

LAKES PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on 12 July 2006 at St. Martin's College (Ambleside Campus) at 7.30pm

- PRESENT: Cllrs. L. Johnson (Chairman), A. Green, W.H. Allen, E.S. Bradshaw, Mrs E.M. Braithwaite, G.H. Brookes, Mrs M. Lockley, N.C. Martin, Mrs A. Parker, Mrs V. Rees, J. Smith and Mrs F.M. Sparrow
- APOLOGIES: Cllrs Mrs E.A. Garlick, Ms M.M. Colquhoun, Mrs E. Wilson J.R. Westmoreland and District Cllr D. Earnshaw.
- IN ATTENDANCE: District Cllr D Vatcher, County Cllr B Barton
- ALSO: M. A. Johnson, PC Buxton, the Press and 4 members of the public.

Prior to the commencement of the Meeting, the Chairman informed the Council that Councillor Ms Colquhoun was poorly and in hospital, however she is battling on and he had sent the best wishes of the Council wishing her a speedy recovery.

34. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 14th June held at St. Martin's College, Ambleside were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman accordingly.

35. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- ◆ Councillor Mrs Sparrow declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 13 (King Street Bus Shelters) and Councillor Green declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 15 (Disabled Parking) There were no other declarations of Interest from Members.

36. POLICE REPORT

PC Buxton reported on the recent communication to the Polish workers within the Community and that there had been no disorder subsequent to that leaflet. Feedback had been received from local Employers which had been positive. Two arrests had been made for recent targeting of Boots shops. The Force amalgamation is no longer taking place. He answered questions from Members and the Chairman thanked him for his attendance.

37. REPORTS

- a. Ambleside Chamber of Trade 20 February 06. Councillor Martin reported on the short Meeting where the main discussion had been on the way forward for the Chamber. Other discussions had included the radio link system in Ambleside .
- b. Opening of the Ambleside Parish Centre. The Chairman reported on the launch of the Centre. The Bishops of Carlisle and Penrith together with the Chairman of the Methodists and many others were present. Tim Farron MP had performed the opening ceremony. It is a wonderful building and has cost a lot of public money. He expressed disappointment on some aspects of the naming of the building.
- c. St. Martins College Campus Community Liaison Group – Councillor Mrs Braithwaite reported on a recent Meeting that had not been well attended, she outlined matters concerning the proposed University for Cumbria. It had been an interesting meeting.

- d. Councillor Mrs Sparrow reported on the Ambleside Community Lights and invited the Chairman to officiate at the switch on in November to which he agreed.
- e. The Chairman had attended a meeting of CALC (South Lakeland) at Kendal where SLDC had explained the ramifications of a single party control for the District Council. They had key objectives which included devolution of services to local Councils. A short business meeting of CALC had followed
- f. The Chairman had attended a launch on 16th June of a book by Robin Martakies.
- g. Councillor Mrs Parker had called a meeting of the Amenities Group of the Parish Plan Action Group on 21st June that had not been well attended. She commented on the Waste and Minerals Plan that is to be considered at the next Plans Meeting of the Parish Council.
- h. Councillor Green reported on the opening of the Constable Exhibition and on a meeting of the Ethics Foundation.

The Chairman adjourned the Meeting for members of the public to speak. One member of the public complained about the lack of publicity of an event in Windermere which should had been more widely advertised.

38 FINANCE

- a. RESOLVED to confirm approval the orders for payment submitted to the meeting totalling £20334.55
- b. RESOLVED to accept the External Auditors report on the 2005/6 Accounts which had no recommendations to make on the Accounts of the Lakes Parish Council. The Chairman commended the Clerk for his work to achieve this result which was a mandatory requirement for Quality Council accreditation.

39. PLANS FOR CONSIDERATION

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

- 1. 7/06/5005 Compston Street Ambleside
15 dwellings (1 x 3 bed dwelling; 4 2x bed dwellings; 10 single bed apartments) 2 x business units and 1 x shop – **Refuse on the grounds of over-intensive development of the site also the failure to address the fundamental issues raised in the recent Housing Needs Survey of Ambleside, particularly in relation to affordable housing for rent and the failure to address the highways problem of car parking in the area of this very narrow lane. If the Planning Authority are minded to approve this development then a condition should be that the properties to be developed are not sublet for holiday use and can only be for local occupancy. This should be strictly enforced.**
- 2. 7/06/5328 Lakeland Leather warehouse site, Rothay Road Ambleside
First floor extension to existing warehouse – **No Objections**
- 3. 7/06/5339 Unit 8 (Elterwater) Kirkstone Foot apartments, Ambleside
Small extension to living room (1.2m) – **No Objections subject to the development not impeding access for the emergency services (particularly the Fire Service) to the rear of the property.**
- 4. 7/06/5343 Ambleside Laundromat, Kelsick Road, Ambleside
Change of use of ground floor from launderette to mixed use of food preparation (B1) and retail (A1) – **No Objections**

5. 7/06/5351 1 and 2 Underhowe, Grasmere
Demolition of low garden wall – **No Objections**

6. 7/06/5357 6 Wansfell Bank, Ambleside
Domestic extension – **Approval on the grounds that this is a desirable improvement to the existing buildings and provides housing for a local established family. A precedent for this type of improvement has already been set by other nearby properties in the area.**

7. 7/06/5359 Co-op store, 229 Broadgate, Grasmere
Fascia sign, 2 x poster frames, window vinyl's – **No Objections**

8. 7/06/5368/9 Forest Side Cottage, Grasmere
Erection of boundary wall, in part retrospective (and listed building consent) – **No Objections**

40 MATTERS OF INFORMATION

- A. From the Chairman
The Chairman reported on the Childrens Centre development in the Library and commended the previous County Councillor for her work in bringing this to fruition.

- B. From the Clerk
 - 1 Windermere Town Council – Agenda 12th July 2006
 - 2 DIS Extra –634 – 26 June 2006 and 635 10 July 2006
 3. The Clerk – July 2006
 4. SLDC – Agenda 18 July 2006
 5. Licensing Applications – Weekly list
 6. Lakes Line User Group – Minutes and Agenda and Timetables
 7. Report to Standards Committee SLDC 3 July 2006

- C From Members
 - a. Councillor Mrs Parker asked that the screening of the United Utilities site adjacent to Miller Field be placed on a future agenda for discussion.
 - b. Councillor Green asked that additional litter bins for Grasmere be placed on a future agenda for discussion.
 - c. Councillor Mrs Braithwaite commented on the excellent VIP (Visitor Interpretation Boards) now present in Grasmere.
 - d. Councillor Smith brought Members up to date with recent developments in communications from the Ambulance Service to the Langdale First Responders. A meeting is to be held shortly to iron out the problems with the postcode mapping system. He asked that a watching brief be kept on the local Ambulance service now that the organisation was with the North West Ambulance Service.
 - e. Councillor Mrs Rees supported the comments of Councillor Mrs Braithwaite and was pleased that this had all been achieved in partnership with other bodies.
 - f. Councillor Brookes reported that a Parish Plan Housing Group is to meet with LDNPA on Thursday 13th July.
 - g. Councillor Bradshaw tabled a mid term report from SLDT and noted that their AGM will be in September.

From District Councillors
Councillor Vatcher had nothing to report.
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- E. From the County Councillor
Councillor Barton spoke on reduction in Waste and the alternatives to be considered for the future.
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41. CLAPPERSGATE – SPEED LIMIT

The Clerk had placed this on the Agenda in response to concerns from the local residents. Councillor Barton said that the survey requested had been done and things were progressing. The estimated date for implementation is 2006/7.
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42. PARISH PLAN

The Chairman of the Parish Plan Group, Chris Morris had tendered his apologies for this meeting. He had agreed to continue as permanent Chairman of the Group. Councillor Bradshaw reported on the Meeting that had taken place on 10th July, the Minutes of which would be circulated for Member's information shortly. He felt that short term funding applications may be received by the Parish Council for specific projects that would come forward from the Parish Plan. Cumbria Rural Housing Trust had been in contact with the Clerk to say that the Housing Surveys planned for Grasmere and the Langdales will now take place later in the year or early 2007. The Parish Council agreed to support these surveys in any way they can.
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43. LENGTHSMAN SCHEME

Councillor Mrs Parker reported on this and said she had been assured that a letter would be sent to the Parish Council shortly. She asked that the Chairman and Clerk be given authority to consider this letter and act on it as time was important. A Pilot scheme was to be undertaken for one year and only six Parishes would be able to participate. A contribution would be required from the Parish Council but this could be deferred until the next financial year.
RESOLVED That the Parish Council authorise the Chairman and Clerk to respond positively to the letter on behalf of the Council.

44. NEAUM CRAG, SKELWITH BRIDGE

The Clerk had circulated a letter from the owners of the properties at Neaum Crag asking if the Council would support an application for extended residential use over the two weeks over Christmas and New Year
RESOLVED That the Parish Council do not support any extra residential use of the properties.

45. KING STREET BUS SHELTERS

The Clerk had circulated a letter from the Civic Trust offering to place the Parish Crest on the end glass panels of each of the bus shelters to help partially sighted people identify the hazard of clear glass. The work would be undertaken at no cost to the Parish Council.
RESOLVED – That the Council agree to the work proposed.

46. MORECAMBE BAY NHS TRUST – ACUTE MEDICAL SERVICES REVIEW

The Clerk had circulated information on a public meeting to be held locally in Ambleside on 3rd August where everyone could comment on the proposals. He had also enclosed the latest information on proposals being made
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47. DISABLED PARKING – PROPOSED TIME LIMITS

The Clerk had circulated an email from Councillor Vatcher. Capita were looking at making a new TRO which would restrict disabled parking in bays to 3 hours with no return for 3 hours. Members felt that this should apply to Ambleside and Grasmere to avoid any abuse of the system.

RESOLVED – That the Council agree to ask the County Council to include Ambleside and Grasmere in any TRO for time limiting the disabled bays.

48. NOTIFICATION OF PLANNING APPEALS/WITHDRAWN APPLICATIONS

- a. 7/2005/5365 – Scot Beck Fold, Troutbeck – Barn conversion to create additional accommodation to the main house – this appeal is allowed and planning permission granted
- b. 7/2005/5722 – Hayes Garden World – appeal against refusal of planning permission for erection of glass house

49. TREE WORKS

- a. Appn 2006/0028 – The Rookery, Stockghyll Road, Ambleside, fell pine trees, fell sycamores, fell cherry, crown raise sycamore, crown raise.
- b. Appn 2006/0029 – Outside Garden Centre, Red Bank Road, Grasmere – fell chestnut tree
- c. Appn 2006/0030 – Watendlath, Neaum Crag, Ambleside – fell pine tree, fell cherry tree, thin and remove top weight of cherry tree
- d. Appn 2006/0032 – Buttermere Lodge, Neaum Crag – remove lower branch from tight union on Pine.
- e. Appn 2006/0033 – Ellerside, Ellerigg Road, Ambleside – beech tree reduce smaller branches overhanging Kirkfield Rise by 50%; remove crossing branches; crown raise tree on Ellerside side of tree up to 2.4m to allow better access

The Tree advisor is of the view that all the work proposed is reasonable and proportionate.

RESOLVED – To agree to the work proposed

50. PLANNING DECISIONS

CONDITIONAL APPROVAL

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| 7/06/5028 | Parts of Bridge How and Force How coppices, Skelwith Bridge – creation of new public footpath and bridge over River brathay for cyclists and walkers |
| 7/06/5090/1 | Langdale Chase Hotel Windermere – Bedroom extension and extension to staff accommodation. |
| 7/06/5163 | Beechwood, 2 Borrans Road, Ambleside – new domestic garage (redesign of approved application 7/05/5197) |
| 7/06/5158 | 16 Stonecroft, Ambleside – extensions to dwelling. |
| 7/06/5166 | Howbeck, Grasmere – installation of solar panel on rear facing roof |
| 7/06/5167 | Co-op Store, Compston Road, Ambleside – illuminated signs.. |
| 7/06/5179 | Old School House, Stock lane, Grasmere – separation of flat entrance from ground floor accommodation. |

- 7/06/5180 Croyden House, Church Street, Ambleside - to use two ground floor dining rooms to serve breakfast, morning coffee, lunches afternoon teas to the general public..
- 7/06/5187 Baysbrown Farm, Elterwater, Ambleside – construction of new stock shed.
- 7/06/5189 HSBC, Market Place, Ambleside – installation of an ATM
- 7/06/5195 Crummock cottage, 2 Low Riddings, Grasmere – proposed kitchen extension and conservatory.
- 7/06/5208 Biketreks Compston road Ambleside – proposed external alteration – additional to approved plan

REFUSAL

- 7/06/5194 5 and 6 Wansfell Bank, Ambleside – 2 storey domestic extension replacing existing single storey extensions.
- 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.

The meeting closed at 9.25pm