

LAKES PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on 7 March 2007 in the Library, Kelsick Road, Ambleside at 7.30pm

PRESENT: Cllrs. L. Johnson (Chairman), Mrs E.M. Braithwaite, Mrs E.A. Garlick, N.C. Martin, Mrs A. Parker, J Smith, Mrs F.M. Sparrow
Mrs E. Wilson

APOLOGIES: Cllrs W. H Allen, E.S. Bradshaw, Ms M.M. Colquhoun, A. Green, Mrs M. Lockley, Mrs V. Rees, D Welch and J.R. Westmoreland also District Cllr Vatcher

IN ATTENDANCE: County Cllr B Barton and PC Buxton

ALSO: M. A. Johnson, the Press and 2 members of the public

153 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 7th February and the Plans Meeting on 21st February held in the Library, Ambleside were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman accordingly.

154. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- ◆ Cllr Mrs Braithwaite declared a personal interest in Planning Item 8 – Lake View Guest House, Grasmere.
- ◆ Cllr Mrs Parker declared a personal and prejudicial interest in Agenda item 12, Tree Preservation Order Gale Rigg Ambleside
- ◆ Cllr Smith declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 4 – Police Report.

155 POLICE REPORT

PC Buxton gave a report on 11 crimes in the area, of which 5 had been shoplifting. Outdoor clothing shops had been targeted by travelling criminals and 5 arrests had been made. 4 illegal immigrants had been detained and three deported. He had been involved in the police operation resulting from the rail crash at Grayrigg. He answered Members queries. He informed Members that PC McClennan would now be the Community Police Officer for Grasmere, Langdale, Coniston and Hawkshead due to the reallocation of the one Officer to response duties. Two Community Support Officers would also be allocated to work in Ambleside and the surrounding areas.

Members felt that a vote of thanks should be recorded for PC Buxton for the huge amount of time and effort he put in as the Community Police Officer for Ambleside. They were also appreciative of his work with the young people in the Town. The Clerk was asked to write to the Chief Constable and commend PC Buxton for his work. The Chairman thanked him for his attendance. PC Buxton then left the meeting for another appointment.

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156. REPORTS

- a. Ambleside Chamber of Trade Meeting February 2007 – Cllr Martin reported on this meeting where there had been presentation of the changeover from analogue to digital television. He had been encouraged by an increase in attendance and hoped that this would continue.

- b. Ambleside and Waterhead Masterplan – meeting 12 February – Cllr Ms Colquhoun had tabled a report on this Meeting. The Chairman reminded Members that a workshop will take place on 8th March 2007.
- c. Parish Plan meeting 5th March 2007. Cllr Mrs Parker tabled the Minutes of this meeting and highlighted issues raised to Members. The group will now be known as the Parish Plan Action Group,
- d. Carlisle City Council – Meeting 24th February – The Clerk had circulated a report from the Chairman on the ‘Better Government for Cumbria’ day and the Chairman highlighted issues raised.
- e. Cllr Mrs Sparrow reported on the Christmas Lights Committee Agm.

The Chairman then adjourned the Meeting for members of the public to speak. The Chairman then reconvened the Meeting.

157 FINANCE

- a. RESOLVED to confirm approval the orders for payment submitted to the meeting totalling £2605.60
- b. CAB Ambleside – request for funding. The Clerk had circulated the letter from the CAB and it was RESOLVED to continue funding the Ambleside CAB for 2007/8 in the sum of £1000.
- c. To authorise signing the Lengthsman documentation and agreeing the financial information contained therein RESOLVED to agree to the signing of the documentation in principle pending resolution of a query raised by Windermere Clerk on the legality of SLDT not being party to the joint Parishes agreement with Cumbria County Council. The Clerk would query the role of the present administrator who might have a conflict of interest with her membership of Windermere Town Council.

158 PLANS FOR CONSIDERATION

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

- 1. 7/07/5027 Gill Sike, Troutbeck
Conversion of roof space including new flat roof dormer, erection of new car port and raised terrace. – **Refuse on the grounds that this is an intensive overdevelopment of the site with no proven need.**
- 2. 7/07/5052 Bield How and Lowfield, Lake Road Ambleside
Proposed parking area. – **No objections subject to the approval of the Highways Authority.**
- 3. 7/07/5082 Organico, Fisherbeck Mill, Old Lake Road, Ambleside
Alterations to existing building and partial change of use to retail shop. – **No Objections**
- 4.7/07/5083 Middletons of Ambleside, Compston Road, Ambleside
Change of use from print shop and workshop to larger food retail shop and delicatessen with workshop area reduced to form warehouse – ground floor only.- **No objections subject to there being no outstanding planning restrictions from the past on internal alterations.**
- 5.7/07/5091 Youth Hostels Association, Mereside, Waterhead Ambleside
Erection of a building for office/hire centre- **No objections subject to the building being painted in an unobtrusive subdued colour to**

protect this sensitive site as viewed from the lake. Members also felt that there should be a time limit on this building and also that screening should be a consideration.

- 6.7/07/5094 3 Sweden How, Sweden Bridge Lane, Ambleside
Single storey garden room extension to rear, 2 storey extension to side of dwelling – **No Objections**
- 7.7/07/5100 Howe Head Cottage, Howe Head Lane Grasmere
Domestic extension- **No Objections**
- 8.7/07/5103 Lake View Guest House, Lake View Drive, Grasmere
Conversion of existing barn to provide 5 bedroom annexe to guest house – **Refusal on the following grounds**
1. **This is not a site suitable for residential use as it is over 100 metres from the main building in an open field. It is an isolated Lakeland stone agricultural barn, used in the past for animals and storage.**
 2. **It is outside of the village development boundary.**
 3. **It is on the flood plain where surrounding fields ‘pond’ during heavy rainfall.**
 4. **There are no services to the barn apart from one old electricity cable.**
 5. **Access by foot or car is approximately 200 metres down a single track non adopted lane from the B5287 in the village. The lane is not surfaced with no pavement or street lighting whatsoever and in an appalling condition. A very uneven surface with a continuation of large potholes, full of water in inclement weather. There is already inadequate parking on the site and any increased commercial activity of this lane by visitors in cars or service vehicles will exacerbate this situation.**
 6. **The barn adjoins Grasmere Sewage Works on its southeast side next to four open settlement tanks that process sewage causing both smell and noise from pumps and fans operating day and night. Effluent is discharged in to the lake and noxious sludge is frequently pumped out to be removed by road tanker. This results in an increase in noise levels on a regular basis.**
 7. **This application is contrary to policies C1, C6, C7, T2, T3 and T6 of the Lake District National Park Local Plan.**

159 MATTERS OF INFORMATION

- A. From the Chairman
The Chairman had attended a number of meetings including the CATS Meeting in Kendal on 14th February, and CALC (South Lakeland) on 1st March 2007. He reported fully on both meetings. The Clerk circulated information provided by Cllr Bradshaw from this meeting.
- B. From the Clerk
- 1 Windermere Town Council – Agenda 14/26th February 2007
 - 2 DIS Extra –651 – 26 February 2007
 3. Windermere Lakes Services Workshop – Minutes 18 January
 4. SLDC – Council 27 February 2007
 5. SLDC – Standards Committee 8 March 2007
 6. Letter of reply from Tim Farron MP – re Post Office representations
 7. Letter of reply from the Boundary Committee – re Troutbeck
 8. Notes from Better Government for Cumbria event – Carlisle City Council

9. To inform Members that the next Meeting of the Council on 4th April 2007 will commence at 7pm to allow an address by Littoral – re a radio station setup in Ambleside and the Lakes.
 10. To inform Members of the receipt of a cheque from Admiral Insurance in the sum of £3878 towards the damaged bus shelter on the King Street Car park
- C From Members
- a. Councillor Mrs Wilson requested information on the Boundary Committee proposals.
 - b. Councillor Martin told Members that the Rothay Park toilets had not been open at the beginning of March as stated on the notice. He was also concerned about the stream near the Chuchyard. The Clerk would continue with his investigations and contact the Environment Agency.
 - c. Cllr Mrs Braithwaite informed Members of her attendance at the Cumbria Rural Forum at Rydal Hall. She gave a full account of the day with matters including action for communities in rural areas, centralising services and the challenges faced by rural post offices where 4 out of 5 are very much part of the village shop.
- D. From District Councillors.
There were no District Councillors present.
- E. From the County Councillor
Councillor Barton reported on Rural Wheels and Highway problems. He also spoke on the recent Library cuts in hours. Ambleside had lost 6 hours.

160 CHANGE OF MEETING DATE

The Clerk had circulated a paper regarding a change in meeting dates. The Annual Parish Meeting will now be on 9th May and the Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council on the 2nd May 2007. This change is due to the speaker at the Parish Meeting being unavailable on the 2nd May, the original date for the Annual Parish Meeting.
RESOLVED - To agree to the change of dates.

161 LENGTHSMAN SCHEME

This item had been taken earlier under Finance
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162 TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TYPE OF TRAFFIC ORDER 2007

The Clerk reported on the temporary closure of public footpath 542024 at Greenhead Gill, Grasmere
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163. NOTIFICATION OF A TREE PRESERVATION ORDER NUMBER 306.

The Clerk informed Members of an order to be made regarding a mature beech and a mature pine at Gale Rigg, Ambleside.
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164. NOTIFICATION OF PLANNING APPEALS/WITHDRAWN/AMENDED APPLICATIONS

None received

165. PLANNING DECISIONS

None received

The Meeting closed at 9.02pm