

LAKES PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on 13th December 2006 in the Library, Kelsick Road, Ambleside at 7.30pm

PRESENT: Cllrs. A. Green (Chairman), W. H Allen, E.S. Bradshaw, Mrs E.M. Braithwaite, Mrs E.A. Garlick, N.C. Martin, Mrs A. Parker, Mrs F.M. Sparrow, Mrs E. Wilson and Mrs V. Rees

APOLOGIES: Cllrs L. Johnson, G.H. Brookes, Ms M.M. Colquhoun, Mrs M. Lockley, J. Smith J.R. Westmoreland, District Cllr D. Vatcher and the Police

IN ATTENDANCE: County Cllr B Barton

ALSO: M. A. Johnson and the Press

106. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 15th November and the Plans Meeting held in the Library, Ambleside on 29th November 2006 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman accordingly.

107. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- ◆ There were no declarations of interest from any Members.

108. POLICE REPORT

The Police had submitted their apologies. The Vice Chairman and Clerk had met earlier in the day with the Area Superintendent and Inspector Griffiths to discuss concerns regarding the reduction in Establishment within Lakes Parish and adjoining areas. A detailed explanation for the restructuring of the duties of local Police Officers and the formation of specialist task groups to address specific problems within the local policing area was given by the senior Officers present and relayed to Members. Members accepted the present situation and were pleased to note that the posts of the dedicated Community Police Officers were secure. They were also pleased to hear of the coming appointment of Community Officers who would deal with low level crime but would not have the power of arrest. They would be high profile on the streets of South Lakeland. The Constabulary hope to have 30 Officers in post within the medium term.

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109 PARISH PLAN

Cllr Bradshaw reported on the Meeting that had taken place on Tuesday 12th December. A paper had been circulated to Members of the Parish Council and this paper had been considered by the Implementation Group at its meeting the previous evening. The Implementation Group had agreed that Ward activities and the Housing Group should continue but that all other themes should be discontinued. It was also agreed that in future, the task of the Implementation Group would be as a 'change driver' for the whole of the Parish to promote action. It was also agreed that Ward Groups would continue to manage local issues but also identify areas to the Implementation Group where local action was failing. It was also agreed that the Implementation group would be an action group and not a talking group receiving reports. Cllr Bradshaw asked that one Member of the Parish Council be appointed to serve on each of the Ward Groups to maintain continuity and an element of control. Members were asked to note the recommendations and agree the actions of the

Implementation Group. The next Meeting of the Implementation Group will be Wednesday 31st January at 7.30pm. The Clerk reminded Members that he is only performing a limited administration function for the Parish Plan group and is not involved in implementing the Plan.

RESOLVED – To accept the resolutions to restructure the delivery of the Parish Plan

110. REPORTS

- a. Ambleside Chamber of Trade – Cllr Martin tabled the Minutes of the last Meeting for the information of Members.
- b. CALC South Lakeland Committee 30th November 2006. The Chairman tabled a report on this meeting that was accepted by Members.
- c. Lake Administration Committee 1 December 2006. The Chairman had tabled a report on this Meeting and Cllr Mrs Braithwaite spoke on it.
- d. Chairman's report. The Chairman, being absent on his travels, had tabled a report on his recent activities and this was accepted by Members.
- e. Lakes Neighbourhood Forum 28th November 2006. The Clerk had circulated the Minutes of this Meeting and they were accepted as tabled.
- f. Cllr Mrs Braithwaite reported on a Conference she had attended at Reghed where she had been identified as representing Lakes Parish Council. Cultural Identity and Heritage had been a theme and it had included an item on Upland Management. There had been over 100 delegates present and it had been an interesting and informative event.
- g. The Chairman, Cllr Mrs Sparrow and Cllr Mrs Rees reported on the LDNPA Vibrant Communities day that had been held in Grasmere earlier in the day. The Chairman gave a full report of the day supplemented by Cllrs Sparrow and Rees. Members were concerned about the lack of attendance from other Parish Councils.

111 FINANCE

- a. RESOLVED to confirm approval the orders for payment submitted to the meeting totalling £1708.9

112 PLANS FOR CONSIDERATION

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

1. 7/06/5618 The Anchorage, Rydal Road Ambleside
Extensions to rear to improve owners living accommodation,
(revised scheme to 7/05/5647) – **No Objections, however Lakes Parish Council feel that the plans supplied were totally inadequate, without 'before' and 'after' drawings, to allow an informed decision to be made.**
2. 7/06/5619 Rothay Garth Hotel, Rothay Road, Ambleside
Extension to existing hotel to provide owner's accommodation and additional kitchen facility – **No Objections**
3. 7/06/5621 11 Briery Close Windermere
Extension to dwelling house to create second bedroom and extend living room. –**No Objections**
4. 7/06/5636 Salutation Hotel, Lake Road, Ambleside
Family room and secure parking – **Refuse on the grounds that this is an intrusive development with no proven need in a sensitive area.**

5. 7/06/5646 White Cross Bay Caravan Park, Ambleside Road, Troutbeck Entrance sign and advance notification sign – **Refuse as this is a retrospective application and consists of large and intrusive signs. It may well set a precedent for other similar applications if approved.**
6. 7/06/5648 Limefitt Caravan Park, Patterdale Road, Windermere Entrance signs and advance notification sign – **No Objections provided the signs only replace the existing poorly marked signage for the Park.**
7. 7/06/5653 1 and 2 Steps End Cottages, Rydal, Ambleside Demolish existing rear extension and build new single storey extension – **No Objections**

113 MATTERS OF INFORMATION

- A. From the Chairman
The Chairman had nothing to report.
- B. From the Clerk
 - 1 Windermere Town Council – Agenda 18th December 2006
 - 2 DIS Extra –645 – 27 Nov 2006 and 646 11 Dec 2006
 3. The Clerk – December 2006
 4. SLDC – Agenda 19 December 2006
 5. SLDC STANDARDS COMMITTEE – 15 December 2006
 6. Lakes Line User Group – Minutes and Agenda
 7. Cumbria Highways – Working together
- C From Members
 - a. Councillor Mrs Braithwaite reported on the Grasmere School footpath diversion.
 - b. Councillor Mrs Parker reported that the bus timetables had been removed from Red Bottoms and asked that the Bus Company reinstate them with the new timetables in the spring. She was still awaiting contact from the Ambleside Welfare Charity following her nomination to this organisation by the Parish Council.
- D. Councillor Mrs Rees reported on District Council work with Cumbria County Council on a response to the proposals for a Unitary Authority for Cumbria.
- E. From the County Councillor
Councillor Barton had nothing to report

114 BOUNDARY COMMITTEE – DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS FOR SOUTH LAKELAND

The Clerk had circulated information from the Committee and an email from Cllr Vatcher.
RESOLVED – That the local Ward Councillors take soundings from local people and report back to a future meeting of the Council.

115 STANDING TASK GROUP

Members considered the appointment of a permanent standing Task Group to deliver recommendations to Council on consultation issues.

RESOLVED – That a Standing Task Group be set up and that this comprise of 4 Members with the Chairman and Vice Chairman ex officio. Members appointed until May

2007 be Cllrs Mrs Braithwaite, Ms Colquhoun, Mrs Parker and Bradshaw. Other Members to attend the Group as required to address local issues.

116. SUGGESTED BI ANNUAL MEETING WITH WINDERMERE TOWN COUNCIL

The Clerk had circulated a letter from the Clerk to Windermere Town Council.

RESOLVED – That the Council thank Windermere Town Council and agree to meet as and when required to resolve issues of mutual concern.

117. LDNPA LOCAL FRAMEWORK PLAN

The Task Group had met and delivered its response to the Local Framework Plan and now requested formal confirmation of their recommendations.

RESOLVED That the Parish Council confirm the actions of the Task Group and agree their recommendations and response to the Local Framework Plan

118. LOCAL GOVERNMENT WHITE PAPER – STRONG AND PROSPEROUS COMMUNITIES

The Clerk had tabled a report detailing the recommendations of the Task Group in response to the White Paper. Members were requested to confirm the recommendations of the Task Group.

RESOLVED - That the Parish Council confirm the actions of the Task Group and agree the recommendations with amendments as discussed.

119. TREE WORKS

Application T/2006/0071 – prune 1 Cherry, fell 1 birch and 1 horse chestnut at Wetherlam, Bridge Lane, Troutbeck

Application T/2006/077 – Various tree work Salutation Inn Ambleside – verbal report from Clerk. The Tree Advisor had recommended acceptance of the work as listed.

RESOLVED – That Lakes Parish Council agree to the work outlined.

120. PLANNING APPEALS/WITHDRAWALS/ENFORCEMENT ETC.

- a. Appeal against enforcement notice to remove metal balcony at Afton, Wansfell Road, Ambleside – the appeal is allowed and planning permission granted.

121. PLANNING DECISIONS

The following decisions on planning applications were taken by the LDNPA

CONDITIONAL APPROVAL

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| 7/06/5388 | Low Wood Hotel, Ambleside Road, Windermere – proposed external hot tub and storage shed. |
| 7/06/5503 | Former Joiners Workshop, Wesleyan Chapel Rydal Road, Ambleside – Use of building for storage and property maintenance. |
| 7/06/5532/33 | The Croft, Clappersgate, Ambleside – dismantling and rebuilding of upper part of garden wall. |
| 7/06/5567 | Playground, Castle Field, Ambleside – erection of fencing at 2.75m to three sides of existing playground |

REFUSAL - Nil

The meeting closed at 9.23PM