

LAKES PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on 8th April 2009 in the Library, Kelsick Road, Ambleside at 7.30pm

- PRESENT: Cllr L Johnson (In the Chair), A. Green, 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, J.R. Westmoreland
- APOLOGIES: Cllrs W. H Allen, Mrs V Rees, Mrs E. Wilson, District Cllr D Vatcher
- IN ATTENDANCE: County Cllr B Barton
- ALSO: M. A. Johnson, Inspector Spedding, PCSO, 7 members of the public and the Press

162 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 11 March 2009 held in the Library, Ambleside were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman accordingly.

163 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- ◆ Cllrs Mrs Braithwaite and Martin declared a personal interest in the Agenda Item White Platts Recreation Ground
- ◆ Cllr Bradshaw declared a personal interest in Planning Item 5 relating to the Hideaway, Ambleside and also a personal and prejudicial interest in Planning Item 11 relating to !2 Gale Park, Ambleside.
- ◆ There were no other declarations of interest

164. ITEMS OF INFORMATION FROM MINUTE 162.

The Clerk had again email SLDC to try to resolve issues in Rothay Park. The Clerk requested clarification from Members on new information received on the Planning application on Rillside Grasmere. Members agreed to offer No Objections subject to permitted development rights. There were no other queries on items contained within the Minutes of Agenda Item 162.

165 POLICE REPORT

Inspector Spedding gave a comprehensive report on various items of interest that had happened since the last Meeting. PC Buxton is on leave. She compared crime mapping figures and year on year crime figures that were, in her words, fantastic. The PCSO spoke on youth initiatives within the area including a Disco on the last night of term that had been very well attended with little trouble and also attendance at a recent Premier League soccer match by 12 local youths that had also gone very well. Staffing levels are now at their correct level and additional overtime is scheduled for the bank holiday weekend. She answered Members questions that included speeding and parking problems. The Chairman thanked the Officers for their attendance.

The Chairman ADJOURNED the Meeting to allow members of the public to speak. One member of the public spoke on bikes and their warning bells. Two leaders from the Brownies spoke on the funding application for Ambleside Brownies. Another member of the public introduced himself to Members as a candidate for co-option to the Council. A member of the public highlighted his perception of problems with the build-out near the

wine bar on Lake Road and hoped that the Council would address the issue. There were no other issues and the Meeting was RECONVENED.

166. REPORTS

- a. Neighbourhood Forum Grasmere 16th March. Members attending reported on an informative and interesting Meeting.
- b. Brockhole Redevelopment Project – Public Information Seminar 18th March. The Chairman reported on this item and invited members to select a date that would be suitable to visit Brockhole – Members agreed that 15th April at 2.30pm would be the most suitable and the Clerk will make the necessary arrangements.
- c. Street Safe Project – 18th March – The Clerk had circulated an evaluation document and Cllr Mrs Sparrow reported on a successful and worthwhile project.
- d. Ambleside Sports AGM 26th March – The Chairman reported on this AGM. He thought it was nice to see the work of a lot of volunteers.
- e. CALC Executive Meeting 4th April 2009 – The Chairman reported on this meeting.
- f. Mertz Barn Langdale 7th April – The Chairman had been invited to view the Damien Hirst painting on public display at Cylinders.
- g. Cllr Mrs Sparrow reported on the Grasmere/Rydal Transport Plan and outlined the list of priorities agreed at the meeting. Top of the list is Red Bank.

167 FINANCE

- a. **RESOLVED** to confirm approval the orders for payment submitted to the meeting totalling £4765.40
- b. Ambleside Brownies – referred from the previous meeting for decision. The Clerk had circulated a letter. **RESOLVED** that £500 be donated to the Brownies and that they report back to the Council on the centenary celebrations.
- c. To consider applications from Holy Trinity Langdale and St Marys Ambleside for financial support towards the upkeep of the graveyards. **RESOLVED** To donate £250 to both organisations.
- d. To consider the annual subscription to CALC in the sum of £419 – **RESOLVED** To agree to subscribe for 2009/2010.
- e. To consider continuing financial support for Stock Lane public toilets at Grasmere as part of a partnership with SLDC and LDNPA in the sum of £806.52. – **RESOLVED** To agree to support the partnership in the sum requested until a new Contract can be negotiated.
- f. To consider requesting financial support from Cumbria Tourism towards the provision of public toilets in Lakes Parish **RESOLVED** That the Clerk write to Cumbria Tourism and request a financial contribution in the sum of £5000 towards the continuing provision of public conveniences in Lakes Parish.

168 PLANS FOR CONSIDERATION

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

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| 7/09/5093 | Stone Arthur Cottage, Grasmere
2 Storey extension to east elevation and addition of two windows to the north elevation of existing house. – deferred from previous Meeting. – No Objections subject to water courses not being altered during building work. |
| 7/08/5672 | Camp Site, Great Langdale
Installation of two barriers for entry and exit to the campsite and creation of new small car parking area for new arrivals – No Objections |

- 7/09/5084 Dock Tarn, Neaum Crag, Loughrigg, Ambleside
Extended occupation of Dock Tarn to include the period 21 Dec in any one year to 4 January in the following year.- **No Objections**
- 7/09/5091 Blea Tarn House, Little Langdale
Change of use of existing byre to create an extension to existing club accommodation. Subsequent removal of existing overspill annex in adjacent field. – **No Objections**
- 7/09/5102 Hideaway, Waterhead, Ambleside
Conversion and extension to form accommodation for Lake House (resubmission) – **No Objections**
- 7/09/5107 Seathwaite Rayne, Seathwaite Lane, Ambleside
Addition of dormer window to existing consent 7/03/5605. New matching side windows, matching side roof light;infill to dip in roofline; new slated porch to side. – **No Objections**
- 7/09/5113 Briery Lodge, Ecclerigg, Windermere
Reconstruction of fire damaged garage. – **No Objections**
- 7/09/5116 Low Garth, Millans Park, Ambleside
Dormer extension to terrace house – **No Objections**
- 7/09/5118 Birdie Fell Cottage, Chapel Stile
Proposed extension and alterations – **Refuse on the grounds that the Parish Council feel that because of the serious landscape limitations of this site a Development Control Site Visit should take place prior to a decision being made. Councillors have grave concerns about the extent of the work that will be involved in achieving this project due to the extremely narrow road and the lack of space for works traffic and equipment. The frontage of the property is directly onto a very narrow and at times congested highway with cars parked indiscriminately as walkers access the hills. The property is immediately adjacent to the disabled access for Holy Trinity Church and any encroachment by works traffic or materials onto this access will have a significant impact on local people attending services.**
- 7/09/5133 Brathay Hall, Clappersgate, Ambleside
Replacement timber jetty 'like for like' – **No Objections**
- 7/09/5138 12 Gale Park, Ambleside
Conservatory extension – **No Objections (Cllr Bradshaw left the room and took no part in the discussion or decision)**
- 7/09/5137 Gillside, Grasmere
Insert small shuttered opening at first floor level in gable wall – **No Objections**

169 MATTERS OF INFORMATION

- A. From the Chairman
The Chairman had reported earlier on his packed agenda..
- B. From the Clerk
 - 1 Windermere Town Council – Agenda 8th April 2009
 - 2. Cumbria Highways – Working Together – Spring 2009
 - 3. The Cumbria and Lakes Rider – Stagecoach
 - 4. Local Development Framework – LDNPA - Responses
 - 5. CVS Newsletter March/April
 - 6. Update on Newsletter
 - 7. Update on roadworks at Clappersgate/Skelwith
 - 8. Update on Rothay Park
- C From Members
 - 1. Cllr Mrs Sparrow reported on unauthorised camping in the Park
 - 2. Cllr Ms Colquhoun informed Council that there was no disabled parking provision outside of the Tourist Office/Post Office in Ambleside
 - 3. Cllr Ms Colquhoun reported on a forthcoming Conference on conservation areas and queried if there was any training allowances for Councillors.
 - 4. Cllr Martin was concerned about what appeared to be a sewage outfall in Stock Beck.
 - 5. Cllr Mrs Sparrow informed Members of the closure of the permitted path near Skelwith on the A593 and that the County Council did not propose to take over this short length of path. The farmer will now seal off the path to prevent its use by walkers.
- D From District Councillors – None present
- E. From the County Councillor – The Chairman thanked Cllr Barton for his work over the past years and wished him well in the future. He will not be standing for re-election in June.

170 REPORT OF WATERHEAD STEERING GROUP

The Clerk had circulated reports from Councillors Ms Colquhoun and Bradshaw The Regeneration Officer will visit the Council on 27th May to give an update and answer members queries.

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171 WHITE PLATTS RECREATION GROUND

The Clerk had circulated a letter from the Kelsick Trust relating to ownership of the land and the need for SLDC to request the lifting of the Covenant.

RESOLVED That the Clerk write to SLDC requesting that they approach the Kelsick Foundation to lift the Covenant from 12 to 5pm on a Sunday. That, if the lifting of the Covenant is successful, that SLDC include the additional opening into any new Contract for grounds operation being let in 2010.

172 SOUTH LAKELAND STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP

The Clerk had circulated information from South Lakes Strategic Partnership, CALC and others who had responded to the document. A full discussion took place on this item.

RESOLVED If this goes ahead it must be Parish and Town Council driven with the necessary funding and resources coming down. Many smaller Parish Councils are reluctant to be involved and those Councils with the benefit of professional Clerks will be best placed to take on any extra devolved services. The Council feel that the LAP concept is typical of edicts dictated by Government and will be difficult to implement. There is concern about the way the unelected voluntary sector will be involved leaving scope for 'Pressure Groups'. Lakes Parish Council are not convinced, based upon our direct experience, that this is the way to proceed. The Council have struggled to get responses from certain SLDC Officers and have received many

assurances but, in real terms, precious little recognition and response within the prevailing culture at SLDC. The view of the Council is that where Locality working between Parish and District is appropriate, the locality needs to be flexible and on an 'as and when' needed basis. It need not, nor should it be, conducted under a permanent structure. County and District staff should have the means and intelligence to convene 'locality working groups' when they think it is appropriate to do so or when any group of Parishes request them to do it. County or District staff should be required to convene and appropriate 'locality working group' when requested by a Parish Council.

173. LAKE DISTRICT VISITOR CENTRE - BROCKHOLE

This had been agreed earlier in the Agenda. Members will visit on 15th April 2009 at 2.30pm.

174. RYDAL SPEED SIGNS

Cllr Mrs Sparrow reported that there was nothing to report however the Area Engineer has confirmed the signs will be in place by the end of the month
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175. 4TH KESWICK TO BARROW WALK – 9TH MAY 2009.

The Clerk had circulated information on this event. Members felt that the check-point in Grasmere should remain as it is at present.

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176. GREAT NORTH SWIM – PROPOSED TWO DAY EVENT

The Chairman reported on the concern locally about traffic control for this event
RESOLVED - To write to the Organisers, LDNPA, SLDC, English Lakes Hotels and the Chief Constable expressing the serious concern of the Council at the traffic chaos on the only main route through the Lakes that ensued during this event in 2008. Local people and Businesses were seriously inconvenienced by the resultant traffic chaos that cannot be allowed to happen again. There is an urgent need for proper traffic control and car parking away from the venue. The Council need assurances from the relevant authorities that all necessary measures will be in place for this two day event.

177 VACANCY RYDAL AND LOUGHRIGG WARD

The Clerk reported that as no Election had been requested then the Council should fill the Vacancy by co-option at the earliest opportunity. Three letters indicating interest had been received and circulated to Members. On the Motion of the Chairman it was AGREED to move to Part 2 to discuss the applications. The Press and the Public being excluded on the grounds of Confidentiality. The Meeting was then reconvened in Part 1 and it was
RESOLVED On the Motion of Cllr Mrs Sparrow and seconded by Cllr Mrs Ogden that Mr Malcolm Parsons be Co-opted to the Vacancy on Lakes Parish Council.

178 APPEALS/AMENDMENTS/WITHDRAWN APPLICATIONS

7/09/5012 Change of Use to Betting Shop – The Good Book Place, Kelsick Road, Ambleside - this application has been withdrawn.

7/08/5676 Convert existing Boat House into an apartment – Pullwood Bay Estates – this application has been withdrawn.

The Meeting closed at 10.04pm