

## LAKES PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> June 2008 in the Library, Kelsick Road, Ambleside at 7.30pm

PRESENT: Cllr L. Johnson (In the Chair), A. Green, Mrs E.M. Braithwaite, Ms M.M. Colquhoun N.C. Martin, Mrs S. Ogden, Mrs V Rees, Mrs A. Sowerbutts, Mrs F.M. Sparrow, P.A. Thompson, J.R. Westmoreland

APOLOGIES: Cllrs, W. H Allen, E.S. Bradshaw J. Smith, D. Welch, Mrs E. Wilson

IN ATTENDANCE: County Cllr Barton, District Cllr Vatcher, Bill Smith (CEO SLDT)

ALSO: M. A. Johnson, PC D Buxton, 8 members of the public and the Press

Prior to the commencement of the main Meeting, a pre-meeting was held with the Chief Executive Officer of South Lakes Development Trust to discuss matters of mutual concern, particularly relating to Town Centre Management of Ambleside/Grasmere together with the Ambleside Masterplan Waterhead draft proposals. Mr Smith gave an outline of the work of SLDT in relation to the topics outlined. He answered questions from Members and the Chairman thanked him for his attendance.

### 22 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Council AGM held on 7<sup>th</sup> May 2008 and the Plans Meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> May in the Library, Ambleside were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman accordingly.

### 23 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- ◆ Councillor Ms Colquhoun declared an interest, both personal and prejudicial, in Item 5 (1) in relation to her membership of the Rydal Valley Protection Group and the University of Cumbria proposed sale of land near South Knoll, but reserved her right to speak on those matters relating to the University on the opposite side of the A591.
- ◆ Councillor Mrs Rees declared a personal interest in all Planning matters and also Agenda Items 15 Troutbeck Swimming Pool.
- ◆ There were no other declarations of interest

### 24 POLICE REPORT

PC Buxton reported on the crime figures just released that showed a reduction of crime and antisocial behaviour in Lakes Parish. He highlighted the good work being done by the Policing Team that had resulted in 24 arrests including positive breath tests, no insurance, outstanding warrant, 2 late night disorder, 2 thefts of canoes and one drugs search. He answered Members questions and the Chairman thanked him for his attendance.

The Chairman adjourned the Meeting to allow members of the public to speak. Two members of the public spoke on a local proposed road closure and this will be placed on a future agenda for discussion.

The Chairman then reconvened the Meeting

## 25. REPORTS

- a. University of Cumbria – Ambleside Liaison Group 12<sup>th</sup> May – The Chairman had given a verbal report at the last Plans Meeting and his full report had been circulated for information. He took Agenda Item 9 at this point that dealt with the same issues. Cllr Ms Colquhoun was concerned that the original transfer of land from the old County Authority together with land accession since that time may have resulted in a qualification on the use of the land in perpetuity. The Clerk would write to the Chief Executive of Cumbria County Council to try to find out more information.
- b. LDNPA Visits 16 May – deferred.
- c. Meeting with SLDC officers 20<sup>th</sup> May – Councillors reported on a successful meeting to bring Lakes Parish to the fore in SLDC. A sign in Rothay Park relating to Friends of Rothay Park had been swiftly removed after the meeting. A site visit to discuss the trees recently planted there was still awaited.

## 26 FINANCE

- a. RESOLVED to confirm approval the orders for payment submitted to the meeting totalling £7854.08
- b. RESOLVED to agree to donate £250 towards disabled improvements at Holy Trinity Church, Langdale.
- c. RESOLVED to donate £500 towards Our Place Youth Project after this request was deferred from March 2008 for further information.

## 27 PLANS FOR CONSIDERATION

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

- 7/08/5173 Land north of Beckside Farm, Troutbeck  
Erection of agricultural workers dwelling with septic tank – To consider **rescinding** Minute Number 155 (3) –(Land north of Beckside Farm, Troutbeck) - **Resolved to rescind the original minute and offer No Objections to this application.**
- 7/08/5205 Padmire, Grasmere  
Rear dormer extension, new gate, wall and fence – **No Objections**
- 7/08/5298 Land adjacent to Langdale Bowling Club, Elterwater  
Erection of single storey wooden scoring hut on a concrete base and stone faced base (re-submission) – **No Objections**
- 7/08/5295 Elterwater Outer Basin, Elterwater  
Siting of equipment for continuous water quality monitoring – **No Objections**

## 28 MATTERS OF INFORMATION

- A. From the Chairman  
The Chairman informed Members of a visit by the Chief Constable to the Parish Office. Also of a meeting he had attended at the University relating to disaffected youth and ways to deal with it.
- B. From the Clerk
  - 1 Windermere Town Council – Agenda 14<sup>th</sup> May 2008
  2. The Clerk – May 2008
  3. Newsletter deadline is 11<sup>th</sup> June for publication early July.
- C From Members
  - a. Nothing
- D. From District Councillors.  
Nothing.

- E. From the County Councillor – Cllr Barton had already reported earlier in the meeting while matters stood adjourned. He had nothing further to report.

#### 29 UNIVERSITY OF CUMBRIA

Dealt with earlier in the Agenda  
RECEIVED.

#### 30 ST MARY'S LANE, AMBLESIDE

Cllr Mrs Sowerbutts raised issues with building contractors making life a misery for the local residents with mud, dust, noise and dirt. This had also been highlighted at the Annual Parish Meeting. Residents had written to the MP, LDNPA and the local Valuation Office without much redress.

RESOLVED That the Parish Council write to the Valuation Officer highlighting the plight of local residents; the Senior Planner at LDNPA to ensure appropriate conditions are placed on future planning consent within this area and also the local Contractors to get them to clean up the area each night on completion of work.

#### 31 PARISH PLAN

The Clerk had circulated a letter from the Chairman of the Group which effectively disbanded the group on completion of a lot of the work contained within the Plan.

RESOLVED To place this on the Agenda for a future meeting to discuss ways forward for certain work still outstanding in the Plan and to write a letter of thanks to the Chairman thanking all concerned for their work over the past three to four years also indicating that the Council will take onboard the comments contained within her final paragraph.

#### 32 CALC – ELECTION OF PARISH MEMBER TO LDNPA

The Chairman vacated the Chair at this point,  
Cllr Green IN THE CHAIR

The Clerk had distributed Candidates CV's and also voting papers to Members. Members indicated their choice and returned the papers to the Clerk and the voting was verified by the Chairman.

RESOLVED That the vote of Lakes Parish Council individual Members be relayed to CALC before the deadline on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2008.

Cllr Johnson IN THE CHAIR

#### 33. LANGDALE VALLEY NEWS

The Clerk had circulated information received.

RESOLVED to appoint Cllr Mrs Ogden to represent the Parish Council on the Steering Committee.

#### 34. AMBLESIDE MASTERPLAN – WATERHEAD PUBLIC CONSULTATION

The Clerk had been asked to place this item on the Agenda for discussion and resolution of the position of Lakes Parish Council.

RESOLVED – To inform SLDT that the Parish Council cannot agree with the Draft proposals as presently on show in the Library. There are elements of the proposals that merit further investigation but the plans do not address traffic problems within the National Park and an Origins and Destinations survey should be completed prior to any alteration of the road system. The Parish Council fully support the tidying up of Waterhead but question the feasibility and viability of the proposed new shops.

#### 35 TROUTBECK SWIMMING POOL

The Clerk had circulated a letter from the new operators asking if the Council would like a visit from a representative to explain their future proposals.

RESOLVED To agree to invite a representative to a future meeting.

### 36 CUMBRIA HIGHWAYS – HIGHWAY STEWARDS

The Clerk had circulated information on a meeting to be held in the Council Chamber at Windermere on 24<sup>th</sup> June.

RESOLVED – That Cllrs Mrs Braithwaite and Rees attend this meeting on behalf of the Council.

### 37. LAKES CHILDRENS CENTRE

Cllr Welch had resigned and a contact was requested from the organiser

RESOLVED that Cllr Mrs Sparrow be nominated as the contact for Lakes Parish Council.

### 38. TREE MATTERS

T2008/025 Lop branches of Lime Tree at Wordsworth Hotel, Grasmere

RESOLVED To offer no objections to this work.

### 39 PLANNING DECISIONS

#### APPROVALS

- T/08/0020 Salutation Hotel Ambleside – Fell one weeping ash.
- 7/08/5072 White Bridge Forge, Grasmere – Domestic extension
- 7/08/5102 Easedale Lodge Guest House, Ambleside – rear extension
- 7/08/5103 Greenbank Cottage, Little Langdale – single storey extension to rear
- 7/08/5130 Rowanberry Cottage, Grasmere – Alterations and 2 Dormer windows
- 7/08/5140 Co-op Store, Compston Road Ambleside – externally illuminated sign
- 7/08/5143 Quaker Meeting House, Rydal Road, Ambleside – Alterations to form NHS Dental practice
- 7/08/5163 Lake House Hotel, Waterhead, Ambleside – car park

#### REFUSALS

- 7/08/5023 The Samling, Dove Nest, Windermere – replacement timber jetty
- 7/08/5080/81 Doi Inthanon Restaurant Ambleside – change of use Office to Restaurant

The Meeting closed at 9.40  
pm