

LAKES PARISH COUNCIL

PLANS MEETING

Minutes of the Meeting held in the Library, Ambleside on Wednesday 1st July 2009 at 7pm

PRESENT: Cllrs. L. Johnson (Chairman), Mrs. E. M. Braithwaite, E.S.
Bradshaw, Ms M.M. Colquhoun, N.C. Martin, Mrs S Ogden,
M. Parsons, Mrs V Rees, Mrs F.M. Sparrow, Mrs A Sowerbutts,
P Thompson

APOLOGIES: Cllrs W.H. Allen, J.R. Westmoreland, Mrs E Wilson

IN ATTENDANCE: Representatives of Consultancy TEP

ALSO M.A. Johnson, 4 members of the public and the Press

Prior to the commencement of the Meeting, the Chairman invited Peter Crompton from TEP to address Members on the Waterhead regeneration proposals. He explained the background to the appointment of Consultants who were now undertaking an extensive public participation/consultation. Workshops were underway and had been well attended by the public. There will be further consultations during July and August with three different design options being looked at in September. A questionnaire has been circulated throughout Ambleside. It is hoped that a preferred option will be agreed by the end of October/beginning of November 2009. He answered specific questions from Members and the Chairman allowed some questions from the public. The Chairman thanked him and Francesca Moore for their attendance.

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Mrs Rees declared an interest in all Planning matters. Cllr Mrs Sparrow declared a prejudicial interest in Planning Application number 10 relating to Doi Inthanon Restaurant. Cllr Ms Colquhoun declared an interest in Item 3, Ambleside Conservation Area by virtue of her occupancy of The Knoll. There were no other declarations of interest.

2. AMBLESIDE CONSERVATION AREA

The Clerk had circulated information on the proposals for the new boundaries of the Ambleside Conservation area. A full discussion then took place.

RESOLVED That this be referred to the Environment Task Group for further deliberation.

The Chairman Adjourned the Meeting for members of the public to speak.

One member of the public spoke on a Planning Item relating to a soft play centre. Another member of the public spoke on the road safety issue at Under Loughrigg. There were no other issues raised and the Chairman Reconvened the Meeting.

3. UNDER LOUGHRIGG – ROAD SAFETY ISSUES

The Clerk had circulated information from Rev Harrison on this issue. A discussion then took place.

RESOLVED That Lakes Parish Council seek an urgent Site Visit with Highway Officers and the County Council to discuss issues raised. The Clerk would also inform the South Lakeland Area Committee of the problems highlighted.

4. ROAD SYSTEMS

Cllr Bradshaw spoke on this item and highlighted the continuous disruption to road systems in Lakes Parish with ongoing roadworks, particularly on the A591 and routes to the Langdales.

RESOLVED That the Clerk write to the County Councillor seeking support to keep traffic flows moving on main routes and to feed back any information received.

5 PLANS FOR CONSIDERATION

RESOLVED to make the following recommendations on the undermentioned plans:

1. 7/09/5223 Butter Craggs, Grasmere
Replacement dwelling at Butter Craggs (retrospective) – **No comment. The Council remain concerned about retrospective applications.**
2. 7/09/5247 10 Lake Road, Ambleside
Change of use to Guest House – **No Objections**
3. 7/09/5248 Spinners, The Old Coach House, Stock Lane Grasmere
Change of use from office to domestic. – **No Objections**
4. 7/09/5259/60 Brow Head Farm, Ambleside
Extensions and alterations. – **Approval on the grounds that this will fit in very well with the listed building. It is a sympathetic application, in keeping with the building and will be a major improvement.** (Cllr Ms Colquhoun requested that she be shown as voting against)
5. 7/09/5262 The Sweet Shop, Church Street, Ambleside
Change of use to include guest house on first and second floor and shop with sale of cold and hot food to include sandwiches, salads, soup, pizza slices and panninis on the ground floor. – **No Objections however the Council remain concerned about opening and closing hours that should reflect the residential nature of the surrounding area. There is also a concern about an increase in litter and traffic generation.**
6. 7/09/5267 Unit 1, Rothay Holme, Ambleside
Temporary change of use to soft play centre for 3 years - **Approve as this will be an added amenity for the people of the area, provided adequate fencing is provided to the rear.**
7. 7/09/5273 2 Lower Ashley Green, Clappersgate, Ambleside
Demolish existing summerhouse and erect free standing single storey timber framed glazed conservatory and infill existing canopy with windows. – **No Objections**
8. 7/09/5274 Seathwaite Rayne, Seathwaite Lane, Ambleside
New garage to dwelling – **No Objections provided that it is tied permanently to the existing building and never sold off or converted to a separate dwelling.**
9. 7/09/5281 Land adjacent Brockstones, White Moss, Ambleside
Temporary contractors compound required for ground works to stabilise the conduit section of the Thirlmere Aqueduct for a period of two years. **No Objections**
10. 7/09/5283 Offices above Doi Inthanon Restaurant, Ambleside
Change of first floor Office to extension to Restaurant – **No Objections.** (Cllr Ms Colquhoun requested that she be shown as voting against)(Cllr Mrs Sparrow took no part in the debate or resolution and left the room).

The Meeting closed at 9.07pm