

LAKES PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on 17th October 2007 in the Library, Kelsick Road, Ambleside at 7.30pm

PRESENT: Cllrs. L. Johnson (Chairman), A. Green, E.S. Bradshaw, Mrs E.M. Braithwaite, N.C. Martin, Mrs S. Ogden, J. Smith, P.A. Thompson, D Welch

APOLOGIES: Cllrs, W. H Allen, Ms M.M. Colquhoun, Mrs V. Rees, Mrs A. Sowerbutts, Mrs F.M. Sparrow, Mrs E. Wilson and J.R. Westmoreland

IN ATTENDANCE: PC David Buxton, Cllr Vatcher and County Cllr B Barton

ALSO: M. A. Johnson 1 member of the public, and the Press

Members formally agreed to accept the apologies of Councillor Mrs Wilson to excuse her attendance until the health of her husband improved and she is in a position to attend Meetings.

77 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 19th September 2007 and the Plans Meeting on 3rd October 2007 held in the Library, Ambleside were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman accordingly.

78. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- ◆ Councillor Smith declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 4, Police Report. There were no declarations of interest on items contained within the Agenda.

79 POLICE REPORT

PC Buxton gave a comprehensive report on incidents within Lakes Parish over the past months. Crime overall in South Lakes was up 2 percent however Ambleside Langdales and Grasmere were all down quite substantially. He reported on the anti social behaviour results that had also shown a downward trend. A Respect campaign was running up to Halloween. He commented on covert patrols and CCTV both used to combat disorder. He gave Members an insight in to Traffic Management and referred to the DOT circular of 01/2006 that requires all Highway Authorities to carry out a Highway review including speed limits on all A and B class roads. Results of a review of the A591 were awaited. He answered questions on the 20mph and 30mph speed limits. It is not the policy of ACPO to police 20mph speed limits. He answered questions from Members and the Chairman thanked him for his attendance.

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The Chairman adjourned the Meeting for members of the public to speak. One member of the public spoke on matters raised within the Police report. The Chairman then reconvened the Meeting

80. REPORTS

- a. Parish Plan Action Group 8 October. The notes from the meeting were circulated to Members and Cllr Bradshaw highlighted relevant issues. He welcomed the appointment of the Project Officer who would be writing to Members to introduce himself.

- b. Ambleside Chamber of Trade October – Cllr Martin gave a report on this meeting that had been a sociable evening at the Salutation. It had been successful and enjoyable and the Chamber may have new members as a result.
- c. Lakes Parish in Bloom presentation 14 October – The Chairman reported on a lovely evening that had been well attended. He thanked the Clerk for his work on the Presentation Certificates and to everyone who had given of their time to make this such a successful year.
- d. Lakes Line Meeting – The Clerk circulated a report on a recent Meeting from Cllr Mrs Sparrow who will be happy to respond to any questions raised by Members.
- e. CALC – The Chairman had attended a Meeting at Murley Moss with a group of interested parties considering the application for World Heritage Site designation.
- f. The Chairman had recorded an interview broadcast on Mertz FM on the work and functions of a Parish Council. He also had attended the Parish Plan Meeting on 8th October.
- g. Cllr Bradshaw had attended the Mertz Barn Barbeque and had found it an interesting experience..

81 FINANCE

- a. RESOLVED to confirm approval the orders for payment submitted to the meeting totalling £3061.70.
- b. RESOLVED to agree to the appointment of a Parish Handyman for a Pilot Scheme to run from 1st December 2007 to 31st March 2008 to be funded with the budgeted £1600 towards a Parish Lengthsman scheme. The Post to be advertised locally and the Clerk to undertake a full risk assessment and draw up a detailed Job Description. The post would be for 10 hours a week at an hourly rate of £7 per hour. The Clerk will act as Line Manager for the Handyman. The Post to be reviewed in March 2008.
- c. The Clerk presented a Draft Budget for 2008/9 and commended it to Members. He answered questions and gave explanations for items contained therein. The Budget will be presented to the November Meeting of the Council for approval.

82 PLANS FOR CONSIDERATION

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

- 1. 7/2007/5530 Greenstones, Pye Lane, Grasmere
Formation of additional vehicular entrance (with alteration to existing access) – **No Objections**
- 2. 7/2007/5540 New Dungeon Ghyll Hotel, Great Langdale, Ambleside
Demolition of existing staff accommodation and store and reconstruction and extension of staff accommodation and store – **No Objections**

83 MATTERS OF INFORMATION

- A. From the Chairman
The Chairman had reported that the first Meeting of the new University of Cumbria Liaison Group will be on 1st November and Members should contact him with any issues prior to this.
- B. From the Clerk
 - 1 Windermere Town Council – Agenda 22nd October 2007
 - 2 Friends of the Lake District Annual Kirby Lecture 19th October

3. Progression on possible move to Ambleside Police Station
4. The National Armed Forces Memorial at Litchfield, Staffs
- C From Members
 - a. Members raised issues regarding posts at the bottom of Compston Road, Ambleside, flower tubs neglected within the Parish and the retaining wall at Borrans Park.
- D. From District Councillors.
Cllr Vatcher updated Members with the latest Health and Scrutiny information. He also gave information on the provision of Care Homes.
- E. From the County Councillor
Councillor Barton had nothing to report

84 REVIEW OF PARISH COUNCIL VENUE

The Clerk informed Members that this was an item brought forward at the request of the Council when they had moved to the Library.

RESOLVED - That Ambleside Library remain the venue for Parish Council Meetings.

No further review is required.

85 CENTRAL AMBLESIDE DEVELOPMENT

Cllr Bradshaw had placed this item on the Agenda and spoke to it. The Chairman explained the work in progress.

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86 CALC SOUTHLAKELAND COMMITTEE

The Clerk had circulated information on the additional requirement for another Parish Member to be nominated to the Standards Committee. It was noted that Cllr Mrs Braithwaite had been previously nominated and elected to this Committee

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87 TREE MATTERS

a.T/2007/0054 – Neaum Crag, Skelwith Bridge, Ambleside – To fell or reduce 17 trees, coppice3, prune and deadwood 10.

b.T/2007/0056 – Elllerthwaite, Ellerigg Road, Ambleside – Fell 1 Larch, 1 Spruce, reduce arch.

c.T/2007/0058 – 3 Above Beck, Grasmere – Fell 2 Spruce, 1 Silver birch and 1 cherry; prune 1 beech, 1 sycamore, 1 holly and 1 chile pine; plant 3 replacement birch trees

d.T/2007/0059 – Green Mosses, Grasmere – Cut leafed beech – remove deadwood and monitor; Tidy up crown and remove branch sticking out of beech – rebalance tree and monitor; Monitor Spruce; Monitor Lime (losing branches)?honey fungus; monitor silver birch.

Deferred from the Plans Meeting of 3 October for the recommendations of the LDNPA Tree Advisor who as yet had been unable to report

RESOLVED Members had no objections to applications c and d but were unable to comment on a and b. The recommendations would be circulated if received.

88. NOTIFICATION OF APPEALS/WITHDRAWN AND AMENDED APPLICATIONS

- a. Former GasWorks site Blue Hill Road, Ambleside – Construction of ten Live/Work Units and 6 affordable dwellings. - The Public Inquiry in to this application will be held in the Mackereth Suite, Kelsick Community Centre Ambleside on 30th October 2007 at 10am.
The Chairman will attend on behalf of the Council.

The Meeting closed at 9.16pm