

LAKES PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on 9th July 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, Ms M.M. Colquhoun N.C. Martin, Mrs S. Ogden, Mrs A. Sowerbutts, Mrs F.M. Sparrow, P.A. Thompson and D. Welch

APOLOGIES: Cllrs, Mrs V Rees, J. Smith, J.R. Westmoreland, Mrs E. Wilson

IN ATTENDANCE: County Cllr Barton, District Cllr Vatcher, Neil Sharples (Network Grid (Gas))

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

40 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Council AGM held on 4th June 2008 and the Plans Meeting held on 18th June in the Library, Ambleside were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman accordingly.

41 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- ◆ Councillor Ms Colquhoun declared an interest, both personal and prejudicial, in Planning item number 1 The Knoll, Rydal Road, Ambleside.
- ◆ Councillor Martin declared an interest in one Finance item relating to J F Martin.
- ◆ There were no other declarations of interest

42 POLICE REPORT

PC Buxton reported on the crime figures just released that showed a reduction of antisocial behaviour in Lakes Parish. He highlighted an excellent arrest that he and the PCSO had achieved after a burglary at Langdale. He spoke on the survey recently undertaken that had highlighted youth antisocial behaviour as the number one policing priority. He gave information on the ongoing Royal Oak problem with outside tables. Sgt Stevens introduced himself as the Officer in charge of local neighbourhood policing. He highlighted two ongoing operations targeting car crime and respect. He advised on concerns regarding fuel theft and theft of mountain bikes. Members complimented PC Buxton on his contributions to the local parish magazine. Officers answered Members questions and the Chairman thanked them for their attendance.

43. SWEDEN BRIDGE LANE

The Chairman introduced Neil Sharples from Network Grid (Gas) who spoke on the forthcoming road closure of Sweden Bridge Lane to allow improvements to the gas network.

The Chairman ADJOURNED the Meeting to allow members of the public to speak. Various members of the public put questions to Mr Sharples.

The Chairman then RECONVENED the Meeting. He took questions from Members then thanked Mr Sharples for his attendance.

44. REPORTS

- a. CALC South Lakeland Meeting 5th June – The Chairman and Cllr Green reported on this meeting that had been preceded by a presentation by Officers of SLDC. Cllr Bradshaw had lost out on the casting vote of the Chairman for election to

Cumbria CC South Lakeland Committee. Cllr Stewart had updated members on the Highway Steward scheme

- b. LDNPA Visits 16 May – Cllr Welch had circulated a report on an informative and well organised day.
- c. The Clerk reported on the recent election of a Parish Member to LDNPA – Cllr Barr had been elected.
- d. Windermere Waterfront Programme – Building Futures – The Chairman had attended various meetings and reported to Members. The lynch pin of the Waterfront programme was the Waterhead project with pedestrianisation being regarded as crucial to its success.
- e. Cumbria Highways – Highway Stewards 24th June – Cllr Mrs Braithwaite reported on this positive and encouraging Meeting. The Highway Steward for Lakes and adjacent Parishes is Brian Rollitt, a Grasmere resident.
- f. SLDC Windermere Lake Committee 6th June – The Chairman reported on a short meeting to elect Chairman/Vice Chairman followed by a private session on Lake Windermere encroachment.
- g. Low Carbon Lake District – 16th June – The Chairman reported on this full day seminar.
- h. Ambleside Waterhead Business and Residents Group 19th June –The Chairman reported on a civilised and well attended meeting to judge public support and present alternative proposals to the Masterplan Waterhead project.
- i. LDNPA Transport Framework Workshop 24th June – The Chairman reported on a full day conference and workshop.
- j. CALC Executive Committee Penrith 5th July – The Chairman reported on this meeting. He raised the issue of public conveniences and asked that CALC formulate a strong policy on this supporting the lobby for these to be made a Statutory Responsibility and pressing for a motion on this to be taken to NALC Conference in October.
- k. Ambleside Masterplan – Cllr Ms Colquhoun spoke on the latest meeting and laid a report on the table, circulated also to Members.

45 FINANCE

- a. RESOLVED to confirm approval the orders for payment submitted to the meeting totalling £4151.02
- b. RESOLVED to agree that the Clerk progress acceptance of a grant of £3700 from Cumbria County Council towards the erection of a bus shelter(s) at Brockhole in this financial year 2008/9.

46 PLANS FOR CONSIDERATION

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

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| 7/08/5217 | 1 The Knoll, Rydal Road, Ambleside
Replacement of decayed wood windows to bay on front elevation of property.- No Objections (Cllr Ms Colquhoun left the room and took no part in the debate or resolution) |
| 7/08/5313 | Easedale Lodge Guest House, Compston Road, Ambleside
New Dormer window to existing second floor bedroom – No Objections |
| 7/08/5343 | Fell Gate, Mclver Lane, Ambleside
Minor internal alterations, single storey breakfast room extension and 2 storey bedroom extension No Objections |
| 7/08/5352 | Briery Wood Hotel, Windermere
Demolish existing staff accommodation and rebuild – No Objections |

- 7/08/5354 Hayes Garden World Limited Lake Road, Ambleside
 Re-development of the existing plan sale area to create a new 'World of Plants' incorporating a new circular customer route, weather protection for plants and improved sales area for garden décor and cold water aquatics; Redevelopment of the existing glasshouse and demolition of part of the existing sales building to create a new Building (A) Minor extensions to the existing covered retail areas to link to the new Plant Sales area; creation of a balcony at first floor level for the café; removal of the camping sales area and establishment of a landscaped car park; erection of new entrance canopy (Canopy G); new 'woodland' planting to the western edge of the site. – **No Objections subject to the following recommendations –**
- a. **Due to the anticipated increase in traffic the site lines for exiting from the site to the A591 should be improved as follows...the entrance at the northern exit, both the south and north walls should be taken back to improve the site lines. At the south exit the north wall should be taken back to improve the site lines.**
 - b. **The extension of the restaurant should include some public toilet provision as it is a long way to the outside public toilets.**
 - c. **The canopy on the south side should have the collar reduced in size and the Canopy itself should match the natural environment with colour and material using greens and browns perhaps by considering colours 14c39, 10c39, 6c39, 10a11 or OOa13.**
 - d. **On the bank where the western edge of the Canopy will cut in, the proposal is for clumps of whips. These should be evergreen semi mature and mature trees along the bank and not in clumps.**
 - e. **On the bank at the right hand side is an information point that will be right on the top of the ridge. This is a long way from the entrance and it is suggested that the information point should be sited next to the tills so that people can ask any questions then enter the site.**
 - f. **The out of character chair on the roof of the building should be removed, it is an abomination.**
 - g. **The planned area on the west side shown at 'D' should be reduced to lessen its impact.**
 - h. **A 'natural' roof as at Lakeland in Windermere should be considered.**(Cllr Ms Colquhoun requested that she be recorded in the Minutes as voting against this resolution)
- 7/08/5391 Dunmail House, Grasmere
 Single storey extension to the owners living room to provide a summer garden room.- **No Objections**

46 MATTERS OF INFORMATION

- A. From the Chairman
 The Chairman had attended the induction of the new Vicar at Langdale.
- B. From the Clerk
 - 1 Windermere Town Council – Agenda 9th July 2008
 - 2 The Clerk July 2008
 - 3 Clerk and Councils Direct – July 2008

- 4 Mental Health Services in Cumbria – a consultation
- 5 SLDC – Standards Committee 24th June
- 6 SLDC – Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report 2007/8
- 7 Parish Handyman report. – Members congratulated the Handyman on his work.
- 8 Parish Newsletter now in course of distribution – Members congratulated the Clerk on the compiling and editing of the Newsletter and also the Council for a very good report on its work during 2007/8. Cllr Mrs Ogden had received 5 good reports from the public on the recent Newsletter.
- C From Members
 - a. Cllr Mrs Braithwaite reported on a recent litter pick at Grasmere.
- D. From District Councillors.
 - Cllr Vatcher reported on Health and the Scrutiny Committee, also on the Mental Health consultation presently taking place.
- E. From the County Councillor – Cllr Barton had already reported earlier in the meeting while matters stood adjourned. He had nothing further to report.

47 LITTLE LANGDALE POST OFFICE

The Clerk reported that Post Office Ltd intended to close this Post Office as part of the ongoing Network Review.

RECEIVED.

48 TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURES

The Clerk had circulated information on forthcoming closures of McIver Lane, Ambleside and Red Bank, Grasmere.

RECEIVED.

49 LDNPA LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK

The Clerk had circulated a response from the Task Group that had been put forward for agreement by the Council.

RESOLVED To agree the document as presented and submit it to the LDNPA as a response to the consultation.

50 STREET CAFÉ LICENCE APPLICATION – ROYAL OAK AMBLESIDE

The Clerk had circulated information on this application.

RESOLVED to object most strongly to the issue of a café licence to the Royal Oak.

The reasons for this are:-

1. The table plan shown will bring drinkers in to conflict with users of the public footpath.
2. Past history of this site shows that users of the tables, and those outside of the public house, spill over on to the pavement and the highway. This causes a traffic hazard, making it difficult for people walking past to use the pavement and moving them on to the highway.
3. The 'Drinking in the Street' legislation is enacted for Ambleside and, if a Café Licence is issued at this location, there will undoubtedly be breaches of the Act. History, again, says that customers of the Pub using these tables may remain seated, but other customers, unable to find a seat, will remain standing and spill out on to the pavement and the highway, breaching the legislation.
4. If a Café Licence is issued then, as in the past, unacceptable levels of noise to neighbouring residential properties will occur particularly towards midnight and the early hours of the morning.

51. AMBLESIDE CYCLEWAYS

Cllr Mrs Sowerbutts reported on a recent meeting at the school to discuss alternatives to the proposals for a cycleway down Vicarage Road, through the precincts of the school and then through Rothay Park. Alternative proposals included a suggestion for a parallel path from Stony Lane to include a cycleway exiting into the car park on Rydal Road.

RESOLVED To write a strong letter to Cllr Stewart the Portfolio holder asking when the promised public meeting on this will take place.

52. BORRANS PARK/ROTHAY PARK AND WATERHEAD

Cllr Thompson reported on a recent meeting in Rothay Park to discuss the recent planting of trees. He also highlighted problems with gullies, seats, trees and debris at Waterhead; also the Low Fold car park and the adjacent bus shelter.

RESOLVED – To inform SLDC of the problems and that the Clerk will arrange for the bus shelter adjacent to Low Fold Car Park to be cleaned on a regular basis. SLDC will report back on alternative locations and possible siting of the recently planted trees in Rothay Park.

53. TREE MATTERS

T/2008/031 – Fell 2 Beech, reduce height of conifers, remove two and crown other Beeches and remove dead conifer at McIver Lane Ambleside.

T/2008/032 - Reduce and Pollard Irish Yew to approx 2m height – 2 The Wray, Grasmere

T/2008/034 – Dismantle one cherry and one hawthorn - rear of Old Courthouse Church Street Ambleside

RESOLVED To offer no objections to this work.

54 APPEALS/WITHDRAWN APPLICATIONS

7/08/5173 – Erection of agricultural workers dwelling with septic tank – Land north of Beckside Farm, Troutbeck – this application has been withdrawn.

The Meeting closed at 1001pm