

## LAKES PARISH COUNCIL

### PLANS MEETING

Minutes of the Meeting held in the Library, Ambleside on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2006 at 7.30pm

PRESENT: Cllrs. L. Johnson (Chairman), A. Green, W.H. Allen, E.S. Bradshaw, Mrs. E. M. Braithwaite, G.H. Brookes, Ms M.M. Colquhoun, Mrs A.E. Garlick, Mrs M. Lockley, N.C. Martin, Mrs A. Parker, Mrs V. Rees, Mrs F.M. Sparrow, J. Smith and Mrs E Wilson.

APOLOGIES: Cllr J.R. Westmoreland and District Cllr Vatcher

IN ATTENDANCE: County Cllr B. Barton

ALSO M.A. Johnson, the Press and one member of the public

#### 21. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Ms Colquhoun declared a prejudicial interest in Agenda Item 4 and Item 11 (2), both concerning the Old Wesleyan Chapel, Rydal Road, Ambleside. She left the room for both items and took no part in the discussion or decision.

#### 22. CHURCHYARD VANDALISM

Councillor Martin reported on recent incidents of vandalism in the vicinity of the Church. He gave instances of this vandalism. Members were also worried about large groups of youths gathering locally who are intimidating when approached. Concern was expressed at the ability of the Police to deal with these incidents.

RESOLVED – That the Clerk invite the local Police Inspector to the next Meeting of the Council to discuss the issues raised during this item. The Clerk would also contact the relevant Officer of SLDC dealing with these issues.

#### 23. THE OLD WESLEYAN CHAPEL, RYDAL ROAD, AMBLESIDE

The Clerk had circulated an exchange of emails with the Enforcement Officer and also the Senior Planner at LDNPA on the non compliance of the owner of the Chapel in relation to a recent Appeal decision relating to the vending machine. The Senior Planner was of the opinion that the enforcement conditions had been complied with.

RESOLVED That the Clerk be instructed to write to the Inspector who had chaired the Appeal proceedings, enclosing a copy of the email from the Senior Planner, and express the concern of the Parish Council that the vending machine, although now located within the fabric of the building with a door to it, was almost continuously visible with the door permanently open and the light on outside. Lakes Parish Council were of the opinion that this makes a total mockery of the appeal decision.

#### 24. PLANNING DECISIONS

The following decisions on planning applications were taken by the LDNPA

#### CONDITIONAL APPROVAL

7/06/5317 Rowanberry Cottage, Broadgate, Grasmere – erection of detached garage, proposed alterations and increase in roof height.

7/06/5362 Stool End Farm, Great Langdale – Create hardened track.

- 7/06/5378 Smallwood House Hotel, Compston Road, Ambleside – demolition of restaurant and bar and reconstruction of restaurant, bar and 3 family suites.
- 7/06/5403 Land at Black Hadow, Rothay Holme Industrial Estate, Ambleside – increase in height by 5m to existing steel lattice telecommunication tower to provide new tower height of 20m.
- 7/06/5436 4 Stoney Lane, Ambleside – new front porch and conservatory replacing existing..
- 7/06/5451 5 Wansfell Bank, Ambleside – Domestic extension.

#### **REFUSALS**

- 7/06/5417 Langwaite, Nook Lane, Ambleside – alterations to and sub-division of uncompleted house and workshop to form 2 houses, one for local occupancy.- The Clerk would query this decision with the LDNPA.
- 7/06/5420 The Wordsworth Trust, part of the Jerwood Centre, Town End Grasmere – permanent site for the display of an advertisement relating to temporary events at the Wordsworth Trust (currently the Constable exhibition)
- 7/06/5422 The Wordsworth Trust adjacent to Island View, Town End, Grasmere – temporary display of advertisement for the Constable exhibition.

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The Chairman adjourned the Meeting and allowed a member of the Fire and Rescue Service to address the Meeting in relation to Agenda Item 8. The Meeting was then reconvened

- 25. **FIRE AND RESCUE COVER – KENDAL WINDERMERE AND LAKES PARISH**  
Councillor Smith had placed this item on the agenda for discussion and following on from the adjournment expressed concern at the possible far reaching effects of the loss of 18 full time fire fighter posts at Kendal and the changes proposed in relation to retained fire fighters at Ambleside particularly in relation to their possible effect on response times, existing back up procedures and major incident/disaster planning. Members were also gravely concerned at the proposed replacement of second appliances by Land Rovers.  
**RESOLVED** That the Clerk write to the County Council expressing the concern of Lakes Parish Council on the possible effect of the changes to the existing arrangements for Fire cover in Lakes Parish particularly in relation to response, backup and major incident/disaster planning.
- 26. **OFF ROAD FOOTPATHS**  
Councillor Mrs Garlick reported on the recent Rights of Way Improvement Plan and its present and possible future effect on local footpaths.  
**RESOLVED** – That the Clerk write to LDNPA and the National Trust and ask that local people are always consulted prior to any decisions being made on changes to nearby footpaths.
- 27. **ROADSIDE BANNERS**  
Councillor Bradshaw reported on the growth in commercial sector banners. In most cases the voluntary sector adhered to the rules and played it straight but this did not seem to apply to the commercial sector. He quoted a number of sites where large banners were displayed.  
**RESOLVED** – That the Clerk write to the LDNPA Enforcement Officer quoting the sites given and asking if these sites have approval for their banners and if this is not so, what is LDNPA to do about it.

28. DEVELOPMENT CONTROL SITE VISITS BY LDNPA

The Clerk had circulated an exchange of emails regarding a recent Development Control Committee site visit within the Lakes Parish. The Parish Council is once again excluded from an important site meeting.

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29. CODE OF CONDUCT TRAINING.

The Clerk had circulated information on Training Events proposed by SLDC Standards Committee offering to come to Parishes to undertake training.

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30 PLANS FOR CONSIDERATION

RESOLVED to make the following recommendations on the undermentioned plans:

1. 7/06/5484 The Archways, The Slack, Ambleside  
Change of use of maisonette to house in multiple occupation. –  
**Refuse on the grounds over over-occupancy of the building and lack of parking availability.**
2. 7/06/5503 Wesleyan Chapel, Rydal Road, Ambleside  
Use of building for storage and property maintenance –  
**Refuse on the grounds of noise to local residents and over intensive use of the site in relation to size and purpose stated in the application. The applicant appears to be running a business from the site mostly not related to the actual building maintenance required for a building of this size and density of occupation. The Lakes Parish Council is of the view that this application should be strongly resisted and refused. There continues to be a problem of local highway congestion by the users of this site.**

The meeting closed at 9.30pm