

## LAKES PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> May 2009 at The Library, Ambleside at 7.30pm

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

APOLOGIES: Cllrs, Ms M.M. Colquhoun, J.R. Westmoreland and PC Buxton.

IN ATTENDANCE: None

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

### 1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

On the Motion of Councillor Mrs Braithwaite and seconded by Councillor Martin, Councillor Johnson was nominated for the Chairman of Lakes Parish Council. There being no other nominations, Councillor Johnson was elected Chairman for the ensuing municipal year. The Chairman signed his Declaration of Acceptance of Office and thanked Members for their confidence in his Chairmanship.

Councillor Johnson IN THE CHAIR

### 2. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Council Meetings held on 8th April 2009 and the Plans Meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2009 at The Library, Ambleside were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman accordingly.

### 3 ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN

On the Motion of Councillor Johnson and seconded by Councillor Mrs Wilson, there being no other nominations, it was RESOLVED that Councillor Mrs Sparrow be elected Vice Chairman for the ensuing municipal year.

### 4. NOTIFICATION BY ANY MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL

Receipt of a gift or hospitality over the value of £25 or of any changes to registered financial and other interests. To remind Members of the provisions of the Local Government Act 2000 in connection with gifts and hospitality and registered interests. Forms for such a declaration are available from the Clerk on request. Re-elected Members do not need to complete a new declaration if nothing has changed since their original submission, however they do need to affirm in a letter that their interests have not changed.

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### 5. APOLOGIES

Apologies were as recorded above. The Chairman expressed his best wishes to Cllr Ms Colquhoun for a speedy recovery from her recent eye operation.

## 6. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- ◆ Councillor Mrs Sparrow declared a personal and prejudicial interest in Agenda item Finance relating to the donation to Ambleside Christmas Lights. Cllr Mrs Rees declared an Interest in all Planning matters. Cllr Parsons declared a personal and prejudicial interest in Agenda Item 19 – Patterdale Parish Council. There were no other declarations of interest.

## 7. AUTHORISATION OF MONETARY TRANSACTION

- (i) Barclays Bank- Members agreed that the following Councillors would be as signatories to cheques; Councillors Mrs Braithwaite, Sparrow, Johnson and Martin.
- (ii) National Savings Bank- Members agreed the following Councillors would be signatories to the Account; Councillors Johnson, Mrs Braithwaite, Martin and Allen.

## 8. TO APPROVE THE CHAIRMANS ALLOWANCE FOR 2009/10

On the Motion of Councillor Mrs Braithwaite and seconded by Councillor Mrs Wilson, it was RESOLVED that the Chairman's allowance for 2009/10 be set at £775.

## 9. TO MAKE APPOINTMENTS TO THE FOLLOWING BODIES

1. CALC – South Lakeland Committee (1 year) Members agreed to appoint Councillors Johnson and Mrs Sparrow.
2. Lake Windermere Committee (1 year) Members agreed to appoint Councillors Johnson, Martin and Bradshaw.
3. Ambleside Community Christmas Lights Committee (1 year) – Cllr Mrs Sparrow.
4. Troutbeck Charities (4 years) – Miss Wendy Black of High Fold, Troutbeck Councillor Allen, Mr J C Wharton and the Rev D Wilmot who would continue in post until the expiry of their 4 year term.
5. Kelsick Educational Foundation – currently Cllrs Mrs Braithwaite and Martin (for information only)
6. Lakes Line Action Group – Councillor Mrs Sparrow to serve as the appointed representative of Lakes Parish Council.
7. Parish Plan Task Groups – The following appointments were made:- Councillor Mrs Rees as Chairman of the Affordable Housing Group; Cllr Mrs Sparrow as Chairman of the Youth Task Group and Cllr Parsons as Chairman of the Environment Task Group.

## 10. NOTICE OF MOTION – TO AMEND STANDING ORDERS

To be MOVED by Cllr Ms Colquhoun and seconded by Cllr Mrs Sowerbutts ' To amend Standing Order 8 (a) To elect the Chairman' to read – "Standing Order 8a – The Chairman shall be elected on a three-yearly basis at the end of which she/he will be ineligible for re-election, ensuring that a new Chairman shall be elected every three years"

**The Mover of the Motion not being present, the Motion falls without debate.**

## 11 POLICE REPORT

PCSO Laura Jackson reported on matters of interest within Lakes Parish. She gave an update on recent crime figures and answered Members questions. The Chairman thanked her for her attendance.

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## 12. REPORTS

- (i) CALC Meeting of Parish Councils in the Lake District – Keswick 27<sup>th</sup> April – The Chairman reported on this well attended Meeting. CALC will be circulating Parishes in South Lakeland with the Minutes of the meeting.
- (ii) Visit to Brockhole – April 15th – Cllrs attending reported on an excellent presentation and informative discussion.
- (iii) Walkabout Greenbank 6 May – The Chairman and Cllr Mrs Sparrow reported on the day in company with local Housing Officers. A number of issues had been identified although no residents had been seen.
- (iv) The Chairman reported on a meeting with the Volunteer Student Placement Officer who hoped to place students with various organisations within the Parish.
- (v) Cllr Mrs Sparrow reported on fund raising efforts by the Brownies that had raised £150.
- (vi) Cllr Mrs Sparrow reported on a LDNPA Development Control site visit at Halfway House to look at recent proposals for a swimming pool etc.

The Chairman adjourned the Meeting to allow members of the public to speak.

There were no issues raised.

The Meeting was reconvened

## 13. FINANCE

(i) RESOLVED to confirm approval the orders for payment submitted to the meeting totalling £3896.17p

(ii) The Clerk had circulated Draft Accounts for the year 2008/9 and Members were now asked to consider these Accounts. The Clerk answered queries from Members and formally asked them to approve the Accounts for 2008/9. He informed Members that the Annual Internal Audit had been successfully completed without any issues to be drawn to the attention of the Council. Members were also asked to consider Section 2 of the Audit form that was the Governance Statement of Assurance.

RESOLVED – That the Lakes Parish Council formally approve the Accounts for 2008/9. They are satisfied that all of the sections applicable on the Annual Governance Audit Statement of Assurance be answered in the affirmative and that the Chairman signs the Statement of Accounts on the Annual return.

(iii) Members were asked to confirm their decision to award a grant of £2000 to the Ambleside Community Christmas Lights.

RESOLVED – To confirm the donation of £2000 to the Ambleside Community Christmas Lights.

(iv) Members considered information on the Chapel Stile Bus Shelter and agreed in principle that the Clerk write to Mitre Housing seeking an easement as requested by the Langdale Valley Association in order for the construction of the stone built shelter to proceed.

RESOLVED – to agree to that the Clerk contact Mitre Housing with a view to an easement for the construction of the stone built shelter by the LVA.

(v) Members considered a report from the Clerk and Reviewed the effectiveness of the Internal Audit Service. RESOLVED To reappoint Mrs Lees as Internal Auditor and express satisfaction on her standard of work.

(vi) Members considered a report from the Clerk and Reviewed the Risk Register of the Council. RESOLVED To agree the Risk Register and maintain the register as it is at present and review it on a regular basis.

## 14. PLANS FOR CONSIDERATION

1. 7/09/5136 Gillside, Grasmere

Addition of two small windows to Gable. - **No Objections**

2. 7/09/5169 The Bungalow, Borrans Road, Ambleside  
Replacement dwelling for The Bungalow - **No Objections, however the Council are concerned about the flooding risk to the rear of the property and the ability of contractors redeveloping this site to leave and enter safely from Borrans Road.**
3. 7/09/5194 Byre to rear of Blea Tarn House, Little Langdale  
Change of use of redundant ground floor byre to bunkhouse style accommodation. No external alterations. – **No Objections**
4. 7/09/5195 The Old Vicarage, Troutbeck  
Proposed conservatory (resubmission of lapsed approval 7/03/5647) – **No Objections**
5. 7/09/5106 Unit 1 Rothay Holme, Ambleside  
Change of Use from Warehouse to Childrens Play Area Listed for reconsideration by Council – **The Council reconsidered its ‘No Comment’ decision and now offer No Objections to this application.**

#### 15 MATTERS OF INFORMATION

- A. From the Chairman  
The Chairman’s Annual Report is printed in the Annual Report of the Council.  
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- B. From the Clerk
  1. Windermere Town Council – Agenda 13 May 2009
  2. SLDC – Annual Meeting for the Council 19 May 2009
  3. Lakes Line Rail User Group Conference –March 2009 – Report
  4. The Clerk – May Edition
  5. Peggy Hill Lights
  6. Seat donation
  7. Politics show BBC
- C. From Members
  1. Cllr Mrs Braithwaite reported on the demise of the road traffic sign adjacent to the Waterside Inn at Grasmere.
  2. Cllr Mrs Braithwaite reported on the recent problems with BT and telephony in Grasmere
  3. Cllr Thompson reported on a dead rat near Homes of Football that was not polishing the Gem.
  4. Cllr Thompson reported on the poor state of the Stoney Lane fence.
  5. Cllr Mrs Sparrow questioned the need for a planter that was never planted at the top of Compston Road.
  6. The Clerk was asked to agenda the Armit for discussion.
  7. Cllr Martin reported that the wood for the repair of the bench at the top of Compston Road was now in hand.
- D. From District Councillors  
None present  
From the County Councillor  
Not present

#### 16. NOTIFICATION OF VACANCY - GRASMERE

The Clerk had received a letter of resignation from Cllr Green and had circulated it to Members

RESOLVED – That the Clerk write to thank Cllr Green for his 28 years of service to the Council and the people of Grasmere. A get-together will be arranged where the Council can thank Cllr Green personally.

17 GREAT NORTH SWIM

The Clerk had circulated letters received and responses to date. Members agreed to accept the invitation of the LDNPA to become involved in discussions on how to ensure the problems of last year did not reoccur.

RESOLVED To arrange a Meeting with LDNPA and also invite representatives from Skelwith, Claife and Coniston Parish Councils.

18. PARKING IN THE VICINITY OF THE CHURCH IN LANGDALE

Cllr Mrs Wilson highlighted the problems faced by local people due to holiday cottage and indiscriminate parking in this location.

RESOLVED – That the Clerk write to the Highways, SLDC and the Police to try to resolve the problem.

19. PATERDALE PARISH COUNCIL – A592 KIRKSTONE PASS

The Clerk had circulated a letter seeking support for the exclusion of large HGV's from this road on the grounds of highway safety.

RESOLVED To support Patterdale Parish Council.

20. PLANNING DECISIONS TAKEN BY THE LDNPA

**CONDITIONAL APPROVAL**

1. 7/08/5868 Oak Bank Hotel, Broadgate, Grasmere  
Replace frames and roof of existing Conservatory
2. 7/08/5835 3 Wansfell Bank, Ambleside  
Two storey domestic extension to the rear.
3. 7/09/5015 Green Garth, Pye Lane, Grasmere  
Reposition and widen vehicle access
4. 7/09/5021 Land opposite the Croft, Clappersgate  
Underground wastewater pumping stn and associated work
5. 7/09/5023 Gillside, Grasmere  
Additional gable fenestration
6. 7/09/5027 14 Market Cross Shopping Centre, Ambleside  
Change of Use to Esquires Coffee House
7. 7/09/5043 21 Thrang Brow, Chapel Stile  
Demolition of existing porch and rebuild to larger footprint
8. 7/09/5050 4 Hill Top Road, Ambleside  
Proposed 2 roof dormers.
9. 7/09/5533 Michael's Croft, Grasmere  
Extension to existing house and garage

**REFUSALS**

1. 7/08/5680 Various Owners at Neaum Crag, Loughrigg Ambleside  
Variation of condition to permit occupancy to include 15 November to 21<sup>st</sup> December and 4<sup>th</sup> January to 14<sup>th</sup> Jan

The Clerk reported the withdrawal of the Planning Application 7/09/5144 for the fascia signs and illuminated hanging signs at the new Fellinis restaurant and Cinema in Ambleside

The Meeting closed at 9.20pm