

LAKES PARISH COUNCIL

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

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

APOLOGIES: None

IN ATTENDANCE: District Cllr D Vatcher, County Cllr B Barton

ALSO: M. A. Johnson, PC Buxton, 2 members of the public and the Press

148 MINUTES

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

149 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- ◆ Cllr Mrs Rees declared an Interest in all Planning Matters.
- ◆ Cllr Martin declared an Interest in Planning Application 7/09/5042 – Greystones, Compston Road, Ambleside.
- ◆ Cllrs Mrs Braithwaite and Martin declared a personal interest in the Agenda Item White Platts Recreation Ground and the Planning item relating to the Conservative Club Ambleside.
- ◆ Cllrs Green and Bradshaw declared a personal Interest in Agenda Item 159 – Planning Appeals
- ◆ There were no other declarations of interest

150. ITEMS OF INFORMATION FROM MINUTE 148.

Cllr Thompson queried progress on Rothay Park and the site meeting to discuss trees. There were no other queries on items contained within the Minutes of Agenda Item 148.

151 POLICE REPORT

PC Buxton gave a comprehensive report on various items of interest that had happened since the last Meeting. He compared crime mapping figures and year on year crime figures. He spoke on the wide spectrum of anti social behaviour reported to the Police. He updated Members on the serious vandalism that had taken place in Ambleside that had resulted in two early arrests. He highlighted the Street Safe scheme and invited Councillors to meet at the Fire Station at 4pm on 18th March when a multi agency team on greener safer cleaner communities will take to the Kirkfield area in Ambleside.

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. No one wished to speak and the Meeting was RECONVENED.

151. REPORTS

- a. CALC Special Conference 28th February 2009. The Clerk had circulated the information from this interesting meeting. Members commented on the day and it was AGREED that this be deferred to the April Meeting for a response.
- b. Affordable Housing Task Group 3 February 2009. The Clerk had circulated the Minutes and flow chart from this meeting. Cllr Mrs Rees highlighted the work of the Group and commended the report to Council. She was unable to be specific on some items due to commercial confidentiality. Members asked for a progress report on the sites that were in the public domain.
- c. CALC South Lakeland Meeting 5th March 2009. The Chairman reported on this extremely well attended meeting with a capacity audience. There had been a presentation by The Land Registry. A presentation on the Dog Control and Exclusion Orders at Milnthorpe also took place. Public Toilet provision remains of great concern to all Parishes.
- d. Lake District National Park Partnership Group 19th February – The Chairman had represented CALC in agreeing the document 'The Vision for the LDNPA 2010 - 2015.
- e. Lake District Partnership Group – World Heritage Site 2nd March – The Chairman had represented CALC on this excellent meeting defining the boundary of the proposed WHS as the current boundary of the National Park.
- f. University of Cumbria Ambleside Campus Liaison Group 5th March – The Chairman reported on this meeting where the University had been appalled and shocked at the recent vandalism episode perpetrated by two of their students. A new Vice Chancellor will be in post in July.
- g. Cumbria County Council Launch of Urban Highways Team 9th March. The Chairman had attended this information session at County Hall that was an extra tier. The required use of the Highways Hotline 0845 609 6609 was again high on the agenda rather than approaching the Highway Steward or teams direct.
- h. Informal Meeting with SLDT 10th March. The Chairman and Clerk had met informally with the CEO and Paul Holdsworth to investigate ways that SLDT might forge a better relationship with Lakes Parish Council. A full report for discussion by Council would be presented to the Plans Meeting on 22nd April.
- i. Windermere Endowed Schools – Cllr Martin reported on a grant giving Meeting.
- j. Lakes Line User Group – Cllr Mrs Sparrow reported on a recent Meeting.
- k. Cllr Mrs Braithwaite reported on a Site Visit with LDNPA in relation to Application 7/08/5533 – Michael's Croft, Grasmere.

152 FINANCE

- a. RESOLVED to confirm approval the orders for payment submitted to the meeting totalling £2429.18
- b. Ambleside Brownies – request for funding. The Clerk had circulated a letter. **RESOLVED** that this be deferred for more information.
- c. To consider acceptance of a further grant from Cumbria County Council in the next financial year towards the provision of a bus shelter at Dungeon Ghyll **RESOLVED** To agree to accept the Grant.

153 PLANS FOR CONSIDERATION

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

1. 7/2009/5042 – **Greystones, Compston Road, Ambleside** – Upgrade and relocate Café to the second floor, convert kitchens in basement to Offices and retail. Convert ground floor Café and ground floor flat into retail space. Modernise warehouse at rear and use for office and storage.-
No Objections however this development does not appear to be DDA compliant and this should be investigated prior to a decision being made.

2. 7/2009/5062 – **Mill Cottage Country Restaurant and Guest House Rydal Road, Ambleside** – Redevelopment of Mill Cottage consisting of part demolition, alterations and extensions to Mill Cottage and to enable to use of the ground floor as retail with two flats above. Alterations and extension and change of use of cottage to studio gallery, replacement of footbridge and formation of new pedestrian access through Mill yard from Rydal Road car park and landscaping of the site. – The Chairman reported on a Site Visit for this application. Members **RESOLVED** to offer **No Objections** (Cllrs Colquhoun, Thompson and Ogden requested that they be shown in the Minutes as voting against this Resolution)
3. 7/2009/5069 - **Arquiva Transmitting Station, High Close, Grasmere** – Installation of 0.3m antenna on the existing Tower at a height of 25.5m with a gas bottle enclosure and exhaust duct attached to an existing ground based cabin. – **No Objections**
4. 7/2009/5085 - **The Conservative Club, Church Street, Ambleside** – Change of use for ground floor from existing club premises (Class D) to restaurant (Class A3) to include provision for flue for catering kitchen extract system. First floor to be retained in Class D usage in cinema.- **No Objections however this also does not appear to be DDA compliant.**
5. 7/2009/5089/90 – **High Green House, Troutbeck** – small single storey porch/utility extension – **No Objections**
6. 7/2009/5093 – **Stone Arthur Cottage, Grasmere** – 2 Storey extension to east elevation and addition of 2 windows to the north elevation of the existing house.- **Defer to Meeting on 8th April to allow local Councillors to visit the site and check on the impact of the application on the neighbours.**
7. 7/08/5621 **Rillside, Red Bank Road, Grasmere** - Extension to Guest House (see attached letter from LDNPA) – deferred from Plans Meeting 25 Feb for further information. – **No Objections however this needs to be regularised as a Guest House and as it is an annex of the Hotel it should be retained in perpetuity as part of the Hotel and not sold off separately.**
8. 7/09/5101 **Co-op Store 229 Broadgate Grasmere** – 1 Fascia sign and 6 window graphics – **Refuse on the grounds that the Parish Council objected to the original application for these graphics when this building was not in the Conservation area. Now it is in the proposed amended Conservation area the Council is of the opinion that the proposed graphics are lurid and out of keeping with the area.**

154 MATTERS OF INFORMATION

- A. From the Chairman

The Chairman had reported earlier on his packed agenda. He would be in the Chair at a meeting of CALC Parish Councils in the Lake District to be held in Keswick on 27th April.
- B. From the Clerk
 - 1 Windermere Town Council – Agenda 23 Feb and the annual Town Assembly to be held on 19th March 2009
 2. North West Tourism – Funding package for Culture – paper circulated
 3. Lakes Line Minutes 30th January 2009
 4. The Clerk – March Edition
- C From Members
 - a. Cllr Sparrow commented on the proposed Rydal speed signs and wished for this to be on the Agenda in April.
 - b. Cllr Sparrow commented on the new Church gates, noted that the kissing gate needs painting and thanked the Civic Trust for their efforts.

- c. Cllr Bradshaw reported on a recent constructive positive Meeting of the Waterhead Steering Group. Cllr Ms Colquhoun also commented on this meeting.
- d. Cllr Martin commented on a large amount of water on the road near the Homes of Football.
- D From District Councillors – Cllr Vatcher reported that drainage work had commenced on the Low Fold car park.
- E. From the County Councillor – Cllr Barton reported on a change to Bus service 618, Barrow to Ambleside via Newby Bridge due to overloading last summer.

155 TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER PYE LANE/SWAN LANE GRASMERE

The Clerk had circulated information on this.

RESOLVED – To welcome the traffic order but to ask for the rest of Grasmere traffic order be implemented as soon as possible.

156 WHITE PLATTS RECREATION GROUND

The Clerk had circulated a letter from the PCC who had no ownership of the land and their legal team were of the opinion that the Kelsick Trust should be approached on this
RESOLVED That the Clerk write to the Governors of Kelsick Foundation to request information on this matter.

157 ENVIRONMENT TASK GROUP

The Council will need to appoint a Councillor to lead this important Task Group after the resignation of Cllr Welch.

RESOLVED To defer an appointment to a future meeting of the Council.

158 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. Two letters indicating interest had already been received and the Co-option was being advertised in the next Parish Newsletter due out at the end of March.

RESOLVED To fill the Vacancy by co-option at the next Meeting of the Council on April 8th.

159 APPEALS/AMENDMENTS/WITHDRAWN APPLICATIONS

7/08/5521 – Appeal against refusal of planning permission for the enlargement of existing house at Stable End, Easedale Road, Grasmere – to be dealt with by written representations.

160 TREE WORKS

T/09/0007 – Town End House/Farm Troutbeck – Fell one horse chestnut and reduction of crown one Sycamore – No Objections

161 PLANNING DECISIONS

APPROVALS

7/08/5060 White Cross Bay Leisure Park, Troutbeck – Permit occupancy 1 March in any one year to 14th January in the next.

7/08/5184 White Cross Bay Leisure Park, Troutbeck – repair and raise A591 boundary wall.

7/09/5002 T Mobile Uk Market Clock Tower Ambleside – replacement of internal antenna and ancillary layout in equipment room.

- 7/08/5506/07 Langdale Chase Hotel, Windermere – extension to provide toilet facilities
- 7/08/5561 Clappersgate Cumbria – wastewater pumping station and kiosk
- 7/08/5591 Apple Pie Eating House, Ambleside – change of use of part first floor and all second floor to staff accommodation with demolition of existing metal fire escape stairs and reconstruction of new stairs and wc
- 7/08/5628 Langdale Co-op, Chapel Stile – Addition of porch above entrance.
- 7/08/5654 Dove Cottage Grasmere – alterations to improve access and disabled open platform.
- 7/08/5658/79 Blackbeck Tarn and Knipe Tarn, Neaum Crag to allow extended occupancy 21 Dec to 4 Jan.
- 7/08/5661 Wilson Place Farm, Little Langdale – Farm diversification let in association with farm.
- 7/08/5662 Eltermere Country House Hotel, Elterwater – landscaping improvements.
- 7/08/5664 Grasmere Courtyard, Stock Lane, Grasmere – replace flat roof porch with slate roof.
- 7/08/5682 2 Cheapside, Ambleside – Internal and external alterations.
- 7/08/5685 Lucys Grocers, Compston Road, Ambleside – change of use from Class A1 to mixed use A1/A3 with an area for consumption of food and drink in the shop.

The Meeting closed at 9.44pm