

LAKES PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on 11th February 2009 in the Library, Kelsick Road, Ambleside at 7.30pm

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

APOLOGIES: Cllrs A. Green, E.S. Bradshaw, Ms M.M. Colquhoun, J. Smith J.R. Westmoreland and D. Welch

IN ATTENDANCE: District Cllr D Vatcher

ALSO: M. A. Johnson, PC Buxton, Supt. Fear, 3 members of the public and the Press

136 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 7th January 2009 and the Plans Meeting held on 28th January in the Library, Ambleside were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman accordingly.

137 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- ◆ Cllr Mrs Rees declared an Interest in all Planning Matters.
- ◆ Cllr Martin declared an Interest in one Finance item (J F Martin).
- ◆ Cllr Johnson declared an interest in one Finance item (Chairmans Allowance).
- ◆ There were no other declarations of interest

138. ITEMS OF INFORMATION FROM MINUTE 136.

There were no queries on items contained within the Minutes of Agenda Item 136.

139 POLICE REPORT

PC Buxton introduced Superintendent Fear from Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary. HMI are undertaking an inspection of Cumbria Police. He gave a comprehensive report on various items of interest that had happened since the last Meeting. He spoke on the Policing Pledge and Crime Mapping. He explained the reasons behind the 29% increase in crime as a result on the Crime Mapping system. Burglaries are the number one Priority for the Policing Team. He spoke on partnership working with the local Mountain Rescue Team with over 20 incidents attended this year so far. Next week is Neighbourhood Policing Week. A press release was circulated highlighting work with key partners such as Lakes Parish Council. He commented on the success of the 'Up the Wall' project and a forthcoming 'Military Challenge Day'. A multi agency day on greener safer cleaner communities will take place on 18th March and the Council are invited to take part. He answered members questions and the Chairman thanked him for his attendance.

The Chairman ADJOURNED the Meeting to allow members of the public to speak. One member of the public spoke on SLDT and the failure to provide a response as promised to questions at the Plans Meeting of 28th January. The Chairman thanked him for his concern and said that the question of SLDT and its relationship with the Council will be discussed later in the Agenda.

He then RECONVENED the Meeting

140. REPORTS

- a. Neighbourhood Forum 14th January 2009. The Clerk had circulated the Minutes of this interesting meeting
- b. Meet the Cabinet in Liverpool – 8th January 2009 – The Clerk had attended this event and reported on an interesting and worthwhile day. His table had included the Science Minister, Lord Drayson, the Leader of Liverpool Council, the Manchester Coroner, the Sellafield Strategic Director and two University Vice-Chancellors. The Clerk had been able to raise the items for discussion highlighted by Council and a response from Government has been promised.
- c. Cumbria in Bloom Executive Committee – The Chairman had attended this meeting to decided financing and criteria for 2009.
- d. Lake District National Park Project Seminar – Low Wood Hotel – The Chairman had attended this event the subject being Landscape Character Assessment and Planning Criteria.
- e. Community Travel plans Grasmere/Rydal 22 January – Cllr Mrs Rees spoke on this lively meeting that had not addressed a number of concerns by local residents. The next two meetings in the series have been cancelled. A meeting to try to solve the schoolchildren and Keswick bus problem is to be arranged.
- f. Ambleside Community Christmas Lights – Cllr Mrs Sparrow reported that the date for the 2009 lights has been changed to 21st November to avoid a clash with Windermere.

141 FINANCE

- a. **RESOLVED** to confirm approval the orders for payment submitted to the meeting totalling £7654.92
- b. Town Centre Manager – The Clerk reported to Members that since the meeting with the CEO of SLDT an email had been received that withdrew the request for funding for the Town Centre Managers post during 2009/2010. SLDT would prepare a Service Level Agreement for delivery of services within Lakes Parish for consideration by the Council in due course. The Clerk also read a letter from a local resident on this item.
- c. Civil Proceedings in respect of a bus shelter accident – The Clerk reported on proceedings that were being defended by the Councils' Insurers. More information will be provided when available.
- d. Replacement of damaged bench top of Compston Road – the Clerk reported on the condition of this bench and asked for permission to replace the bench - **RESOLVED** that the Clerk obtain estimates for the repair or replacement if necessary for consideration by Council.
- e. Trees Rothay Park - The Clerk reported that SLDC were prepared to move the trees again in Rothay Park if the Council paid for the move. No funds were available at SLDC. A site meeting was suggested to try to resolve the problem. **RESOLVED** To agree to a site meeting.

142 PLANS FOR CONSIDERATION

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

1. 7/2009/5012/13 – The Good Book Place Kelsick Road, Ambleside - Change of use to A2 Class Betting Shop – relocation of entrance door and installation of new shop front. – **No Objections**
2. 7/2009/5021 – Land opposite the Croft Clappersgate – proposed underground wastewater pumping station with kiosk and vehicle maintenance area.- **No Objections**
3. 7/2009/5023 – Gillside, Grasmere – Additional gable fenestration – **No Objections**

143 MATTERS OF INFORMATION

- A. From the Chairman
The Chairman had attended Standards training at Kendal.
He reported that he had received a letter of Resignation from Cllr Welch and handed it to the Clerk for action. He expressed his regret at the loss of an excellent active Councillor and Members agreed to send a letter of thanks to Cllr Welch.
- B. From the Clerk
1. Windermere Town Council – Agenda 11 February 2009
 2. Waterhead Public Realm Enhancement Scheme – Final Brief
 3. Lakes Line Minutes December 2008
 4. The Clerk – January Edition
 5. Clerks and Councils Direct – January
 6. Royal Oak tables – the application for a café licence has been refused.
 7. Right of Way Mountain Rescue Centre – now unobstructed and open.
 8. The Clerk reported that the new bus shelters at Brockhole were in place.
- C. From Members
- a. Cllr Mrs Braithwaite reported on a 1992 Parish Guide that she has discovered in her papers.
 - b. Cllr Mrs Sparrow reported that the ‘Smithy Brow’ place sign had been stolen again.
 - c. Cllr Mrs Ogden reported on a number of telephone calls she had received expressing dissatisfaction with the work of the Town Centre manager.
- D. From District Councillors.
Mrs Rees and Cllr Vatcher reported on the referral of the new proposed parking charges by SLDC to the Scrutiny Committee. Cllr Vatcher reported on the flooding of graves problem in Ambleside Churchyard and also the new Corporate Plan being prepared by SLDC.
- E. From the County Councillor – not present.

144 FRIENDS OF ROTHAY PARK

The Clerk had circulated information on this.

RESOLVED To agree to take part in discussions with interested parties to re establish a ‘Friends of Rothay Park’ organisation.

145 CONSERVATION AREA APPRAISAL/MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR AMBLESIDE

The Clerk had circulated a letter and information from the CEO of LDNPA on proposals that would be coming forward shortly where Lakes Parish Council will be an early consultee

RECEIVED

146 CALC SPECIAL CONFERENCE 28TH FEBRUARY 2009

The Clerk had circulated information and the Council were asked to consider attendance at this important event.

RESOLVED To nominate four Councillors plus CALC South Lakeland members (Chairman/Vice Chairman) to attend. Cllr Mrs Rees will attend in her District Council capacity.

147 PLANNING DECISIONS

None received.

The Meeting closed at 9.17pm