

LAKES PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on 18th October 2006 in the Library, Kelsick Road, Ambleside at 7.30pm

- PRESENT:** Cllrs. L. Johnson (Chairman), E.A. Bradshaw, Mrs E.M. Braithwaite, Ms M.M. Colquhoun, Mrs E.A. Garlick, Mrs M. Lockley, N.C. Martin, Mrs A. Parker, Mrs F.M. Sparrow, J. Smith and Mrs V. Rees
- APOLOGIES:** Cllrs W.H. Allen, G.H. Brookes, A. Green, 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, Inspector Griffiths, PC Buxton and 4 members of the public.

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

81. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 20th September and the Plans Meeting held in the Library, Ambleside on 4th October were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman accordingly.

82. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- ◆ Cllr Bradshaw declared an interest in Agenda item 8 (1) Low Wood Hotel and left the room prior to this item being discussed. Cllr Martin declared an interest in Agenda item 8 (2) Rossett Holme and left the room prior to this item being discussed. There were no other declarations of interest from Members.

83. POLICE REPORT

Inspector Griffiths and PC Buxton gave a full and comprehensive report on local Policing. They addressed the concerns of Members raised during the last Plans Meeting under Vandalism. They acknowledged that there had been a rise in complaints about children and outlined the Respect campaign being undertaken during the next three weeks when significant additional resources were being made available. They outlined the 'Your Choice' procedures introduced to deal with youth disorder. A letter was being sent to the parents of all schoolchildren and PC Buxton provided a copy to Members later in the Meeting. The Inspector and PC Buxton answered further questions from Members then left to resume their duties.

The Chairman adjourned the Meeting to allow members of the public to speak. One person spoke on the problems experienced with grasscutting in the churchyard due to graveside kerbstones and outlined the proposals being put forward to help solve this. This related to item 11 on the Agenda and the Chairman agreed to take this item next on the Agenda. The Meeting then reconvened.

84. AMBLESIDE CHURCHYARD

The Clerk had circulated information on the proposals to remove the kerbstones around the older graves to help with grasscutting. Members heard that this is now being discussed within the community and had quite some way to go before a decision is made. Members expressed their concern that the kerbstones were owned by the purchaser of the grave plot and felt that a sensitive approach should be

taken towards this proposal. They noted it will be some time before this matter can be finalised

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85. PARISH COUNCIL LENGTHSMAN SCHEME

The Clerk reported on a letter circulated from SLDT where they had offered to take the management of the scheme for Windermere and Lakes for a fee of £600 in addition to the £1000 already agreed in principle for this Scheme. Councillor Mrs Parker had attended a recent meeting and moved that Lakes Parish Council agree to participate in conjunction with Windermere Town Council.

RESOLVED That the Lakes Parish Council agree to commit to the Lengthsman Scheme for the period of one year, that it be agreed SLDT take over the Management function in the sum of £600 and that £1000 funding towards the Scheme be allocated in the 2007/8 budget.

86. REPORT

- a. Ambleside Chamber of Trade Meeting 18th September. Councillor Martin reported on this meeting that had been very well attended. There had been two presentations and he felt it had been a very good meeting. He is now the Chairman of the Chamber of Trade.
- b. CALC South Lakeland Committee Meeting 28th September. Cllr Green had submitted his apologies so no report was available, however one would be circulated at a later date for Members information.
- c. Lakes Parish in Bloom presentation. The Chairman reported on this very well attended event that had taken place at the Wordsworth Hotel, Grasmere on Sunday 15th October. He felt it was a joyous occasion with many smiling faces and very worthwhile event for the Parish Council to support.
- d. CALC – Parish Councils in the Lake District 9 October – Five Members of Lakes Parish Council had attended and the Clerk had circulated the minutes received from CALC. Items discussed included the possible designation of a World Heritage Site for Lakeland, a decision on this would be taken by December 15th. Various Members spoke on the World Heritage Site proposals and some concerns were expressed.
- e. SLDT AGM – Cllr Bradshaw had tabled a report on this excellent AGM. He spoke of the professional presentation by Bill Smith on the work of SLDT and explained the wider role of the Trust. He noted that funding is due to come to an end in 2008 so further exploration of the role and future funding of SLDT is to be undertaken.
- f. The Chairman reported on Cumbria in Bloom Child Painting competition at Brockhole, a delightful event.
- g. The Chairman reported that he had attended the LDNPA Development Control meeting that had made a decision on the Ambleside Post Office site.
- h. Councillor Martin had represented the Council at a meeting of the Windermere Endowed School Foundation bi-annual meeting and reported on the grants that had been disbursed.
- i. Councillor Mrs Braithwaite reported on a meeting of the Windermere Strategy Working Party which mainly concentrated on the Lake Users forum under the auspices of the Lake Admin Committee.
- j. Councillor Mrs Braithwaite reported on the Cumbria Rural Forum held on 6th October at Bassenthwaite.

87 FINANCE

- a. RESOLVED to confirm approval the orders for payment submitted to the meeting totalling £2485.19.

- b. The Clerk gave Members preliminary information on the Budget/Precept for 2007/8. A Draft budget will be circulated with the Plans agenda and ratification of the Budget and Precept required by the November Council Meeting.

88. PLANS FOR CONSIDERATION

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

1. 7/06/5388 Low Wood, Ambleside Road, Windermere
Proposed external hot tub and storage shed.- **No Objections**
(Councillor Bradshaw left the Meeting for this item)

2. 7/06/5512 Rossett Holme, Compston Road, Ambleside
Conversion and extension to existing storage building to provide staff accommodation comprising kitchenette, shower room, two bedrooms and existing car port. – **No Objections provided that this accommodation remains as staff accommodation and is tied in to the operation of the Hotel in perpetuity.**
(Councillor Martin left the Meeting for this item)

3. 7/06/5532/33 The Croft, Clappersgate, Ambleside
Dismantling and rebuilding of upper part of garden wall. Wall to be lowered by 0.66m and faced to match adjoining buildings – **No Objections**

4. 7/2006/5175 Grasmere Garden Centre, Grasmere
Housing Development for 9 affordable houses on vacant land (resubmission)(Amended Plans 26 September 2006) –
Members agreed that they required a site visit prior to making a decision on this item that had been admitted to the Agenda additionally due to the shortness of time required by LDNPA for a response. Members attending the site visit were given plenary powers to decide on the response of the Council and made the following Resolution
REFUSE - for the following reasons:-
 1. **This is not vacant land as marked on all of the drawings, currently it is valuable car parking space at a shopping centre which has recently grown to a considerable size. The remaining parking spaces for cars and coaches will be inadequate.**
 2. **PPG25 advises that in high flood risk areas, such as the proposed development, building should be wholly exceptional and limited to transport and utilities structures. The development as proposed would reduce both the flood flow and water storage within the floodplain risking flooding elsewhere detrimental to existing and long established properties. On the original application a response was requested from the Environment Agency on possible future flooding problems. Has this been received and what is the response of the Agency to this new Application.**
 3. **Lifting an earlier proposed development some five feet from the water-plain to build local housing on infill**

land does not change matters as set out in (2) above. The floodplain will remain. How will the raising of this site affect the drain-off on to land to the east abutting on to the river and Rectory grounds.

4. The amendments quoted conflict with criterion © of Policy H2 of the LDNPA as well as Policy 25 of the Cumbria and Lake District Joint Structure Plan.
5. Because the block has been raised substantially to take account of possible flooding, the mass of the buildings does not now relate to the listed buildings in the vicinity and could be seen as being overpowering and unneighbourly to those buildings. The proposed elevated buildings will be very dominant in the landscape as seen from the A591 and detrimental to the general view of the settlement of Grasmere as seen from the west across the vale.
6. Lakes Parish Council had asked that the development should be through an established Housing Association rather than private as now appears to be the case. Can the Council be informed of the precise Formula that would determine the rate at which the rentals of the proposed housing will be 'affordable'.
7. The results of the Grasmere Housing Survey are still awaited which will determine the need for local housing at affordable rents in perpetuity. No decisions should be taken until this Survey is available.
8. Notwithstanding all of the points above, Lakes Parish Council would have no objections to the bungalows titled Block A on the Plan subject to them being suitable for use by people with mobility problems.

89 MATTERS OF INFORMATION

- A. From the Chairman
The Chairman had nothing to report that was not already on the agenda
- B. From the Clerk
 - 1 Windermere Town Council – Agendas 11th October 2006
 - 2 DIS Extra –641/642 16 October 2006
 3. Lakes Line User Group - Information
- C From Members
 - a. Councillor Martin reported on an award recently made to the local First Responders.
 - b. Councillor Mrs Rees reported that the Housing Needs Survey for Grasmere/Rydal and UnderLoughrigg had now been completed and is being processed. The survey for Langdales/Clappersgate and Loughrigg will be done shortly.
 - c. Councillor Mrs Parker reported on problems she had dealt with in the area of Compston Street and the problems at Miller Field with huge drainage pipes. She is also concerned about the sale of hot food from a local takeaway.
- D. Councillor Vatcher reported on District Council matters including local democracy week. He reported that he is now a member of the combined

Cumbria/Lancashire Health Scrutiny Committee which has the power to refer the Morecambe Bay Hospitals proposals to the Secretary of State.

- E. From the County Councillor
Councillor Barton spoke on environment matters and various option and possibilities relating to the same.

90. PARISH PLAN

The Clerk had circulated information from Cllr Mrs Parker on the Amenities Group on the Parish Plan Co-ordination Group. He also gave advance information on the next meeting of the Parent Group that would be held in the Library, Ambleside on 6th November at 7pm.

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91 HOUSEHOLD WASTE RECYCLING SCHEME

The Clerk had circulated information on this. The Chairman pointed out the anomaly of persons using the tip on foot or with a wheelbarrow requiring a permit and those driving in using a motor vehicle and/or trailer with two wheels that did not require a permit.

RESOLVED – That the Clerk make representations on the issues of concern raised by Members directly to Cumbria County Council.

92 PROPOSED PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS 2006/7

The Clerk had circulated a list of Meetings and sought approval from Council.

RESOLVED - That the Parish Council agree to the Meetings as circulated by the Clerk

93. TREE WORKS

- a. Appn 2006/0051 – High Green House, Troutbeck, Windermere
– crown reduction on one holly tree.

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

RESOLVED – To agree to the work proposed

94. PLANNING DECISIONS

None received

The Chairman then moved the exclusion of the Public and Press

95. STANDARDS BOARD FOR ENGLAND

The Clerk reported on the conclusion of a report concerning a previous Member of Lakes Parish Council and read the decision of the Ethical Standards Officer to the Meeting.

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The meeting closed at 9.45pm