

LAKES PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on 10 December 2008 in the Library, Kelsick Road, Ambleside at 7.30pm

PRESENT: Cllr A. Green (In the Chair), W. H Allen,
E.S. Bradshaw, Mrs E.M. Braithwaite, N.C. Martin
Mrs V Rees, Mrs A. Sowerbutts, Mrs F.M. Sparrow,
P.A. Thompson and Mrs E. Wilson

APOLOGIES: Cllrs, L. Johnson Ms M.M. Colquhoun Mrs S. Ogden, J. Smith,
D. Welch, J.R. Westmoreland and the Police

IN ATTENDANCE: Cllr D Vatcher

ALSO: M. A. Johnson, 3 members of the public and the Press

111 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 12th November 2008 and the Plans Meeting held on 26th November 2008 in the Library, Ambleside were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman accordingly.

112 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- ◆ Cllr Mrs Rees declared an interest in all Planning Matters.
- ◆ Cllr Martin declared an interest in one item for payment under Finance.
- ◆ There were no other declarations of interest

113. ITEMS OF INFORMATION FROM MINUTE 85.

The Clerk answered queries from Members on items contained within the Minutes of Agenda Item 111.

114 POLICE REPORT

In the absence of the Police the Clerk gave a brief update, provided by PC Buxton, on matters of concern within the Parish since the last Meeting of the Council.

115. REPORTS

- a. CALC South Lakeland 27th November – The Chairman reported on this meeting where items for discussion had included the Local Area Partnerships and the Highway Steward Scheme.
- b. Langdale Neighbourhood Forum 19 November – Cllr Bradshaw and others attending reported on this item. The Clerk would circulate the Minutes when available.
- c. CALC Toilet partnership meetings Kendal 27 November and 4 December - The Chairman reported on a spirited meeting on 27th November and the Clerk reported on the meeting with Lawrence Conway, SLDC, on 4th December.
- d. Windermere Endowed Schools 25 November – Cllr Martin reported on this meeting.
- e. Planning Seminar – Eagle and Child Staveley 1 December – Cllr Mrs Sowerbutts reported on a very interesting meeting.
- f. Code Of Conduct Meeting 8 December – Cllrs attending updated Members on a very interesting and informative meeting.
- g. Cllr Bradshaw reported on a meeting with Debbie Binch to formulate the next Neighbourhood Forum agenda and said there would be an underspend on the grants available in this financial year.

The Chairman ADJOURNED the Meeting to allow members of the public to speak. One member of the public spoke on the wanton vandalism that had taken place at the Conservative Club during the recent snowy weather. Another member of the public raised concerns about the lack of grit during the same bout of weather and the danger to elderly people. The Chairman thanked them for their concerns then RECONVENED the Meeting

116 FINANCE

- a. RESOLVED to confirm approval the orders for payment submitted to the meeting totalling £6120.76
- b. Public Convenience Partnership The Clerk reported on recent correspondence from SLDC that had scrapped the previously reported proposed increase. SLDC proposed to revert to the figures from 2008/9 with a 5% increase. They will carry out a full review of toilet provision in 2009 to which the Council will be invited to contribute to the debate. Members noted that Grasmere Stock Lane had been omitted from the new figures due to negotiation that was underway for the future provision of toilets in this location. The Clerk explained that to maintain the stated budget cap of £13000 on the figures as presented for the three toilets, a figure just over £11000 would be required, leaving in the region of £2000 for future negotiations on Grasmere Stock Lane. RESOLVED To continue the cap of £13000 allocated in the Budget for 2009/10 for public toilet provision and agree to pay just over £11000 for the toilets at Chapel Stile, Mechanics and Rothay Park. To enter into further negotiations at the appropriate time in respect of the Grasmere (Stock Lane) convenience
- c. Chapel Stile Bus Shelter. The Clerk had circulated a request from the Langdale Valley Association to allocate the bus shelter budget for 2009/10 to the proposal to erect a stone bus shelter at Chapel Stile to replace the factory built shelter in situ in the village. If agreed this would free up the £3700 grant from the County Council in this financial year to provide a bus shelter at Brockhole. RESOLVED To agree in principle to allocate the 2009/10 bus shelter budget to this project. That the Langdale Valley Association provide assurance to the Council that all building regulations will be met and that all Utility companies be consulted prior to commencement of the work. That the Clerk write formally to the Valley Association on headed notepaper to set out the requirement of the Council prior to allocation of public money to this project. The existing bus shelter will remain in place until the completion of the project and will then be re-sited at another location within the Parish. That, on receiving all necessary assurances, the Council support the project to Mitre Housing and pay their legal and incidental costs to a maximum of £700, this money to be paid from the anticipated bus shelter budget surplus for 2008/9. To instruct the Clerk to expedite the provision of a bus shelter at Brockhole in this financial year to a maximum cost of £3700

117 PLANS FOR CONSIDERATION

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

1. 7/2008/5636 – Namaste, Lower Gale, Ambleside – Residential Extension – **No Objections**
2. 7/2008/5603 – 4 Stonecroft, Ambleside – New local needs dwelling – **Members request a site visit for this application and more information on proven local need for this dwelling.**

3. 7/2008/5628 - Langdale Co-op, Chapel Stile – Addition of porch above entrance – **No Objections**
4. 7/2008/5654 – Wordsworth Trust, Dove Cottage, Grasmere – Alterations for platform hoist for disabled access and revisions to stepped access.-
No Objections

118 MATTERS OF INFORMATION

- A. From the Chairman
The Chairman had attended a very successful Ambleside Christmas Community Lights switch-on on Saturday 22nd November. He had also attended the LDNPA project seminar at Low Wood Hotel representing CALC on future strategy for the National Park. He had also attended the Cumbria in Bloom AGM at Holehird.
- B. From the Clerk
 - 1 Windermere Town Council – Agenda 10th December 2008
 - 2 SLDC – Council 11th December 2008
 - 3 Lakes Line Rail User Group Minutes 20th October
- C From Members
 - a. Cllr Bradshaw reported on the problems being experience by the CAB
 - b. Cllr Mrs Braithwaite reported on a chilly photoshoot for County Council publicity at Grasmere. This would highlight the work of the Highway Steward in publicity throughout the County.
 - c. Cllr Mrs Sowerbutts reported on flooding at the Slack that had affected nearby premises.
- D. From District Councillors.
Mrs Rees asked for clarification on Hall hire for Task Groups. Cllr Vatcher had nothing to report.
- E. From the County Councillor – not present.

119 TEMPORARY CLOSURE NOOK LANE AMBLESIDE

The Clerk had circulated information on this.

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120 APPEALS/AMENDMENTS/WITHDRAWN APPLICATIONS

- 7/08/5562 Proposed underground wastewater pumping station with associated control kiosk and maintenance layby – Land opposite The Croft Clappersgate – this application is withdrawn

121 PLANNING DECISIONS

Approvals

- 7/08/5482 Gale Howe Barn, High Gale, Ambleside – Domestic rear extension
- 7/08/5520 Loughrigg Tarn, Foul Step Lane Loughrigg – extension of occupation 21 Dec etc
- 7/08/5528 Frog Tarn, Neaum Crag, Loughrigg – extension of occupation 21 Dec to 4 Jan
- 7/08/5543 Gilburn, Grasmere – single storey rear/side extension to replace existing garage

Refusals

Nil.

The Chairman wished everyone the compliments of the Season.

The Meeting closed at 9pm