

LAKES PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on 9th December 2009 in the Library, Kelsick Road, Ambleside at 7.30pm

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

APOLOGIES: Ms M.M. Colquhoun, J.R. Westmoreland, PC Buxton and County Cllr Earnshaw

IN ATTENDANCE: None

ALSO: M. A. Johnson, 1 member of the public and the Press

116 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 11 November 2009 and the Plans Meeting on 25th November held in the Library, Ambleside were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman accordingly.

117 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- ◆ Cllr Mrs Rees declared an interest in all Planning.
- ◆ Cllr Parsons declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the Planning item re Stonethwaite Farm.
- ◆ Cllr Bradshaw declared a personal interest in the Planning item re the Hideaway.
- ◆ There were no further declarations of interest

118. ITEMS OF INFORMATION FROM MINUTE 116.

There were no queries relating to Minute 116.

119 POLICE REPORT

PC Buxton had submitted a written report that included bullet points taken from Crimemapper. In Ambleside crime is down by 42% (17 less crimes), burglaries are up, violent crimes are down and anti social behaviour down. In Grasmere and Langdale crime overall is showing no change. Burglaries are down 60% (3 less crimes and there is no change in violent crimes and anti social behaviour.

120. REPORTS

- a. CALC AGM - this had been a well attended meeting and the Chairman of Cumbria County Councillor was the guest speaker. Cllr Thompson had highlighted the problems of Red Bank with him.
- b. Local Area Partnership Meeting – the Chairman, Vice Chairman and Cllr Bradshaw had attended. Minutes had been circulated by email. It had been useful to meet other Councils and there were two encouraging things to arise from the meeting; one is the admin Officer Debbie Binch and the other was to meet with the Council rep from Skelwith. A further meeting will be held in the New Year.

121 FINANCE

- a. RESOLVED to confirm approval the orders for payment submitted to the meeting totalling £9526.90.
- b. RESOLVED - To RECEIVE a request from Langdale Village Hall for funding towards funding window replacement at the Hall. Members

had originally agreed to donate £500 pending receipt of Accounts and the Constitution however they now noted that the Hall had a substantial amount of money in reserve. The Council has limited funds to allocate to the many requests for help and felt on this occasion that they could not now accede to the request. If further help is needed and funds are short then the Hall can come back with a further funding request.

- c. RESOLVED – To RECEIVE a request for funding from the Drama Club of the University of Cumbria.

The Chairman ADJOURNED the Meeting to allow members of the public to speak. No one wished to speak and the Meeting was then RECONVENED

122 PLANS FOR CONSIDERATION

- 7/09/5655 2 The Coach House, Holbeck Ghyll, Windermere
Extension (amendments to permission granted 7/08/5128) – **No Objections**
- 7/09/5664 Fell View, 12 Oaks Field, Ambleside
Extension of porch – **No Objections**
- 7/09/5675 South View, Troutbeck
Proposals seek to raise the existing garage loft ridge by 1.6m approx to form habitable space linked to the main building. Form new vehicular garden entrance off highway to parking area with undercroft storage.- **Refuse on the grounds of excessive height of the ridge and overdevelopment in the village. If minded to approve then a site visit is considered essential.**
- 7/09/5677 High Skelghyll, Skelghyll Windermere
Replacement of existing septic tank and associated drainage field.-
No Objections
- 7/09/5678 Cumberland Building Society, Lake Road, Ambleside
Proposed siting of air conditioning unit. – **No Objections provided good noise abatement for the avoidance of nuisance to neighbours is taken into account.**
- 7/09/5684 Brow Head Farm, Ambleside
Internal alterations and extension. **Refuse as this proposed development is completely out of character with the surrounding countryside and the valley. This is a Grade 2 listed 17th century farmhouse in a prominent position in the valley and all work needs to be in keeping with its status. A garage in the field on the hill is innovative and out of character. The proposed structure is to the most prominent part of the building. It is boxlike and not in keeping with the apex of the building and the flat structure is out of keeping with the rest of the building. There are strange windows, one protruding, that are totally alien to the building. Internal work proposed also gives cause for concern with cellars to be converted that could possibly be used for separate accommodation that will result in an over-development of the inside of the building. The previous application that was withdrawn was much more in keeping with the existing building. If approval is considered then a site visit is considered essential as this building is visual from the other side of the valley and there is additionally a potential light pollution problem. Lakes Parish Council strongly recommended refusal of this application that is totally out of keeping for one of the most prominent buildings in the Lake District.**

- 7/09/5690 Dove Cottage, Grasmere
Provision of pay and display machine in existing car park. – **No Objections**
- 7/09/5680 Stonethwaite Farm. Town End Troutbeck
Erection of timber framed agricultural building for winter housing 16 suckler cows and 1 bay covered muck store and redistribution of excavated material – **No Objections**
- 7/09/5709 Hideaway/Lake House Hotel Waterhead Ambleside
Conversion of Hideaway to form accommodation for Lake House Hotel (resubmission of 7/09/5102) – **No Objections**
- 7/09/5710 Calgarth South Lodge, Troutbeck Bridge
Proposed extension to provide additional living accommodation including demolition of chimney stack – **Refusal on the grounds of overdevelopment as there is a significant increase in the footprint of the building that will alter the character of the house. If minded to approve then a site visit is considered to be essential.**
- 7/09/5714 Lane Ends Barn, Elterwater, Ambleside
Proposed altered window to balcony, extended car parking and new calor gas tank storage – **No Objections**

123 MATTERS OF INFORMATION

- A. From the Chairman
The Chairman had circulated his diary of events. He had taken up the use of SATNAV on country roads with CALC who will be raising this at a National level.
- B. From the Clerk
1. Windermere Town Council – Agenda 9 December
 2. SLDC – Council Meeting 10 December 2009
 3. Lakes Line Bulletin Winter 2009
 4. Parish Seats
 5. Office Christmas closure arrangements
- C. From Members
- a. Cllrs reported damage to the walls and road on the Under Loughrigg road.
 - b. Cllr Mrs Sowerbutts highlighted signs chained to lamp posts advertising a local dental service. This had already been passed to Cumbria Highways for action.
 - c. Cllr Thompson reported on an internet scam inviting customers to ring a premium rate number as part of a scam using Royal Mail as the bait.
 - d. Cllr Parsons said the Kirkstone Road is in an awful condition after the recent rains.
- D. From District Cllrs – Cllr Mrs Rees informed Members that SLDC were about to discuss how to use available money and also how to deliver the Corporate Plan with limited funding.
- E. From the County Councillor – Cllr Earnshaw had tendered his apologies.

124 AMBLESIDE CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

Cllr Mrs Sparrow reported on the cancellation of this years event and highlighted a small event to take place on 19th December at 3pm at the Market Cross Ambleside. She also highlighted the financial cost of cancellation.

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125 CLOSURE OF AMBLESIDE CAMPUS

The Chairman spoke at length of the shock and dismay that the announcement of closure had brought to the village and throughout the world. He will now only refer to the

campus as Charlotte Mason campus. Along with other Councillors he had attended the public meeting called by the MP. This had been a 3 hour meeting in the Church which was packed. The new Vice Chancellor had fielded questions throughout that time. It had been a good orderly meeting. The pro Vice Chancellor Ruth Jenkinson had resigned. A full and varied discussion then took place and the Chairman attempted to relay the answers given at the public meeting. .

RESOLVED That the Clerk write to the Minister responsible for Higher Education highlighting the importance of the Ambleside site and questioning the financial reasons given for closure and the apparent mismanagement of the large amount of public money already spent. The letter to be copied to the MP and Lord Mandelson.

126 PARKING LANGDALE CHURCH

Cllr Mrs Wilson highlighted problems near the Church for disabled people wishing to attend Sunday service. She had spoken to the Highways and they had estimated the cost of a sign giving disabled badge holders priority on a Sunday as £350. No money was available to fund this.

RESOLVED That the Clerk write to Cllr Earnshaw to request that he consider funding this from his discretionary budget.

127 GRASMERE AND RYDAL CONSERVATION AREAS

The Clerk had circulated information on these Conservation areas.
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128 ENVIRONMENT TASK GROUP

The Clerk had placed this on the Agenda for consideration of the appointment of a Chairman.

RESOLVED To defer this to the January Meeting.

129 TREE WORKS

T09/088 – Fell 4 beech, 3 Birch and a Noble fir – Rydal Hall, Rydal

T09/085 – Prune 2 Yew Trees – St Annes Court Ambleside

Members had no observations to make on these applications.

130 PLANNING DECISIONS

Approvals

7/09/5290 – Extensions and alterations – Thrang End, Chapel Stile

7/09/5439 – External illuminated signs – Greystones, Compston Road Ambleside

7/09/5497 – Extension of apartment into shop and new windows – Gallery Apt Red Lion Square Grasmere

7/09/5510 – kitchen renovation and extension – Titteringdales Grasmere

7/09/5523 – Addition of porches etc – Wilson Place Farm Cottages Langdale

7/09/5541 - Allow occupancy 21 Dec to 4 Jan in next year – Whinfell Tarn Neaum Crag

Refusals

7/09/5474 – Change of use from hairdressers to café – 1 Lancaster House, Lake Road, Ambleside

Appeal Decision

7/09/5135 – 2 storey side extension to dwelling – 23 Fisherbeck Park Ambleside –
The appeal is dismissed.

The meeting closed at 9.01pm