

## LAKES PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> March 2008 in the Library, Kelsick Road, Ambleside at 7.30pm

- PRESENT: Cllr L. Johnson (In the Chair), A. Green, W. H Allen  
E.S. Bradshaw, Mrs E.M. Braithwaite, N.C. Martin,  
Mrs S. Ogden, Mrs V. Rees, J. Smith, Mrs A. Sowerbutts,  
Mrs F.M. Sparrow, P.A. Thompson and D. Welch.
- APOLOGIES: Cllrs, Ms M.M. Colquhoun, Mrs E. Wilson, J.R. Westmoreland  
and District Cllrs Vatcher and Earnshaw
- IN ATTENDANCE: County Cllr Barton , R Lees and M Lees
- ALSO: M. A. Johnson, PCSO L Jackson, 15 members of the public  
and the Press

### 138 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> February 2008 and the Plans Meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> February in the Library, Ambleside were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman accordingly.

### 139. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- ◆ Councillor Martin declared an interest, both personal and prejudicial, in the Finance item for approval relating to J.F. Martin and Co.
- ◆ Councillor Mrs Sparrow declared a personal and prejudicial interest in Planning Item 7/08/5080, Doi Inthanon Restaurant, Ambleside.
- ◆ Cllr Smith declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 4 – Police Report,
- ◆ There were no other declarations of interest on items contained within the Agenda.

### 140 POLICE REPORT

PCSO Jackson reported on the antisocial behaviour and crime figures particularly on shoplifting. Antisocial behaviour in Ambleside was slightly less than the same time in the previous year and a prolific shoplifter had been identified. The Police had worked well with Home Housing to evict a local person causing domestic problems and criminal damage to their property. She welcomed the Council to Ambleside Police Station as a key working partner in the Community. She answered Members questions. The Chairman thanked her for her attendance.

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On a Motion from Members the Chairman then suspended Standing Orders to discuss an important and urgent item that had arisen since the Agenda for the Meeting was published. A full discussion took place on the proposed Ambleside to Coniston cycle route and proposals from Cumbria County Council relating to that part of the route down Vicarage Road in Ambleside, through Rothay Park and onwards to Clappersgate. A decision was made to request the Officer in charge of these proposals to cease operations forthwith pending a public meeting to discuss the same. Cllr Barton undertook to progress the public meeting. An item will be placed on the next Agenda to enable a formal resolution of these matters.

The Chairman thanked the public for attending and reconvened the Meeting.

#### 141. REPORTS

- a. Ambleside Chamber of Trade 18<sup>th</sup> February – Cllr Martin reported that regrettably the Chamber was no more. They had been unable to recruit the necessary Officers and had therefore decided to close however all was not lost and a new initiative with SLDT covering various other areas under a bigger umbrella was in the pipeline.
- b. Neighbourhood Forum on Health Matters – The Chairman reported on a poorly attended meeting and thanked Cllr Barton for his efforts in arranging it. It covered many issues including hospital stays, home support after discharge and ambulance times. On the whole a very positive meeting with minimal public interest possibly because of consultation overkill and a perception that everything is already decided. A dental practice will replace the retiring dentist in Ambleside and the public are encouraged to register.
- c. Windermere Lake Admin Committee 29<sup>th</sup> February – The Chairman reported on this meeting which had been involved mainly with routine matters. A presentation was given of the Waterhead Masterplan. A perceived problem was the need to keep the 'Promenade' clean due to the multitude of wildlife fouling the foreshore. Cllr Johnson put forward a strong question on what the project will look like in 2025 and the need for adequate funding to for this to be within the bid.

The Chairman adjourned the Meeting to allow members of the public to speak. One member of the public spoke on students parking. The Clerk informed the member of the public that he had sorted out the problem with the access to the Kelsick Field. The Chairman then reconvened the Meeting

#### 142 FINANCE

- a. RESOLVED to confirm approval the orders for payment submitted to the meeting totalling £3494.72
- b. The Clerk introduced the Internal Auditor to the Council.
- c. The Clerk introduced the Parish Handyman to the Council and he addressed Members RESOLVED That the job of Parish Handyman continue for the next financial year and the present incumbent continue in post.
- d. RESOLVED to agree to continue to subscribe to membership of Cumbria Wildlife Trust in the sum of £45.
- e. RESOLVED to agree to continue to subscribe to membership of CALC in the sum of £399.50 for 2008/9

#### 143 PLANS FOR CONSIDERATION

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

- 7/08/55044/45 St Mary's Church, Vicarage Road, Ambleside  
Formation of small car park. – **No Comment relates to St Marys Windermere and not in our Parish.**
- 7/08/5073 The Croft, Clappersgate, Ambleside  
Installation of satellite dish **No Objection however future applications should consider sharing aerials with other nearby residents.**
- 7/08/5080/81 Doi Inthanon Restaurant, Market Place, Ambleside  
Change of use from office to restaurant – **No Objections**
- 7/08/5102 Easedale Lodge Guest House, Compston Road, Ambleside  
Two storey rear extension to existing guesthouse – **No Objections**
- 7/08/5103 Greenbank Cottage, Little Langdale, Ambleside  
Small single storey glazed extension to the rear – **No Objections**

#### 144 MATTERS OF INFORMATION

- A. From the Chairman  
The Chairman advised Members that he had been invited to become a member of the Committee to advise on the redevelopment of Brockhole and had been selected for his local knowledge and personal qualities rather than as a Member of Lakes Parish Council.
- B. From the Clerk
1. Windermere Town Council – Agenda 25<sup>TH</sup> February 2008
  2. SLDC – Council Agenda – 28<sup>th</sup> February 2008
  3. Lakes Line Minutes January 2008
  4. The Clerk – February Edition
  5. Update on Royal Oak tables
- C. From Members
- a. Cllr Mrs Ogden raised the question of litter in Kirkfield Rise and adjacent areas.
  - b. Cllr Green asked that an Agenda item on local Police staffing be placed on the next Agenda for discussion.
  - c. Cllr Martin raised the issue of a missing road sign at Smithy Brow and was told that this was already the subject of an enquiry by the Civic Trust.
  - d. Cllr Thompson raised the issue of the wire in the fence by the Fisherbeck wall that was a matter for SLDC.
  - e. Cllr Bradshaw requested an Agenda item on failure of response by SLDC to communications from the Council.
  - f. Cllr Martin commented on Continental Landscapes.
- D. From District Councillors.  
Cllr Mrs Rees reported on a site meeting between herself and the County Council at High Lane Grasmere that had been very useful.
- E. From the County Councillor – Cllr Barton reported on Church Street resurfacing.

#### 145 PARISH PLAN/HOUSING

Cllr Bradshaw reported on the recent meeting and the circulation of the minutes. Members wished for confirmation from the County Council on Wanlass Howe and the affordable housing which might be built in that location, particularly in relation to progress timescale and if, indeed it was to be all affordable. Concern was also expressed at local funding consultation when the only consultee in Lakes Parish has been Langdale Primary School with the Parish Council not informed. Youth Provision and local Youth Club liaison was also discussed.

RESOLVED. That the Clerk try to confirm this information and clarify the rules on affordable housing.

#### 146 CLAIMED RIGHT OF WAY MOUNTAIN RESCUE CENTRE

The Clerk had circulated Information on the formalisation of this as a bridleway. A successful conclusion to a lot of work by the Council and people within the Parish who had provided over 30 pieces of evidence.

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#### 147 HIGHWAY STEWARDS/PARISH LENGTHSMAN

The Clerk had circulated information on this item. The Highway Stewards will replace the Lengthsman scheme and will work locally with Parish Councils and other interested organisations.

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148 NOTIFICATION OF APPEALS/WITHDRAWN AND AMENDED APPLICATIONS

- a. 7/2006/5650 – Neaum Crag Camping and Caravan site, Foul Step lane, Loughrigg, Ambleside – Managers accommodation - appeal hearing will take place at the Pool Hall on site at Neaum Crag on 12<sup>th</sup> February 2008 commencing at 10am – Cllr Mrs Sparrow reported on this appeal and the outcome was awaited.

149 PLANNING DECISIONS

None received.

The Meeting closed at 9.55pm