

LAKES PARISH COUNCIL

PLANS MEETING

Minutes of the Meeting held in the Library, Ambleside on Wednesday 17th September 2008 at 7pm

PRESENT: Cllrs. L. Johnson (Chairman), W.H. Allen,
Mrs. E. M. Braithwaite, Ms M.M. Colquhoun, N.C. Martin,
Mrs V Rees, Mrs A Sowerbutts, P Thompson and Mrs E Wilson,

APOLOGIES: Cllrs A. Green, E.S. Bradshaw Mrs S Ogden, J. Smith, Mrs F.M. Sparrow, D Welch and J.R. Westmoreland,

IN ATTENDANCE: Cllr David Vatcher and representatives of United Utilities

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

Prior to the commencement of the Meeting representatives of United Utilities explained progress on plans for the upgrading of clean water and sewerage at Clappersgate commencing November 2008 and due for completion in March 2009.

8. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Mrs Rees declared an Interest in all Planning Applications and left the room while they were discussed. There were no declarations of interest.

9. NOTICE OF MOTION

Proposed by Cllr Ms Colquhoun and seconded by Cllr Mrs Sowerbutts – That Lakes Parish Council ask South Lakeland District Council to enter into immediate negotiations with the University of Cumbria to buy all of their Halls of Residence and student housing within Lakes Parish for the housing of local people.

RESOLVED To agree unanimously to the Resolution and send it to the Leader and Members of SLDC, Chairman and the Governors of the University of Cumbria, Tim Farron MP and LDNPA CEO.

10. PATH TO THE REAR OF NORTH ROAD PROPERTIES

Cllr Mrs Sowerbutts highlighted the obstruction of this path by a resident. The Clerk explained the procedures followed to date and the difficulties encountered in obtaining the required deposition forms from Cumbria County Council to enable the addition of the path to the rights of way network.

RESOLVED To support the addition of this path to the Rights of Way network and to agree that the Clerk will facilitate the submission of evidence by local residents.

11. NATIONAL PARK APPOINTMENTS

The Clerk had circulated a letter from Tim Farron MP
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12. BUS SHELTER CHAPEL STILE

The Clerk had circulated a letter sent to a local resident by the CEO of Mitre Housing which requested the Council support the project of a stone built bus shelter and agree to pay all costs associated with the permissions required by Mitre Housing.

RESOLVED To defer consideration of this matter depending on the result of the public meeting being held in Chapel Stile to discuss this project.

13. LOCALITY WORKING IN SOUTH LAKELAND – PARISH SUMMIT

The Clerk had circulated information on this.

RESOLVED That the Chairman, Cllr Ms Colquhoun, Cllr Martin, Cllr Mrs Rees and the Clerk will attend the Parish Summit to be held at the Marchesi Centre Windermere on 6th October commencing at 7pm.

14. CYCLE ROUTES IN LAKES PARISH

The Clerk had circulated an email and representations from the public regarding the proposed cycleway through Ambleside and the large information signs that had appeared in Little Langdale.

RESOLVED To invite the Cycling Officer of Cumbria County Council to a future Meeting of the Council. To object to, and demand the removal of, the totally unsuitable and misleading large obtrusive signs in Little Langdale, an area of great landscape value, and to request that they are replaced by small informative signs normally seen on Sustrans routes. To write formally to Cumbria County Council and demand that if funding is identified for cycling access through or near Rothay Park then Lakes Parish Council and the public of Lakes Parish must be formally consulted before any proposals are implemented.

15. APPEALS/WITHDRAWN/AMENDED PLANNING APPLICATIONS

a. 7/07/5362 and 7/07/5419 Neaum Crag, Skelwith Bridge - relating to the removal of an element of a condition at Neaum Crag that requires no individual, family or group of persons shall occupy the caravan for a period exceeding four weeks in any period of three months. – The Appeal is allowed and this condition is removed.

16 PLANS FOR CONSIDERATION

RESOLVED to make the following recommendations on the undermentioned plans:

1. 7/08/5506 Langdale Chase Hotel, Windermere
Proposed extension to provide improved toilet facilities – **No Objections**
2. 7/08/5518 Waterside Hotel, Grasmere
Pat demolition, alteration and extension of Hotel with associated car parking and landscaping – **No Objections despite the Council still having continuing concern about the scale and mass of the proposed development. Under no circumstances should there be any encroachment beyond the development boundary and the application, if approved, should also be subject to a strict lighting control scheme with appropriate signage for the hotel.**
3. 7/08/5520 Loughrigg Tarn, Foul Step Lane Loughrigg Ambleside
To extend the existing occupation period to include 21st December in any year to 4 January in the next.- **No Objections**
4. 7/08/5521 Stable End, Easedale Road, Grasmere
Enlargement of existing house (resubmission of previous application 7/07/5442) - **Refuse on the grounds that this is an overdevelopment of the site. It is an unneighbourly development that might cause problems with loss of light for the neighbours and increase the pressure on drainage and sewage. It may well cause serious highway problems on this very narrow road with the requirement of additional parking space to accommodate any anticipated family/ guests. If granted this application will have an adverse impact on the character of the area and harm the Easedale valley. If the Development Control Committee is minded to approve then it should, at the very least, visit the site prior to making a decision.**

The Meeting closed at 9.25pm