

LAKES PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on 8 October 2008 in the Library, Kelsick Road, Ambleside at 7.30pm

PRESENT: Cllr L. Johnson (In the Chair), W. H Allen, A. Green, E.S. Bradshaw, Mrs E.M. Braithwaite, N.C. Martin, Mrs S. Ogden, Mrs V Rees, Mrs F.M. Sparrow, P.A. Thompson, D. Welch and J.R. Westmoreland

APOLOGIES: Cllrs Ms M.M. Colquhoun, J. Smith, Mrs A. Sowerbutts, Mrs E. Wilson and County Cllr Barton

IN ATTENDANCE: District Cllr Vatcher

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

85 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 3 September 2008 and the Plans Meeting held on 17th September 2008 in the Library, Ambleside were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman accordingly.

86 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- ◆ Cllr Mrs Rees declared an interest in all Planning Matters, a Finance Item for payment to Grasmere Players and a Tree matter T08/050 Bridge House Grasmere.
- ◆ There were no other declarations of interest

87. ITEMS OF INFORMATION FROM MINUTE 85.

The Clerk read a letter sent from SLDC to the University of Cumbria in relation to the Notice of Motion presented to the Meeting of 17th September 2008. The Clerk also answered a query in relation to Minute number 79C from Cllr Thompson.

88 POLICE REPORT

PC Buxton gave an update on crime within the Parish over the past month. He reported on a pleasing decrease in reports of antisocial behaviour and a 10% Force wide reduction in crime year on year, although there had been a 1% increase in Community crimes. There had been one or two disorder by youths following a recent fatal accident involving a Windermere youth however Police had acted robustly and a number of 17/18 year olds were going to Court. He reported on a series of burglaries that had taken place during one night and on the arrest of 9 people in relation to recent boat crimes. He answered questions on the staffing problems in South Lakes and hoped that the establishment would be replenished by the end of the financial year. He said that the Southern area was seen as a priority as Lakes had seen three retirements since February and as yet no one had yet been replaced. The Clerk was asked to write to the Senior Management Team asking why this situation had been allowed to occur without planned replacements for retirements that could have been foreseen. The Chairman thanked PC Buxton for his attendance and he left the Meeting to resume his duties.

The Chairman ADJOURNED the Meeting to allow members of the public to speak. One member of the public highlighted the poor condition of the white lines on the highway throughout the Parish. This was an item that would be raised with Nick Raymond when

he attended the next Plans Meeting of the Council. The Chairman then RECONVENED the Meeting

89. REPORTS

- a. South Lakeland CALC Committee 4 September – Cllrs Green and Mrs Rees reported on this meeting that had included two presentations.
- b. Windermere Lake Admin Committee 3rd October – Cllrs Mrs Braithwaite and Martin reported on this meeting where a large part of the Agenda had related to the Windermere Waterfront proposals.
- c. Parish Council Task Groups on Youth, Affordable Housing and Environment. The Clerk had circulated individual reports on the work of each Task Groups. Cllrs Mrs Sparrow (for Youth), Cllr Mrs Rees (for Affordable Housing) and Cllr Welch (for Environment) spoke to each report and answered questions from Members,
- d. Cumbria in Bloom Presentations 4th September – The Chairman reported on this event and congratulated all concerned but particularly Chapel Stile and Grasmere from Lakes Parish on their success.
- e. World Heritage Site Community Engagement Group 9th September – The Chairman reported on this meeting.
- f. Neighbourhood Forum, Troutbeck 10th September – The Chairman reported on this well attended meeting that had included items on World Heritage Site Status, Developing Local Partnerships and the Taylor Review on Rural Economies and Rural Housing.
- g. Cllr Mrs Ogden reported on a Community Meeting in Langdale to explore problems associated with the new Bus Shelter and to consider the formation of a Community Association.
- h. Parish Summits 6th October – The Chairman reported on an interesting meeting which was a seminar on aspects of Local Partnerships as they will affect Lakes Parish.
- i. Cllr Mrs Sparrow reported on the latest meeting of the Lakes Line User Group.
- j. Cllr Mrs Rees spoke on the Community Transport Plan meeting held on 6th October which will be followed by three meetings in 2009.
- k. Cllr Mrs Rees reported on the AGM of the Cumbria Rural Housing Trust.
- l. Cllr Mrs Rees reported on 'Communities in Control' devolution down to Parish Level.
- m. Cllr Mrs Braithwaite reported on the AGM of Cumbria Rural CAB that had been aborted due to staffing issues.
- n. Cllr Mrs Braithwaite reported on a LDNPA Development Control Site Meeting at Grasmere to discuss Planning Application 7/08/5521 – Stable End, Easedale Road, Grasmere.
- o. Cllr Welch reported on a recent meeting of the Rothay Valley Sustainable Environment Group. Substantial funding had been received and was promised towards the work of the Group. They were now fully in control of the Balsam/Knotweed problem in the Valley and hoped to extend their work to the Brathay.

90 FINANCE

- a. RESOLVED to confirm approval the orders for payment submitted to the meeting totalling £4205.95
- b. RESOLVED to donate the sum of £200 to the Parish Council Task Group for Youth towards 'Up the Wall project.
- c. The Clerk had previously circulated a Draft Budget for 2009/10 and explained the detail contained within. This would be for formal approval at the November Meeting. Members should contact the Clerk prior to November for any additions to the draft proposals.

91 PLANS FOR CONSIDERATION

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

- 7/08/5482 Gale Howe Barn, High Gale, Ambleside
Domestic rear extension (revised application of previous approval 7/05/5258) – No Objections
- 7/08/5528 Frog Tarn, Neaum Crag, Loughrigg, Ambleside
Variation of condition on planning consent to allow occupation of caravan/chalet from 21 Dec in one year to 4 Jan in the following year.-
No Objections
- 7/08/5543 Gilburn Grasmere
Single Storey rear/side extension to replace existing garage – No Objections
- 7/08/5561 Clappersgate, Cumbria
Proposed wastewater pumping station with associated control kiosk and access – Approval on public health grounds.

92 MATTERS OF INFORMATION

- A. From the Chairman
The Chairman had nothing to report.
- B. From the Clerk
 - 1 Windermere Town Council – Agenda 22nd September 2008
 - 2 SLDC – Council 18th September
 - 3 Annual Report Cumbria Playing Fields Assn 2007/8
 - 4 Lakes Line Meeting Minutes 17th September 2008
 - 5 Cumbria CVS Newsletter October 2008
 - 6 Helping you with your Journey Northwest Sep to Nov 08
 - 7 Eden District Council – Core Strategy Document
 - 8 The Plans Meeting on 22nd October will commence at 7pm to allow the attendance of the Area Highways Engineer.
- C From Members
 - a. Cllr Green reported a Highway problem at Broadgate, Grasmere.
 - b. Cllr Mrs Ogden was seriously concerned about the lack of parking space at Lancaster General Hospital particularly now that local people had to travel to this hospital after the closures put in place at Westmorland General Hospital.
 - c. Cllr Thompson was concerned that there had been no further response about the line of trees in Rothay Park despite assurances at the site meeting held to discuss this earlier in the year. He was also concerned about the replacement of the drain in the park and stressed that undulating ground was a feature of the Park.
 - d. Cllr Welch gave his apologies for the next Meeting.
 - e. Cllr Mrs Sparrow highlighted a problem with a barbed wire fence at Stoney Lane, Ambleside.
 - f. Cllr Bradshaw explained the reason for the inability to address the difference between summer and winter hours at Ambleside Refuse and Recycling centre due to cost. The installation of lighting columns is imminent.
- D. From District Councillors.
Cllrs Vatcher and Mrs Rees highlighted the new revised Code of Conduct – responses are required by 24th December. Cllr Vatcher spoke on the parking problems at Lancaster Hospital. He also highlighted the Community Transport Plan that will be running in Grasmere/Rydal and Troutbeck/Troutbeck Bridge.
- E. From the County Councillor – apologies.

93 LUCY4/PRIESTHOLE REAR PASSAGE

The Clerk informed Members of the litter problems in this area that were being addressed continually by the Parish Handyman. He was spending an inordinate amount of his time cleaning up this area and most of the problems were down to the frontages of the passage and the businesses that used it.

RESOLVED That the Clerk write to all individuals and businesses in the passage asking them to take ownership of the litter problem and try to address the issues to alleviate the work of the Parish Handyman in this area.

94 CALC AGM 8 NOVEMBER 2008 / PLANNING SEMINARS

The Clerk had circulated information on this and asked the Council to indicate delegates to the CALC AGM and the Planning Seminars.

RESOLVED that three Members from Ambleside and three from Grasmere will attend the CALC AGM. Two Members indicated that they would attend the Keswick Planning Seminar.

95 DRAFT MEETING DATES 2010.

This was deferred to November

96. TREE MATTERS

T/2008/049 – Crown western hemlock and reduce beech – Almond Crest, Low Gale, Ambleside

T/2008/050 – Prune one holly and one spruce – Bridge House Hotel, Grasmere
– No Objections

97. LDNPA PLANNING DECISIONS

Approvals

7/08/5106 – Extensions and alterations – Loughrigg Foot Ambleside

7/08/5169 – Renewal of existing jetty and slipway – Low Wood Hotel, Ambleside Road

7/08/5354 – Redevelopment of Hayes Garden World, Ambleside – Lake Road, Ambleside

7/08/5374 – Proposed new cattle building – Brimmer Head Farm, Grasmere

7/08/5386 – Domestic extension – The Coach House, Overbeck, Ambleside

7/08/5387 – Certificate of lawful use or development – Nook End Farmhouse and ancillary buildings Nook Lane, Ambleside

7/08/5399 - Replacement summer house and extension to curtilage – 2 Crag Wood Cottages, Ecclerigg

7/08/5408 – Erection of garden room – Rydale Chase, Wansfell Road, Ambleside

7/08/5420 – Internal Alterations - Doi Inthanon Restaurant Ambleside

7/08/5422 - Erection of 8 lighting columns – Ambleside Waste recycling centre

7/08/5431 - Move 9m wooden pole and one additional 8m pole – BT – Lakes Lodge, Lake Road, Ambleside

7/08/5438 - Installation of dish antenna for digital television switchover – Arquiva Transmitting Station, High Close, Grasmere

Refusals

7/07/5691 – Refusal of certificate of lawfulness for a proposed visitor centre at Elterwater Quarry – Burlington Slate Ltd.

The Meeting closed at 9.34pm