

LAKES PARISH COUNCIL

PLANS MEETING

Minutes of the Meeting held at St. Martin's College (Ambleside Campus) on Wednesday 30th November 2005 at 7.30pm

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

APOLOGIES: Mrs E.M. Braithwaite, Mrs A.E. Garlick, Mrs E Lassey Mrs V Rees, J.R. Westmoreland and District Councillor R Barker.

ALSO M.A. Johnson, County Cllr Barton, District Cllr Vatcher, the Press and three members of the public

70. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of a personal or prejudicial interest.

71. ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR IN AMBLESIDE

The Clerk had circulated a letter from a concerned local resident

RESOLVED – That this item be deferred until the next Meeting of the Council to allow the Police to comment and a copy of the letter be sent to the local Police Inspector.

72. OPEN ADVENTURE

The Clerk had circulated for information a letter from the organisers of a mountain bike/running/orienteering event to be held on 4th December within Lakes Parish

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73. AFFORDABLE HOUSING

The Clerk had circulated a letter from SLDC on the Ambleside housing needs survey 2006. An Officer of SLDC had requested that they attend a meeting of the Council to advise Members prior to the survey work starting.

RESOLVED – That the Clerk invite an officer of SLDC to the January meeting and also request the presence of a planning officer from LDNPA so that any relevant questions in relation to housing and planning might be answered.

74. POLICE FORCE RESTRUCTURING

The Clerk had circulated a letter giving updated information on the current state of the proposed restructuring of Cumbria Police.

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75. LDNPA DRAFT STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT IN PLANNING

The Clerk had circulated information on the Planning Document.

RESOLVED – That the Clerk answer the attached questionnaire and stress the need for site visit involvement by representatives of the Parish Council

76. NOTIFICATION OF PLANNING APPEALS

a. 7/2004/5642 – South Lakeland Caravans – Southern marina Whitecross Bay Ambleside Road Windermere – replacement of existing timber jetties with floating pontoon jetties – Appeal to be heard at Windermere Manor Hotel, Bowness on Windermere Tuesday 13th December 2005 at 10am

- b. 7/05/5176 – Mr A Sankey –Gillside Barn - Appeal against refusal of planning permission and listed building consent for proposed shuttered opening; aperture for passive stack ventilation – to be dealt with by written representations

77. PLANNING DECISIONS NOTIFIED BY LDNPA

The following decisions on planning applications were taken by the LDNPA

CONDITIONAL APPROVAL

- 7/05/5515 Cringlemire Cottage, Holbeck Lane, Windermere – Extension to form Granny Flat
- 7/05/5519 Greenbank Cottage, Little Langdale, Ambleside – Relocate existing above ground domestic lpg tank and bury below ground.
- 7/05/5528 Castle Syke Farm, Holbeck Lane, Windermere – replace existing wooden building with new building (machinery and feed store)
- 7/05/5503 3 Mere Syke, Elterwater, Ambleside – Installation of lpg storage tank.
- 7/05/5538 7 Wansfell Bank Ambleside – House extension.
- 7/05/5560 Garth Close, Birch Road, Ambleside – revised home office/day room
- 7/05/5525 Silver Quay, Waterhead, Ambleside – Renewal of storm damaged jetty – like for like
- 7/05/5555 Firbank Cottages, Elterwater, Ambleside – erection of concrete slab and housing for four 1200 litre calor gas tank.
- 7/05/5569 Great Gable, 2 The Falls, Ambleside – new Chimney
- 7/05/5573 Red Lion Hotel ,Grasmere – Alterations to escape staircase on north side
- 7/05/5579 Brathay Fell Cottage, Brathay, Ambleside – replacement detached garage

REFUSAL

- 7/05/5365 Scot Beck Fold, Troutbeck – Barn conversion to create additional accommodation to the main house.
- 7/05/5587 The Bungalow, Borrans Road, Ambleside – Replacement dwelling
- 7/05/5535 Wesleyan Chapel, Rydal Road, Ambleside – removal of existing steel ladder with steel stairs fire escape and retrospective permission for vending machine in door gap with new slate canopy
- 7/05/5536/37 Adrian Sankey Glass, Rydal Road Ambleside – Extension to workshop also refusal of listed building consent

78. TREE WORKS

- a. TPO 12A Calgarth Windermere – Fell a sycamore of reduced vigour and which appears to be in decline. Fell three poorly formed trees and remove the limb of an alder that is overhanging the property; also fell one hornbeam that is not protected.
- b. TPO 28 Skelwith Bridge, Neaum Crag. Reduce Oak T1 and length of branches; remove dead branches of Oak T2 in the grounds of chalet known as Dale Head Tarn; Reduce lowest

branch of Oak T3 at same location; Reduce Oak T4 by 1 – 2 metres in same location; reduce Oak T5 in same location; Fell Sycamore in the grounds of chalet known as Winfell Tarn; Fell or pollard Oak to the north of the swimming pool; Reduce and thin Ash to the south west of the swimming pool; Reduce and remove crossing branches of Beech overhanging the swimming pool.

The Landscape and Woodland Adviser of the LDNPA considers the work to be reasonable.

RESOLVED – To agree to the works listed.

79 PLANS FOR CONSIDERATION

RESOLVED to make the following recommendations on the undermentioned plans:

1. 7/05/5618 Windermere Lake Cruises, Waterhead, Ambleside
Dredging of the lake bed, south side of pier 5 – **NO OBJECTIONS**
2. 7/05/5648/49 Post Office, Market Place, Ambleside
Demolition of existing buildings and redevelopment to form enlarged retail unit, offices and training facilities – **REFUSE on the grounds that approval of this application would potentially result in the loss of an important facility for Ambleside and surrounding areas. This application is in breach of Policy L55 of the Cumbria and Lake District Joint Structure Plan 2001-2016 that states:- Development proposals which, through redevelopment or change of use, would result in the loss of an important local service or facility will not be permitted unless it can be demonstrated that the use is no longer viable and the site or building is not required by the community for a business or community use. It is also in breach of Clause 9.9 which states that in determining applications for change of use or redevelopment of existing facilities, evidence will be required that property has been extensively marketed to demonstrate that its current use is no longer economically viable and there is no interest from other businesses of facilities serving the local community. This clause particularly refers to Post Offices in the community.**
3. 7/05/5663 Wateredge Inn, Waterhead, Ambleside
8 suites and re-arrangement of car parking facilities – **REFUSE on the grounds that this application is an intensive over-development of the site. If it is split away from existing buildings it might, in the future, be sold off as lakeshore properties. If the planning authority is minded to approve this application then it should be subject to a clause that ties this development in perpetuity to the existing operation as a hotel or inn.**
4. 7/05/5688 High Green house, Troutbeck
Proposed new window and internal alterations – listed building consent – **NO OBJECTION**
5. 7/05/5705 Pier 4 Waterhead, Ambleside
Replacement timber jetty – like for like – **NO OBJECTION**
6. 7/05/5707 Ambleside Campus, Rydal Road, Ambleside
Renewal of permission for extension to sports hall to provide changing rooms and dance studio – **NO OBJECTION**

The meeting closed at 8.10pm