambleside Campus) at 7.30pm

- PRESENT: Cllrs. R Sutton (Chairman), W.H. Allen, Mrs E.M. Braithwaite, E.S. Bradshaw, G.H. Brookes, A. Green, L. Johnson, N.C. Martin, G. Middleton, C.C. Morris, Mrs V. Rees
- APOLOGIES: Cllrs.Mrs M. Lockley, J.R. Westmoreland, Mrs E Wilson, Mrs E Lassey, and County Cllr Barton
- IN ATTENDANCE: District Cllrs R Barker, D Vatcher
- ALSO: M. A. Johnson, PC D Buxton, the Press and 1 member of the public.

Prior to the commencement of the Meeting, the Chairman paid tribute to Mr Robert Woof who had passed away recently.

122. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 19th October 2005 and the Plans Meeting held on 2nd November 2005 at St. Martin's College, Ambleside were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman accordingly.

123. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- ◆ Councillor Johnson declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 6(e) There were no other declarations of Interest from Members.

124. POLICE REPORT

PC Buxton gave a comprehensive report on Policing within the Parish over the past four weeks. He informed Members that it had been a fairly quiet time and circulated the crime figures shown in the new format. He answered questions on the use of bicycles on pavements, parking outside of the Log House and a recent drug undercover operation. The Chairman thanked him for his attendance.

125. REPORTS

1. CALC AGM The Chairman had attended this Meeting with Councillor Green. The speaker was the Chairman of NALC. His presentation included Quality Parish, the role of the Parish Clerk and the amalgamation of smaller Councils. The AGM took place with election of Officials and the Chairman commented that CALC membership was now very healthy and the organisation robust.
2. Skelwith Bridge Working Party. Councillor Martin gave an up to date report on the meeting held on 8th November 2005. A substantial grant application had now been approved for funding the work together with agreed funding from the Ramblers Association and Lakes Parish Council.
3. Councillor Johnson reported on the launch of the Parish Plan. He had also attended a meeting of the St Martins College Liaison Group.
4. The Chairman reported on a meeting of the Lakes Line Action Group AGM and also the Ambleside Civic Society AGM

126. FINANCE

- a. RESOLVED to confirm approval the orders for payment submitted to the meeting totalling £2824.96
- b. RESOLVED to agree to the Draft Budget proposals (previously circulated) and to set the Annual Precept for 2006/7 in the sum of £40,700.
- c. RESOLVED To agree the closure of the Business Reserve Account with Barclays PLC and the transfer of all balances to the Current Account but to authorise the Clerk as Responsible Financial Officer to seek alternative free banking facilities with the major banking companies.
- d. RESOLVED To agree in principle to support 'Your Chance to be a Star during the year 2006/7 but for them to complete an application form for the necessary funding and to seek further information from the organisers on the total cost of organising the project.
- e. RESOLVED To agree in principle to a request for a donation to the Ambleside Civic Trust to enable completion of the Market Cross/King Street improvement schemes, however prior to making any firm offer, the Council would require information on the amounts given by other funding partners.
- f. RESOLVED To agree to renew Membership of the Cumbria Wildlife Trust in the sum of £40.
- g. RESOLVED To agree in principle to the funding and distribution of a Parish Newsletter with U-Compute Copy Centre to the LA22 postcode area (with certain exceptions outside of Lakes Parish) in the sum of £397.24p per issue, it being expected that there will be 4 issues of a Parish Newsletter per year.

127. PLANS FOR CONSIDERATION

RESOLVED to make the following recommendations on the undermentioned plans:

1. 7/05/5574 Lakeshore House Ambleside Road Windermere
Proposed replacement of dilapidated boathouse, separate dayroom and storm damage jetty with traditional boathouse (resubmission) - **Refusal as this is a total redevelopment of an existing boathouse and as such appears to constitute overdevelopment of the site. If LDNPA are minded to approve then a condition should be included prohibiting overnight occupation of the boathouse.**
2. 7/05/5603 Cringlemire Cottage, Holbeck Lane Windermere
Construction of equipment shed/wood store – **No objections**
3. 7/05/5620 2 Cambridge Villas, Church Street, Ambleside
Change from window to door at rear of property –**No objections**
4. 7/05/5647 Anchorage Guest House, Rydal Road, Ambleside
Extension to rear to improve owners living accommodation with alterations to owners lounge to guest bedroom and en suite. New owners conservatory to side elevation. – **No objections**

5. 7/05/5651 3 Field Foot, Under Loughrigg, Ambleside
Demolition of existing single storey extension and car port and replacement with two storey extension. – **No objections**

6. 7/05/5658 Littlewater Tarn Neaum Crag, Foul Step Lane Loughrigg
Relaxation of seasonal condition to allow all year round full time occupation for site warden/estate manager and wife. – **No objections as long as the property remains in the jurisdiction of the owners of the site and is not sold separately**

7. 7/05/5668 Ambleside Library Kelswick Road Ambleside
Small single storey flat roof extension to rear courtyard area of library – **No objections**

128 MATTERS OF INFORMATION

- A. From the Chairman
The Chairman had attended Langdale Church and laid wreathes on behalf of the Council on Remembrance Sunday.

- B. From the Clerk
 - 1 Windermere Town Council – Agenda 9th November 05
 - 2 DIS Extra – 618/619
 3. SLDC licensing Act 2003 – Weekly list 3 October
 4. Skelwith Parish Council – Meeting 5th September
 5. Information on working group Skelwith/Elterwater foot/cycle route
 6. Clerks and Councils DIRECT November 05
 7. The Clerk – November 2005
 8. Ambleside Chamber of Trade AGM Agenda 21st November 05

- C From Members
Councillor Morris circulated a report on transport within Lakes Parish.
Councillor Johnson asked if progress could be made with the Galava footpath.
Councillor Brookes reminded Members of the Saturday Christmas Lights switch on in Ambleside.
Councillor Mrs Braithwaite reported traditional Sunday Remembrance held in Grasmere.

- D. From District Councillors
Councillor Barker spoke on matters concerning the District and said that he was now quite tired after all the budget negotiations and deliberations on electoral review.
Councillor Mrs Braithwaite confirmed matters raised.
Councillor Vatcher spoke on a number of items including the Boundary Committee debate, the Neighbourhood Forum to be held in Langdale; Tim Farrons latest surgery at the Kelswick Centre; Youth Activities and the appointment of a new Community Development worker, Mark Wenlock.
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- E. From the County Councillor
Councillor Barton was not present
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129. ROYAL OAK TABLES

The Clerk had received information from Cumbria County Council that they were of the opinion that the tables outside of the Royal Oak encroached on to the highway and as

such had requested the landlord to remove them. He had disputed this but would confer with his area manager. If no resolution could be found, then this would be placed in the hands of legal services to resolve.

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130. ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION DESIGNATED PUBLIC PLACES - SLDC

The Clerk had circulated draft details of this document that detailed all the prohibited streets. Members felt that they did not wish to see a proliferation of signs disfiguring streets, however PC Buxton pointed out that without the signs, the designation of streets would not be legal.

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131 PARISH PLAN

The Chairman had accepted the Parish Plan on behalf of the Council at the recent launch of the Plan. Councillor Bradshaw explained the way forward now that the Plan had been adopted and requested an item on the Agenda of future meetings to keep Parish Plan on track for resolution.

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132 GRASMERE POST OFFICE

This item had been withdrawn

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133. PROPOSED DIVERSIONS/AMENDMENTS/CREATION OF PUBLIC FOOTPATHS – RYDAL (LANGDALE) FOOTPATHS 544016/544024/544007/544026/027/028

The Clerk circulated information on a number of footpaths where small diversions or amendments were proposed.

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134. BOUNDARY REVIEW - SLDC

Councillor Mrs Braithwaite highlighted various ideas that were now part of the SLDC recommendations and asked that the Clerk write again to the Boundary Committee and stress the need to preserve the community District boundaries in line with present Lakes Parish boundaries. The issues of depopulation would also be highlighted.

RESOLVED – The Clerk write and re-iterate the position of Lakes Parish Council.

135 AFFORDABLE HOUSING LAKES PARISH

The Clerk had circulated information on an affordable housing questionnaire. Councillor Mrs Braithwaite regretted that the closing date had now passed for comment, however Councillor Vatcher had responded with a full response to the questionnaire.

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136 LAKES MARKET TOWNS PARTNERSHIP

Members noted the meeting to be held on Thursday 24th November 2005 in Windermere

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137 NOTIFICATION OF PLANNING APPEALS

2 Tongue Ghyll, Grasmere – appeal against refusal of planning permission for a change of use of part of a field in to a domestic car park for use of house only.

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The meeting closed at 9.25pm