

LAKES PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on 15th November 2006 in the Library, Kelsick Road, Ambleside at 7.30pm

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

The Chairman welcomed the Police and members of the public to the Meeting.

95. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 18th October and the Plans Meeting held in the Library, Ambleside on 1st November 2006 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman accordingly.

96. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- ◆ The Chairman, Cllr Mrs Sparrow and Cllr Brookes declared an Interest in the budget item Ambleside Community Christmas Lights. Cllr Smith declared an Interest in Item 4 of the Agenda (Police Matters) and also budget items regarding Troutbeck Bridge Swimming Pool and Langdale Village Hall. Cllr Mrs Rees declared an Interest in budget item Troutbeck Bridge Swimming Pool.

97. POLICE REPORT

PC Buxton gave a full and comprehensive report on local Policing. He gave a follow up on the recent Respect campaign that had been undertaken recently and tabled a full report for the information of Members. PC Buxton answered further questions from Members then left to resume his duties.

The Chairman adjourned the Meeting to allow members of the public to speak. One member of the public gave a short talk on the problems that Lakes Parish may face when the Television service is switched from analogue to digital during 2009. It was agreed that this matter would be placed on a future Agenda for discussion. The Meeting then reconvened

98. REPORTS

- a. Ambleside Chamber of Trade – as the meeting is next week there was no report from Cllr Martin.
- b. CALC AGM 4 November 2006. The Chairman gave a comprehensive report on this meeting. Cllrs Green, Mrs Braithwaite and Ms Colquhoun had also attended. A full discussion on the new Local Government White Paper had taken place and a presentation on Unitary Government for Cumbria had been given by Cumbria County Council. Items discussed included the future role of Parish Councils, empowering local people and community leadership.
- c. Parish Plan Meeting 6 November. The Clerk had circulated the Minutes of this Meeting and also a paper from the Chairman of the Parent Group. Cllr

Bradshaw presented the case for a Project Assistant and requested that £1000 be allocated in the 2007/8 budget towards funding for this. The next Meeting would be on 12 December when matters to be discussed would include a suggestion to restructure the delivery of the Plan on a Ward by Ward basis.

- d. St Martins College Liaison Committee. The Chairman reported on a meeting held on 26th October. A Consultant has been employed by the College to look at a 10 year project plan particularly in relation to development of student ensuite accommodation and future sports facilities.
- e. The Chairman reported he had attended a meeting at the Waterside Hotel/Prince of Wales Hotel to view the plans proposed for its redevelopment.
- f. Cllr Mrs Parker reported on a meeting that had taken place to discuss the Lengthsman Scheme and a paper had been circulated at the previous Plans meeting. She outlined the agreed proposals and expected the next meeting to take place 6 weeks after the start of the scheme.
- g. Councillor Brookes reported on a recent meeting of the Ambleside Community Christmas Lights Committee and everything was on track for the switch on on November 25th.
- h. Councillor Ms Colquhoun said that this item should consist of tabled reports from Members. The Clerk offered to word process these reports if given to him three days prior to the monthly Meetings.
- i. Councillor Mrs Braithwaite reported on the Grasmere Traders Association and the Stock Lane toilet partnership funding.

99 FINANCE

- a. RESOLVED to confirm approval the orders for payment submitted to the meeting totalling £1406.50.
- b. Budget and Precept 2007/8. The Clerk had circulated preliminary information on the Budget/Precept for 2007/8. A Draft budget had been circulated with the last Plans agenda. A full discussion took place and it was RESOLVED that the Precept for the financial year 2007/8 be set at £49000. (This will increase the average annual payment to Lakes Parish from the Parish Ratepayer by less than £5 per annum. The average amount paid by a band D Council Taxpayer to Lakes Parish on the stated provisional tax base of 2601 will be £19.83p per annum.) An article explaining the increase will be placed in the next edition of the Parish Newsletter.

100. PLANS FOR CONSIDERATION

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

1. 7/06/5597 Zeffirellis, Compston Road, Ambleside
New external balcony - **No Objections**
2. 7/06/5601 Swallowdale, Old Lake Road, Ambleside
Proposed garden room - **Refuse on the grounds of overdevelopment and the obtrusive nature of the application as viewed from the highway approach.**

101 MATTERS OF INFORMATION

- A. From the Chairman
The Chairman reported that he had attended Lakes School Local Democracy event, an ECO Event at St Martins College, Lakeland Radio 5th Anniversary dinner and Remembrance Day events on 10th/11th and 12th November. He congratulated Fiona Bloor, Librarian Ambleside for being shortlisted to the last

4 from 70 nominations as Cumbria County Council Employee of the Year. The final judging will take place in January. He also congratulated the Clerk and the Cumbrian Housing Association of which he is Deputy Chairman on winning a prestigious National Award at a presentation at the London Hilton Hotel for delivering excellence in a programme of Routes to Work.

B. From the Clerk

- 1 Windermere Town Council – Agenda 18th November 2006
- 2 DIS Extra –643/644 13 November 2006
3. Cumbria Wildlife Magazine
4. Clerks and Councils November 2006
5. The Clerk also reported on a response to the letter written to the Chief Constable regarding the Establishment figures for Police in Lakes Parish. A meeting is arranged for 13 December with the Superintendent of the Division and the Vice Chairman, Clerk and one Ambleside Councillor are invited to attend on behalf of Lakes Parish Council.

C From Members

- a. Councillor Martin felt that a plaque should be placed on the Toilets kept open as part of the matched funding package acknowledging the part Lakes Parish Council are playing in keeping them open.
- b. Councillor Bradshaw spoke on the Parish Plan steering group and also the roadworks on the A591.
- c. Councillor Mrs Parker thanked the Guides for their report on the visit to Mexico and Members agreed that the Clerk would convey their thanks for an enjoyable report. She also informed Members of the next Neighbourhood Forum to be held at Langdale on 28th November.

D. Councillor Vatcher reported on District Council matters including Cumbria Housing Strategy and local housing.

E. From the County Councillor

Councillor Barton spoke on planning matters and Houses in Multiple Occupation.

102. LOCAL GOVERNMENT WHITE PAPER – STRONG AND PROSPEROUS COMMUNITIES

The Clerk had circulated information from CALC and NALC. A full discussion took place on this item and it was felt there was little information contained in the document on Parish Councils within a National Park.

RESOLVED - That the Clerk write to the Minister concerned requesting better information on the role of Parish Councils within the National Parks. That a Task Group consisting of the Vice Chairman, Councillors Ms Colquhoun, Mrs Braithwaite, Mrs Parker and Bradshaw be set up to formulate the response of Lakes Parish Council to the Government White Paper. Meeting dates to be arranged between the members of the Task Group and a response to be presented to the full Council Meeting on 10th January for adoption by Lakes Parish Council

103 UNIVERSITY FOR CUMBRIA

The Clerk had circulated a paper prepared by Cllr Ms Colquhoun. Cllr Ms Colquhoun presented the paper and moved the recommendations contained within it. Cllr Mrs Braithwaite moved an amendment that an informal meeting be held with the Ruth Jenkinson and her colleagues to explore issues identified during this discussion. Both the motion and amendment were seconded.

RESOLVED That by 8 votes to 3 votes the Amendment be carried and thus becomes the substantive Motion. The Clerk would liaise with the College to arrange a suitable date for the informal meeting.

104 LAKES PARISH COUNCIL – CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

The Clerk suggested that the Council may wish to show its appreciation of work or effort by individuals within the Parish by awarding a Certificate of Appreciation.

RESOLVED – To agree that the Clerk progress this and bring a further report to a future meeting of the Council.

105. PLANNING APPEALS/WITHDRAWALS/ENFORCEMENT ETC.

- a. 7/05/5722 – Hayes Garden World – Erection of Glasshouse – This appeal is allowed.
- b. 7/06/5231 – former Gas Works Site – Bluehill Road, Ambleside – appeal against refusal of construction of 14 live/work units together with access, car parking and landscaping – a public inquiry will be arranged.
- c. 7/06/5420 – Wordsworth Trust – appeal against refusal of planning permission for a permanent site for the display of an advertisement relating to temporary events at the Wordsworth Trust – to be dealt with by written representations - The Clerk will reiterate the objections of the Parish Council to the Inspector.
- d. Enforcement notice appeal at Birch End, Lake Road, Ambleside – removal of a timber fence with a height exceeding two metres above ground level.

The meeting closed at 10.09pm