

LAKES PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on 7 January 2009 in the Library, Kelsick Road, Ambleside at 7.30pm

PRESENT: Cllr A. Green (In the Chair), E.S. Bradshaw, Mrs E.M. Braithwaite, Ms M.M. Colquhoun, N.C. Martin, Mrs S. Ogden, Mrs V Rees, J. Smith, Mrs A. Sowerbutts, Mrs F.M. Sparrow, P.A. Thompson and D. Welch

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

IN ATTENDANCE: None

ALSO: M. A. Johnson, PC Buxton, PCSO Laura Jackson and 7 members of the public and the Press

122 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 10th December 2008 in the Library, Ambleside was approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman accordingly.

123 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- ◆ Cllr Mrs Rees declared an Interest in all Planning Matters.
- ◆ Cllr Smith declared an Interest in Agenda Item 5, Police Matters.
- ◆ There were no other declarations of interest

124. ITEMS OF INFORMATION FROM MINUTE 122.

There were no queries on items contained within the Minutes of Agenda Item 122.

125 POLICE REPORT

PC Buxton reported on various items of interest that had happened over the Christmas and New Year period. It had been a far from peaceful time with incidents of disorder in and outside of the Parish. A Class 1 Firearms offence together with threats to kill a Police Officer had resulted in a search warrant executed in Chapel Stile with the arrest of one person. That person remains in custody. PC Buxton noted the circulation of a letter from the Chief Constable on the Policing Pledge, something that was already mainly in operation in the local sub division. He explained crime mapping and how to access it on the Internet. He then introduced a 9 minute DVD on the recent Up the Wall course run at the University. Five young persons some of whom had featured in the DVD were present at the Meeting. He commented on the hard work done by the youngsters and those who tutored or mentored them. He answered Members questions and the Chairman thanked him and the PCSO for their attendance.

The Chairman ADJOURNED the Meeting to allow members of the public to speak. One member of the public spoke on indiscriminate parking in Millans Park and the surrounding streets and also raised problems down at the local sewage works when flooding happened. The Chairman thanked him for his concern and said that the parking problem would be placed on the next Agenda for discussion by the Council. He then RECONVENED the Meeting

126. REPORTS

- a. Waterhead Steering Group 18th December – Cllr Bradshaw reported on this meeting that had top/tailed comments received to be included in to documents/brief being prepared for Consultants. He remarked on the gender imbalance on the Group that would be slightly mitigated by the appointment of another female to the Group. It was possible the NWDA would have enough money to fund the consultation. There were no time scales but it was hoped for completion by Spring/Summer. Cllr Ms Colquhoun felt that there were too many vested interests involved and feared for the end result for Waterhead.
- b. Code Of Conduct Meeting Hawkshead – Cllr Thompson and Cllr Martin had attended an interesting and informative meeting.

127 FINANCE

- a. RESOLVED to confirm approval the orders for payment submitted to the meeting totalling £4820.98
- b. Citizens Advice Bureau – Request for funding 2009/10 – **RESOLVED** To agree to the request as this amount had already been placed in the budget for 2009/10.
- c. To consider accepting a further grant from Cumbria County Council in this financial year to provide an additional bus shelter at Brockhole A591 (south)(this would be in addition to the one already agreed for the A591 (north) – **RESOLVED** -To agree to accept the grant and to authorise the Clerk to proceed with the erection of the Bus Shelters within the Grant amounts given.

128 PLANS FOR CONSIDERATION

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

1. 7/2008/5658 – Blackbeck Tarn, Neaum Crag, Loughrigg – To extend the occupancy from 21 Dec to 4 Jan in any year in addition to occupancy already permitted. – **No Objections**
2. 7/2008/5661 – Wilson Place Farm, Little Langdale – Farm diversification holiday let in association with Farm. – **Approval as diversification is needed by hill and valley farmers to supplement their income subject to the new dwellings being tied in perpetuity to the farm and never sold off separately. Members were also of the opinion that a site visit might be beneficial for Members of the Development Control Committee.**
3. 7/2008/5662 - Eltermere County House Hotel Elterwater – Landscaping improvements within the curtilage of a Listed Building. – **No Objections provided provision is made for onsite car parking displaced by this application.**

129 MATTERS OF INFORMATION

- A. From the Chairman
The Chairman had nothing to report.
- B. From the Clerk
 - 1 Windermere Town Council – Agenda 22nd December 2008
 - 2 Direct Information Services 698 699 December 2008
 - 3 Lakes Line Bulletin Winter 2008/9
 - 4 Chief Constables Letter re Policing in Cumbria (tabled)
 - 5 Letter from St Marys PCC re White Platts – seeking legal advice
 - 6 Windermere Waterfront – Newsletter (tabled)
 - 7 Communities in Control – Code of recommended practice on local authority publicity

- 8 Highways Agency – Plan your journey Dec to Feb 2009
- C From Members
- a. Cllr Mrs Braithwaite reported on yellow lines for Pye Lane and Swan Lane with consultation being required.
 - b. Cllr Mrs Sowerbutts reported on the hole in the road near Zefferellis and five cars going the wrong way round Millans Park.
 - c. Cllr Mrs Sparrow reported on the success of the Up the Wall scheme and said that there would be another as funding had been received from Cumbria Community Foundation.
- D. From District Councillors.
Mrs Rees reported on the saga of a homeless lady who had been sleeping rough in Grasmere.
- E. From the County Councillor – not present.

130 TEMPORARY 10MPH SPEED LIMIT CLAPPERSGATE

The Clerk had circulated information on this.

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131 CONSERVATION AREAS PLANS FOR RYDAL AND GRASMERE

Local Cllrs reported on the poorly advertised and attended Meetings called by LDNPA. A further meeting is arranged for this coming Tuesday when it is hoped more people will attend. Members had little concern other than the short notice to comment on. Cllr Ms Colquhoun felt that it was time Ambleside Conservation Area boundaries were reviewed as promised by LDNPA some time ago.

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132 CONISTON PARISH COUNCIL

The Clerk had circulated an email from Coniston asking for views on close Council cooperation and meetings.

RESOLVED To thank Coniston for their email and to agree to meet when matters of mutual concern became evident.

133. PUBLIC MEETING WITH THE CABINET.

The Clerk had circulated information on this. He had been asked to register for the event to be held in Liverpool tomorrow. On registering, it became evident that there was no option, other than for the person who had registered to attend.

RESOLVED That the Clerk should attend and highlight various issues raised by the Council including Affordable Housing, Gridlock in the Lakes, Making public convenience provision a statutory responsibility of District Councils and the problems being experienced with Hospitals and the NHS for rural communities in Lakes. The Council also agreed to reimburse the travelling expenses of the Clerk.

134. APPEALS/AMENDMENTS/WITHDRAWN PLANNING APPLICATIONS

7/08/5536 – Conversion and extension of ‘Hideaway’ to form accommodation for Lake House – This application is withdrawn.

135. TREE WORKS

- a. T08/0067 – Bright Tarn, Neaum Crag - reduce lower limb of tree to lessen weight and leverage
- b. T08/0068 – 2 Kilns, Holbeck Lane Troutbeck – Sycamore – crown thin clean through and remove dead wood.
- c. T08/0069 – 6 Gale How Park Ambleside – remove leader and fell oak.

RESOLVED – To offer no objections to the work subject to inspection by LDNPA.
The Meeting closed at 9.08pm