

LAKES PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on 4th July 2007 in the Library, Kelsick Road, Ambleside at 7.30pm

PRESENT: Cllrs. L. Johnson (Chairman), W. H Allen, E.S. Bradshaw, Ms M.M. Colquhoun, A. Green, N.C. Martin, Mrs A. Parker, Mrs V. Rees, J. Smith, Mrs A. Sowerbutts, Mrs F.M. Sparrow, D Welch, and Mrs E. Wilson

APOLOGIES: Cllrs, Mrs E.M. Braithwaite J.R. Westmoreland

IN ATTENDANCE: County Cllr B Barton and PC Buxton with 2 PCSO's

ALSO: M. A. Johnson and the Press

Prior to the commencement of the Meeting, the Chairman welcomed Cllr Mrs Sowerbutts and gave an update on the health of Cllr Mrs Braithwaite.

33 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 6th June 2007 and the Plans Meeting on 20th June 2007 held in the Library, Ambleside were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman accordingly.

34. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- ◆ Cllr Smith declared a personal interest in Agenda item 4 (Police report) There were no other declarations of interest.

35 POLICE REPORT

PC Buxton introduced the two new PCSO's who would be working in the local Policing area. He reported on the 265 incidents dealt with by the Lakes Policing Team in June but was pleased to report a reduction in crime figures. He gave a breakdown of the incidents and said it had been a relatively quiet month. He answered questions from Members and the Chairman thanked him for his attendance. PC Buxton and the PCSO's then left the meeting for another appointment.

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36. REPORTS

- a. Ambleside Chamber of Trade Meeting June 2007 – Cllr Martin reported on the recent meeting and commented that the new Ambleside Guide was in production.
- b. CALC – South Lakeland Committee 7th June – The Chairman gave a comprehensive report on the meeting and 17 members had attended the first part but only 12 had attended the second which was quite disappointing.
- c. Parish Plan Action Group 18th June. The notes from the meeting had been circulated. Cllr Bradshaw reported on the meeting. Cllr Smith corrected an item regarding Langdale where he stated that the situation was not dire, as reported and gave examples of a vibrant community in action.
- d. Lakes Childrens Centre – Steering group 20th June – Cllr Welch reported on this meeting and noted that the Childrens Centre had been very well attended with 82 people coming through on one day alone. He felt that things were very positive.
- e. Ambleside and Waterhead Master Plan – Cllr Ms Colquhoun reported that there was to be a public launch on Friday 20th July in the Kelsick Centre from 6.30pm to 9pm.

- f. Councillors Training – Cllr Mrs Parker reported on a very good training session for Councillors at Castle Inn Hotel, Bassenthwaite. She had attended in company with Cllrs Mrs Sparrow and Welch and it had been very interesting.
- g. The Chairman reported on a meeting of the Lake District World Heritage Site steering group at Murley Moss chaired by Lord Clark.
- h. The Chairman had also attended a site meeting for Lake View Guest House at Grasmere that had been conducted by LDNPA Development Control Committee. It had been the first invitation to the Parish Council under the new protocol and many senior officers and Members were present. The decision was to refuse the planning application.
- i. On 15th June the Chairman had attended the Lake Windermere Project Group and on 25th June he had attended the LDNPA group representing CALC. He reported on both meetings.

The Chairman then adjourned the Meeting for members of the public to speak. One member of the public raised items regarding wheelchair access to the Post Office, weedkiller in the Park and skips at the back of Compston Street. Concern was also expressed at the number of rats in the centre of Ambleside.

The Chairman then reconvened the Meeting.

37 FINANCE

- a. RESOLVED to confirm approval the orders for payment submitted to the meeting totalling £5721.07.
- b. RESOLVED to contribute £15 towards the overall press advert by CALC for adoption of the new Code of Conduct.

38 PLANS FOR CONSIDERATION

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

- 1. 7/07/5213 Oak Bank Hotel, Broadgate, Grasmere
Existing rear conservatory (retrospective application) – **No Objections**
- 2. 7/07/5257 Langdale Lodge, Bridge Lane, Troutbeck, Windermere
Part demolition, reconstruction and extension. – **No Objections**
- 3. 7/07/5362 Bolton Tarn, Neaum Crage, Loughrigg, Ambleside
Extend occupation to include period 21 December in any year to 4th January in the following year inclusive.- **No Objections**
- 4. 7/07/5047/48/50 Three applications by St Martins College, relating to sites at Rydal Road, Hilltop, Kirkstone Road and Kelsick, Stockghyll Lane Ambleside all relating to replacement of existing signage to reflect new status.- **No Objections as long as the signage is no bigger than the existing signs.**

39 MATTERS OF INFORMATION

- A. From the Chairman
The Chairman reported on the forthcoming judging for Cumbria in Bloom. He also reported on the removal of trees/foliage at the War memorial.
- B. From the Clerk
 - 1 Windermere Town Council – Agenda 25th June 2007
 - 2 Rights of Way Improvement Plan

3. Clerks and Councils Direct – July 2007

4. The Clerk – July 2007

The Clerk also read a letter from John Bell on highway proposals for Chapel Hill. The Council agreed to support the views of the Civic Society expressed in a letter to Mr Bell and read to the meeting. They would support a limited advisory scheme but are not in favour of blanket no parking. They would support a residents parking scheme. He also informed Members of an invitation from Littoral for the Chairman and Clerk to view the Mertz Barn project in Langdale to be followed by lunch.

C From Members

- a. Councillor Green was concerned about the lack of a Traffic Order for Grasmere that had been in the making for some time.
- b. Cllr Mrs Parker spoke on green recycling project for Rothay Holme and more information is to follow.
- c. Cllr Mrs Parker spoke on Himalayan Balsam and asked for volunteers from Ambleside. She also said that Mclver Lane was still in need of relining and a survey should be undertaken of road markings in Ambleside.
- d. Cllr Smith felt that a commendation should be given to a local farmer who was encouraging an initiative on hay meadows. 3 meadows were being restored in Great Langdale and Loughrigg.
- e. Cllr Mrs Wilson spoke on road repairs in Langdale.
- f. Cllr Welch spoke on Himalayan Balsam.
- g. Cllr Bradshaw spoke on the Parish Office and the Annual Meeting. He felt that only one speaker should be invited to the annual meeting and that speaker should be time limited to enable progress of business.

D. From District Councillors.

Cllr Mrs Rees spoke on the North West Spatial Planning Group at LDNPA and a partnership that wished to involve Parish Councils. She also said that a task group was looking at the parking problem within the District.

E. From the County Councillor

Councillor Barton had nothing to report.

40 AMBLESIDE BY-ELECTION

Members were concerned about the poor turnout for the poll. The question of lack of poll cards was raised. The financial implications of issuing these cards was addressed by the Clerk. There was a long discussion on this matter.

RESOLVED - That this would be placed on the Agenda for a future meeting of the Council to discuss ideas relating to future by-elections. The Chairman thanked Members for a spirited debate.

41 VACANCY – LANGDALES WARD

The Clerk reported that no election had been requested and the Council should therefore co-opt to fill the Vacancy at the earliest opportunity.

RESOLVED That the vacancy be advertised in the September Parish Newsletter with a deadline for receipt of applications and that this Vacancy be filled at the September meeting of the Council.

42 AMBLESIDE WELFARE CHARITY

The Clerk had received a letter from the Charity requesting a nomination to fill the existing vacancy on the Board of Trustees.

RESOLVED That Cllr Mrs Sparrow be nominated to fill the vacancy.

43 PROPOSED T MOBILE BASE STATION – PRE PLANNING CONSULTATION

The Clerk had circulated a letter from T Mobile on their proposal to site a base station and an associated aerial at the Salutation Inn Ambleside. Due to its late receipt the date for response had now passed.

RESOLVED – To consider this matter when a formal planning application was received.

44 STOCKGHYLL PARK/WOODS

The Clerk had circulated a letter from SLDC on this item.

RESOLVED – that this matter be deferred to a future meeting of the Council and the Clerk would seek clarification of SLDC's intentions in relation to this item.

45 TREE MATTERS

T/07/0039 Mater Amabilis, Wansfell Road, Ambleside – Fell two Corsican Pines and one Conifer – the LDNPA Tree Advisor had not responded to requests for recommendations.

RESOLVED Members felt that this involved two valuable trees and decided to defer making a decision until more information was known.

46. NOTIFICATION OF APPEALS/WITHDRAWN AND AMENDED APPLICATIONS

- a. 7/06/5417 – Appeal by Mr Atkinson in respect of refusal of a proposed alterations to and sub division of uncompleted house and workshop to form two houses, one for local occupancy at Langthwaite, Nook Lane, Ambleside – the appeal is allowed and planning permission granted.
- b. 7/06/5516 – Appeal by Mr Astle in respect of refusal of an extension to form granny annex at 25 High Fieldside, Grasmere – the appeal is allowed and planning permission granted.

Appeal by Mr P J Bradley against enforcement Land at Birch End, Lake Road, Ambleside that without planning permission a timber fence was erected with a height exceeding 2m above ground. – the appeal is allowed and the enforcement notice is quashed.

47. PLANNING DECISIONS

To receive information on recent Planning Decisions taken by the LDNPA

Approval – 7/07/5220 – Field, Wain Lane, Holbeck Lane, Troutbeck – Horse Shelter

Approval – 7/07/5228 – Red Lion Hotel Grasmere – Alterations to entrances and windows and internal alterations

The Meeting closed at 9.45pm