

## LAKES PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> April 2006 at St Martins College (Ambleside Campus) at 7.30pm.

PRESENT: Cllrs Mrs E.M. Braithwaite (Chairman), W.H. Allen, E.S. Bradshaw, Mrs E.A. Garlick, L. Johnson, Mrs M. Lockley, N.C. Martin, G. Middleton, C.C. Morris, Mrs V. Rees and Mrs E. Wilson.

APOLOGIES: Cllrs G.H. Brookes, A.Green, J.R. Westmoreland

IN ATTENDANCE: District Cllr R. Barker and County Cllr. B Barton

ALSO: M.A.Johnson, PC McClennan, the Press and two members of the public

Prior to the commencement of the Meeting, as the Vice Chairman was absent, nominations were invited from the floor for Chairman of the Meeting. Cllr Mrs Braithwaite was proposed and seconded. There being no further nominations. Cllr Mrs Braithwaite was elected Chairman for the Meeting.

The Chairman welcomed back Councillor Mrs Garlick who had been on an extended holiday in Australia.

### 192. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2006 and the Plans Meeting held on 22 March 2006 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman accordingly.

### 193. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest from Members

### 194. POLICE REPORT

PC McClennan reported on a marginal increase in crime figures. The last four weeks had been hectic with an increase in walk in/sneak burglaries, mainly at hotels and guesthouses. He answered questions from Members and the Chairman thanked him for his attendance.

### 195. REPORTS

a. Ambleside Chamber of Trade Meeting 20<sup>th</sup> March 2006. Councillor Martin reported on this meeting and highlighted the various matters raised therein.

- b. Advert Control Meeting 14<sup>th</sup> March 2006. Councillors Bradshaw and Johnson reported on this Meeting which had been quite lively with a full and frank exchange of views. A number of interested bodies had been represented. the Officers of the Park Authority were keen to point out that they were implementing Government Policy. They hoped to have uniformity of approach with the target areas being the A591 and Town Centres. The meeting ended with matters being left open with an ongoing consultation.

#### 196. FINANCE

- a. RESOLVED to confirm approval the orders for payment submitted to the £10442.14
- b. RESOLVED to agree to donate the sum of £50 to Cancer Care in memory of the late Chairman of Lakes Parish Council, Councillor Rod Sutton.
- c. RESOLVED to agree to the request from Holy Trinity Church PCC for a grant towards the upkeep of the graveyard at Chapel Stile in the sum of £175.
- d. RESOLVED to agree to continue to subscribe to CALC in the sum of £371.50
- e. RESOLVED to agree to pay the Clerk an Honorarium equating to his hourly rate and the hours of production of the quarterly Parish Council Newsletter, this to be reviewed after the first year of production of the Newsletter.

#### 197. PLANS FOR CONSIDERATION

RESOLVED to make the following recommendations on the under-mentioned plans

1. 7/06/5060 2 Above Beck, Grasmere – Domestic Extension – **No Objections**
2. 7/06/5097 3 McIver Close, Waterhead – Single storey extension – **No Objections**
3. 7/06/5146 Low Wood Hotel, Windermere – two sided sign on legs - **Refuse on grounds that this is a solid large distracting sign in a prominent position. If the Planning Authority are minded to approve then it should be sited in a less obtrusive position. Additionally the Parish Council object strongly to retrospective applications of which this is an example.**
4. 7/06/5158 16 Stonecroft, Ambleside – extensions to dwelling – **No Objections**
5. 7/06/5156 Barn at Thrang Farm, Chapel Stile – alterations and demolition of Outbuilding (listed building consent) – **No Objections**
6. 7/06/5163 Beechwood, Borrans Road, Ambleside – New domestic garage (redesign of approved application) - **No Objections**
7. 7/06/5166 Howbeck Grasmere – installation of solar panel on rear facing roof - **No Objections**

8. 7/06/5167 Co-op Store, Compston Road, Ambleside – Illuminated signs – **No Objections**

9. 7/06/5168 Land at Rothay Bridge Ambleside – demolition of remaining workshop building and erection of live work unit, small workshop and associated car parking and drainage facilities – **REFUSE as this is an over-intensive obtrusive application in relation to its length and height. There is also an issue with car parking as traffic is a major feature of this development which may create difficulties. This is a sensitive site and although a commercial area, is outside of the development area .**

10. 7/06/5161 Above Beck Summerhouse, Above Beck, Grasmere – **REFUSE on the grounds that this is a conspicuous development from the other side of the valley and appears to continue the creeping development of this site. The Parish Council feel there is no proven need for this application.**

11. 7/06/5175 – Grasmere Garden Centre Grasmere – Housing development for 9 affordable houses on vacant land (re-submission) - **deferred for decision at a Site Visit to be arranged. The Clerk to invite the LDNPA Officers concerned with the Application.**

#### 198 MATTERS OF INFORMATION

A. From the Chairman - The Chairman wished Councillor Morris all the very best as he is retiring at the coming election. She thanked him for his work for the Parish Council. She also thanked Councillor Barker for his service as District Councillor and wished him all the very best for the future.

B. From the Clerk – Papers had been laid on the table for information

C. From Members – Councillor Mrs Garlick raised the issue of the toilet block at Rothay Park. The Clerk gave her up to date information on progress. Councillor Johnson asked that a Vote of Appreciation be tabled at the next Meeting of the Council in respect of Councillor Mrs Braithwaite and her service as District Councillor.

C. From District Councillors – Councillor Barker reported on a visit to South Ribble. He said that the budget group for 2007/8 had already started work. The Chairman asked that a Vote of Thanks be minuted for the work of Councillor Barker who is retiring from the District Council this year. This was agreed unanimously.

D. From County Councillor - Councillor Barton reported on matters of interest to the Parish Council.

#### 199 SOUTH LAKES DEVELOPMENT TRUST STAKEHOLDER MEETING

The Clerk had circulated information on this Meeting.

RESOLVED – That Councillor Bradshaw be appointed as the Council's nominee for the Board of the Development Trust.

## 200 PARISH COUNCIL ELECTION 2006

The Clerk reported on progress with the election and candidates nominated.

### 201. NOTIFICATION OF PLANNING APPEAL DECISIONS

A. 7/2005/5182 – 2 Tongue Ghyll Grasmere – appeal by Mr Exley against refusal of part of field no 254 in to a domestic car park for use of house only- dismissed

B. 7/2005/5365 – Scot Beck Fold, Troutbeck – appeal against refusal of planning permission for barn conversion to create additional accommodation to the main house - to be dealt with by written representations.

The Meeting closed at 9.05pm