

# LAKES PARISH COUNCIL

## NEWSLETTER – Edition 2 June 2006

This Newsletter is produced to inform the residents of the Parish about the work of the Parish Council over the last few months and to inform you of the role undertaken by your Parish Councillors on your behalf. The Parish Council would welcome any feedback from this Newsletter and any contributions that people would like to make to the next one.

### PARISH PLAN

The Parish Plan was completed in October last year and highlighted many issues within the Parish. The time has now come to try to implement the action plan contained within the finished document. A Meeting of the Implementation Parent Group took place in the Library, Ambleside on 24<sup>th</sup> April to see how progress can be made. There are six general Action groups, Housing, Environment, Transport, Health, Young people and Amenities. The Parish Plan Parent Group are keen to encourage everyone from within the Parish to join in one or more of the Action Groups. There is a particular need for people to join the Heath, Young People and Amenities Groups. The Environment Group need more volunteers to help with the job of eradicating Himalayan Balsam within the Parish. If you can help out with any of the above, please contact Michael Johnson, the Lakes Parish Clerk, on 015394 31656. The Chairman of the Parent Group is Chris Morris who can be contacted on 015394 35286.

### PARISH COUNCIL ELECTION

The results of the recent Lakes Parish Council Elections are as follows:-

#### **Ambleside Ward**

Councillor Leslie Johnson 015394 32904  
Councillor Elwyn Bradshaw 015394 32760  
Councillor Nick Martin 015394 31124  
Councillor Margaret Lockley 015394 33363  
Councillor Ann Parker 015394 34369  
Councillor Maureen Colquhoun 015394 34325

#### **Grasmere Ward**

Councillor Elizabeth Braithwaite 015394 35297  
Councillor Allen Green 015394 35238  
Councillor Vivienne Rees 015394 35401

#### **Rydal and Loughrigg Ward**

Councillor Don Brookes 015394 31052  
Councillor Fiona Sparrow 015394 32441

#### **Langdales Ward**

Councillor Edna Garlick 015394 37637  
Councillor Liz Wilson 015394 37327  
Councillor Jonathan Smith 015394 37592

#### **Troutbeck Ward**

Councillor Harry Allen 015394 44021  
Councillor Roger Westmoreland 015394 33287

**Clerk** – Michael Johnson 015394 31656  
(Michael@lakes-council.freeserve.co.uk)

### DOG FOULING

Lakes Parish Council once again request dog owners to clean up after their animals. **It is the duty of every responsible dog owner to clean up after their dog.** The Parish Council now have the opportunity to take on powers to control this nuisance and will consider this if the situation does not improve. There is an automatic fine of £50 for the offence of dog fouling in public areas. **YOU ARE NOT ALLOWED TO EXERCISE YOUR DOG IN THE CHILDRENS PLAY AREA, NOR ARE YOU ALLOWED TO TAKE IT IN TO THE PLAY AREA IF YOU ENTER IT WITH YOUR CHILDREN.** Complaints about dog fouling have been received from all areas of the Parish.

### NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2006 in the Beehive, St Martin's College, Ambleside commencing at 7.30pm and the one after that on the 12<sup>th</sup> July 2006 at the same time and venue.

Members of the Public are entitled to attend any Parish Council Meeting to listen to items discussed. They may also participate in the Meeting and the Chairman will adjourn at 8pm to allow the public to speak on any matter that concerns you or on anything that you think the Parish Council should know.

The Parish Council deal with a whole range of local issues on your behalf. It positively welcomes contributions from people who live in the Parish of Lakes. If you receive one of these Newsletters – that means YOU!

Why not come along to listen?

## YOUR PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT

The Chairman of the Parish Council each year writes his annual report. This can only ever be a snapshot of what has happened, a sample of the month by month working of the Council. The full details are contained in the packed details of the minutes. These at length accumulate in serried ranks in the Council offices and will remain largely unregarded except by students researching their thesis, local historians or an enthusiastic clerk proving some arcane point. But they are an invaluable record of the work of a busy Parish Council.

Regrettably since Rod Sutton wrote the above paragraph for his 2005 report he has departed this earthly life and the Lakes Parish Council are left much the poorer for his passing. I would like to pay tribute to the work of Rod Sutton and his Chairmanship of Lakes Parish Council.

As Vice Chairman I can report on a busy year for Lakes Parish. We have re-opened the toilets in Rothay Park in partnership with South Lakeland District Council. As part of the Market Towns Initiative the Market Cross area has been redesigned and revamped. The Parish Council were fully consulted by the Contractor for the County Council on the major task of resurfacing of Lake Road in Ambleside with minimum disruption to residents and road users. The Parish Council have met on 21 occasions during the municipal year 2005/6. They have been consulted and commented on 134 Planning Applications, including strong opposition to the potential loss of a Post Office in Ambleside due to a planning application for the redevelopment of the building housing the Post Office. During this year, after much hard work by volunteers, the Parish Council have adopted a Parish Plan and are in the process of encouraging its implementation through a parent group of volunteers and Parish Council representatives.

On affordable housing there continues to be a glimmer of light with a Housing Needs survey being undertaken within the Parish and particularly Ambleside, which should open the gates for more houses for rent and part ownership at affordable prices, once suitable land is identified. The Parish Council continue to support this concept. Good progress is being made in adapting the Methodist property in Ambleside to social housing which will provide 15 units by the end of the year.

Through this year, the Parish Council began the process of becoming a Quality Parish and hope to achieve this status by April 2007. Part of this process is to have at least 80% of the Council Members elected and I am pleased to report that all Members of the Lakes Parish Council are now

elected as a result of the Parish Council Election in May 2006. The first edition of a Parish Newsletter, another key requirement for Quality Parish, has already been published and future editions will follow on a quarterly basis.

Finally, I would like to thank my fellow Councillors for their support during a sometimes difficult and sad year.

**Cllr. Allen Green. (Vice Chairman)**

### **PARISH COUNCIL ACCOUNTS 2005/6**

Receipts 2005/6		Payments 2005/6	
Balance b/f	42054.22	Office supplies	291.47
SLDC Precept	39200.00	Telephones	494.37
VAT refund	912.76	Salaries (net)	8964.34
NSB interest	675.87	PAYE u/payment	298.04
Barclays Interest	374.45	Expenses	257.65
Parish Plan grant	1228.00	PAYE (tax)	2075.04
Parish Plan grant	1000.00	NI Employer	737.28
Insurance – seat	711.82	NI Employee	633.38
		Chairman	750.00
Total	<u>86157.12*</u>	Postage/Bank	341.08
		Grants	6495.00
		CAB Grant	850.00
		Toilets SLDC	4846.51
		Subscriptions	257.30
		CALC	360.50
		F/way Lighting	869.00
		Bus shelters/seats	1515.89
		Insurance	868.90
		Rent (Office)	4259.82
		Audit Fee	440.00
		VAT	1108.29
		Training	315.50
		Lakes in Bloom	448.32
		Market Cross	8334.00
		Office repairs	100.20
		MTI Officer	1500.00
		Parish Plan	<u>3469.32</u>
			50881.20
		Year End Balances	
		NSB	21216.61
		Barclays Current	<u>14059.31</u>
			<b>86157.12*</b>

\* Balancing figure

The Annual Accounts have been available for inspection in the Parish Office up to 28<sup>th</sup> May 2006 and any Elector of Lakes Parish may question the External Auditor to the Council about the accounts after 31<sup>st</sup> May 2006. Further details are available from the Parish Clerk.

Grants awarded were as follows:

South Lakeland District Council – Toilets	4846.51
Ambleside Christmas Lights donation -	2500.00
Langdale PCC – upkeep of graveyard -	150.00
Cumbria Rural CAB -	850.00
Langdale Easter Egg Run -	60.00
Market Towns Initiative Officer -	1500.00
Coronation seat - Langdale	695.00
Grasmere Village Hall – alterations -	2000.00
St Marys, Ambleside – Churchyard	150.00

A full Annual Report is available at the Parish Office or at [www.amblesideonline.co.uk/parish](http://www.amblesideonline.co.uk/parish)