

LAKES PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on 4 April 2007 in the Library, Kelsick Road, Ambleside at 7pm

PRESENT: Cllrs. L. Johnson (Chairman), E.S. Bradshaw, Mrs E.M. Braithwaite, Ms M.M. Colquhoun, Mrs E.A. Garlick, A. Green, N.C. Martin, Mrs A. Parker, Mrs V. Rees, Mrs F.M. Sparrow, D Welch, Mrs E. Wilson

APOLOGIES: Cllrs W. H Allen, Mrs M. Lockley, J Smith and J.R. Westmoreland also District Cllr Vatcher and PC Buxton

IN ATTENDANCE: County Cllr B Barton and PC McClennan

ALSO: M. A. Johnson, the Press and 12 members of the public

Prior to the commencement of the Meeting, Members were addressed by Littoral Arts on the establishment of a local radio station and other associated issues during a forthcoming festival from 24 to 29th September 2007.

166 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 7th March held in the Library, Ambleside were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman accordingly.

167. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- ◆ Cllr Ms Colquhoun declared that she was now associated with the Rothay Valley Protection Group and would have to declare an interest in Agenda Item 5(e) College Liaison Committee. There were no other declarations of interest.

168. POLICE REPORT

PC McClennan reported on crime figures and was pleased to advise Members that the Constabulary had just achieved the best ever reduction in crime figures, however there had been three sneak in burglaries/thefts in the area recently. He answered questions on his role as a Community Police Officer and other queries then left the Meeting to resume his duties. The Chairman thanked him for his attendance. The Clerk had circulated information on a Constabulary Stakeholder event to be held at Penrith on 26th April.

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169. REPORTS

- a. Ambleside Chamber of Trade Meeting March 2007 – Cllr Martin reported on this meeting where there had been more quality than quantity in attendance. Updates had been received on Ambleside Post Office, Miller Bridge car park and the possibility of information boards. He commented on the excellent Spring Flower Show.
- b. Ambleside and Waterhead Masterplan – meeting 8 March – Cllr Ms Colquhoun had tabled a report on this Meeting and answered questions from Members.
- c. Meeting of the Lake District Parish Councils – Keswick 12 March – The Chairman had tabled the Minutes of this Meeting at which he had been elected to CALC to represent Parish Councils in the Lake District. Cllrs Bradshaw, Mrs Braithwaite had also attended.
- d. Neighbourhood Forum, Grasmere –13 March – Members attending reported that this had been a useful meeting with presentations on World Heritage status for

the Lakes and also on Rydal Hall community vegetable garden. The new Town Centre Manager had introduced himself.

- e. College Liaison Committee 8 March. The Chairman reported on this Meeting and the Minutes will be circulated by the Clerk in due course.
- f. Rural Housing Trust Seminar, Grasmere 15th March. A report had been tabled for the information of Members.
- g. Lake Windermere Administration Committee 30th March. Cllr Mrs Braithwaite reported on the strategy group and also the user group where all were involved except swimmers. She reported on the Lake Patrol team and a decrease in detected offences of 28%. Concern was expressed at the state of the Windermere Ferry with still no funds available to replace it in due course.
- h. Ambleside Sports 29th March. The Chairman had attended this excellent meeting with a very enthusiastic membership. Lord Inglewood is now President.
- i. Windermere Endowed Schools. Cllr Martin reported on the latest meeting and the grants awarded.

The Chairman then adjourned the Meeting for members of the public to speak. Two matters were raised neither of which was within the remit of the Parish Council. The Chairman then reconvened the Meeting.

170 FINANCE

- a. RESOLVED to confirm approval the orders for payment submitted to the meeting totalling £1309.29
- b. To agree the CALC subscription for 2007/8 in the sum of £382.50
RESOLVED to agree the CALC subscription.
- c. To consider funding a Parish Noticeboard in the Library at an estimated cost of £130.
RESOLVED – To agree to fund a Noticeboard in the Library.
- d. To consider a request for funding for the annual Grasmere Youth Theatre. RESOLVED to donate the sum of £200 towards this request.
- e. To consider a request for financial help towards the cost of the upkeep of the graveyard at Chapel Stile. RESOLVED to donate the sum of £175 towards this request.

171 PLANS FOR CONSIDERATION

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

- 1. 7/07/5087 Former Gasworks site, Blue Hill Road, Ambleside
Construction of 10 live/work units and 6 affordable dwellings together with access, car parking and landscaping **-Refuse – on the grounds that for the application as it stands at the moment, there is no proven need for the live/work units, although there is an urgent need for the affordable dwellings. Starter workshops in an adjacent Parish remain empty after being marketed for over one year. Should LDNPA be minded to approve this application then a full Contamination Certificate should be obtained to prove that the site has a bill of good health prior to any development. Detailed considerations should include a requirement for a report from the Environment Agency on flooding at and from the site and a requirement for a full traffic assessment for the narrow winding steep highway from old Lake Road to the site by Cumbria County Council**

bearing in mind that if additional employees result from work obtained for these units then this will also have an impact on vehicular movement from the site.

2. 7/07/5045 Jetties at the Southern Marina, White Cross Bay, Windermere. Replacement of five existing timber jetties with five new timber jetties – **No Objections**
3. 7/07/5080 Anchorage Guest House, Rydal Road, Ambleside
Alteration of footprint of extension for which planning permission already granted. – **No Objections, however this application should also look at provision of disabled access.**
4. 7/07/5118 Stock Lane and Broadgate car parks Grasmere
Map and interpretation board – **Approval as these will be a great asset to visitors to Grasmere now that the Tourist Office is no longer there.**
5. 7/07/5122 Chesters Coffee Shop, Skelwith Bridge, Ambleside
Proposed extension and retractable awning blind. – **No Objections**
6. 7/07/5123 2 Low Riddings, Grasmere
Amendment to previous approval 7/06/5195 to alter the roof – **No Objections**
7. 7/07/5150 The former Ranger Base, Waterhead, Ambleside
Change of use to information centre/retail and expansion of internal doorway. – **No Objections**
8. 7/07/5151 Brathay How, Clappersgate, Ambleside
Extension and alterations to hallway. – **No Objections**
9. 7/07/5155 Gallow Cottage, Troutbeck
Extension at first floor over existing ground floor flat roof extension. - **No Objections**
10. 7/07/5157 Smallwood House Hotel, Compston Road, Ambleside
Demolition of restaurant, bar and reconstruction of restaurant, bar and 2 family suites (resubmission of 7/06/5378) – **No Objections**

172 MATTERS OF INFORMATION

- A. From the Chairman
The Chairman had nothing further to add to his previous information given during reports
- B. From the Clerk
 - 1 Windermere Town Council – Agenda 4th April 2007
 - 2 DIS Extra –652 – 12 March 2007
 3. Windermere Lakes Services Workshop – Minutes 18 January
 4. SLDC – Council 27 March 2007
 5. Lakes Line User Group – Various Information
 6. The new Bus Shelter was scheduled for erection on 19th April.

- C From Members
 - a. Cllr Mrs Parker asked if the Clerk could write to the Biology Officer at County Hall asking for the verge at Stagshaw to be cut prior to the arrival of daffodils as it had been in previous years.
 - b. Councillor Martin told Members that he had received representations on the speed limit for Clappersgate. The Clerk would circulate information and place this on the agenda for the next meeting.
- D. From District Councillors.
There was nothing to report from the District Councillor present.
- E. From the County Councillor
Councillor Barton reported on the Unitary Amber acceptance by Government

173 GRASMERE TRAFFIC ORDER

Cllr Green outlined the problems being experienced in Grasmere in relation to parking and traffic. He asked that the Parish Council make representations to the County Council and ask for a new traffic order to cover the area of Grasmere which would extend the present 30 minutes on street parking to 1 hour. The Clerk also read a letter from a resident of Grasmere regarding problems near his home and asking for consideration to be given to a one way system to create an organised traffic flow in Grasmere.

RESOLVED - To agree to the proposals outlined by Cllr Green and make the necessary representations to the County Council and to reply to the letter from the resident saying that the Parish Council cannot support the idea of a one way system.

174 CUMBRIA MINERALS AND WASTE DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK

Cllr Mrs Parker had researched this document and made representations on it to the Council

RESOLVED To adopt the recommendations outlined by Cllr Mrs Parker and the Clerk to make these recommendations to the County Council.

175 JUNCTION OF LOW GALE/LOWER GALE

The Clerk had circulated a letter from Highways outlining problems at this junction.

RESOLVED That the Parish Council support the measures outlined in the letter.

176. CLOSURE OF CAB AMBLESIDE.

The Clerk informed Members of closure of the CAB Office at Ambleside. The Manager of Windermere CAB will address the Plans Meeting on 18th April.

RESOLVED To defer discussion until after the address by the CAB Manager on 18th April.

177. CHILDRENS RURAL SERVICES CENTRE

Cllr Mrs Parker addressed Members on this item.

RESOLVED That Cllr Welch be nominated to serve on the Steering Group of this organisation.

178 CUMBRIA IN BLOOM 2007

Members considered whether to enter the Competition this year.

RESOLVED That Lakes Parish Council enter the Cumbria in Bloom competition 2007.

179. DRAFT STANDING ORDERS AND FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

The Clerk gave each Member present a draft copy of Standing Orders and Financial Regulations. These would be for formal adoption at the AGM on 2nd May 2007.

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180. NOTIFICATION OF PLANNING APPEALS/WITHDRAWN/AMENDED APPLICATIONS

- a. 7/06/5597 – Zeffirellis, Compston Road, Ambleside – appeal by written representations against refusal of planning permission for a new external balcony.
- b. 7/06/5363 – Ghyllbank, North Road, Ambleside – 4 in number 3 bedroom houses – this application has been withdrawn.

181. PLANNING DECISIONS

Approvals

7/07/5019/20	Plum Piano Music Ltd Old Mill, North Road, Ambleside New signs/shop signs
7/07/5562	Neaum Crag, Skelwith Bridge, Ambleside Variation of condition to permit occupation of caravans numbered 1 to 13 during the period 21 st December to 4 January.
7/07/5632	St Martins College, Ambleside – extension to sports hall to provide changing rooms and dance studio
7/07/5672	Coach House, Grasmere – extension and alterations.
7/07/5674	Tarn Foot Farm, Loughrigg, Ambleside – minor alterations to small barn, new roof structure and repairs
7/07/5689	Fellwalkers Café, Kelsick Road, Ambleside – change of use to sell food or drink for consumption on or off the premises.
7/07/5703/5	The Samling, Windermere Road, Ambleside Extension to hotel including restaurant and bedroom suite plus alterations to conference rooms to form bedroom suites.
7/07/5706	Riverside, Clappersgate, Ambleside – rear single storey extension
7/07/5712	Garth Close, Birch Road, Ambleside – front extension incorporating utility room and garage extension. Internal alterations to provide access to cellar.
7/07/5719	Loughrigg Holme, Under Loughrigg, Ambleside Internal alterations
7/07/5735	Skelwith Bridge Hotel, Skelwith Bridge, Ambleside Construction of staff block.

Refusals

7/06/5650	Neaum Crag, Skelwith Bridge, Ambleside – change of use of land from disused toilet block to land used for stationing of a managers caravan and installation of a rising bar barrier
7/06/5722	Coop Late Shop Broadgate Grasmere – fascia sign 2 poster frames and window vinyls.
7/06/5701	The Swan, Keswick Road, Grasmere – demolition of existing bedroom blocks and outbuildings and proposed redevelopment incorporating new 75 bedroom block addition/extended restaurant and car park facility.

The Meeting closed at 9.48pm