

LAKES PARISH COUNCIL

PLANS MEETING

Minutes of the Meeting held in the Library, Ambleside on Wednesday 22nd April 2009 at 7pm

PRESENT: Cllrs. L. Johnson (Chairman), A. Green, W.H. Allen, E.S. Bradshaw,
Ms M.M. Colquhoun, N.C. Martin, Mrs S Ogden, M. Parsons,
Mrs V Rees, Mrs F.M. Sparrow, Mrs A Sowerbutts,
P Thompson and Mrs E Wilson.

APOLOGIES: Cllrs Mrs. E. M. Braithwaite, J.R. Westmoreland

IN ATTENDANCE: Mark Brierley, Cumbria County Council Cycling Officer , County
Cllr Brian Barton, District Cllr D Vatcher

ALSO M.A. Johnson, 17 members of the public and the Press

Prior to the commencement of the Meeting, the Chairman invited the Cycling Officer of Cumbria County Council to address Members in relation to his role as Cycling Officer and the Kendal/Keswick cycling link. Mr Brierley gave information on the Bowness to Ambleside route issues and said that Consultants were now appointed with a clean sheet, to examine the feasibility of a cycle route through from Bowness to the centre of Ambleside. He answered specific questions from Members and the Chairman allowed some questions from the public. The Chairman thanked him for his attendance.

The Chairman then formally welcomed Councillor Malcolm Parsons to his first Meeting of the Council. He expressed the condolence of the Council to Cllr Mrs Braithwaite who had recently lost her husband. A letter had been sent on behalf of the Council.

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Mrs Rees declared an interest in all Planning matters; Cllr Green declared an Interest in the Planning Application relating to Dale Foot, Grasmere; Cllr Martin declared an Interest in the Planning Application relating to the Old Conservative Club, Ambleside; Cllr Parsons declared an Interest in Agenda Item 4 Mill Brow Farm permissive footpath. There were no other declarations of interest.

2. COMMERCIAL CONFIDENTIALITY OF THE HOUSING TASK GROUP

Cllr Ms Colquhoun sought assurance that Councillors will be kept informed on land issues albeit in Part 2 giving the same access to information as received by members of the public who are part of the Task Group.
RESOLVED That this assurance be given.

3. HOLIDAY COTTAGE LETTINGS

Cllr Ms Colquhoun spoke at length on this item, with various suggestions including the need for research into the true scale and extent of the impact of holiday lets within Lakes Parish. She was firmly of the opinion that the spread of holiday cottages deprives young people of the opportunity to stay in the area. Despite representations at the highest level, the requirement for change of use when converting a domestic dwelling to a holiday cottage had not been accepted by the Government.

RESOLVED That the Council write to LDNPA and CALC to find out the percentage of properties in Holiday let occupation. And try once more by writing to the Housing Minister and the MP to have a change of use condition within the National Parks when houses in domestic use are converted to holiday cottages. Members also instructed the Clerk to investigate the holiday cottage usage of the three houses next to the Garage on Lake Road in Ambleside as these had been approved with a local occupancy clause.

The Chairman then ADJOURNED the Meeting to allow members of the public to speak. One person spoke on the build-out on Lake Road, another person spoke on the Fisherbeck Park planning application, others spoke on the Mill Brow Footpath and Ellers Brow. The Chairman then RECONVENED THE meeting.

4. SLDT – TO CONSIDER FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

The Clerk had circulated information as a result of an exploratory meeting with Officers of SLDT. A full discussion then took place. On the Motion of Cllr Ms Colquhoun and seconded by Cllr Mrs Sparrow it was moved that Lakes Parish Council sever connections on all issues with SLDT. An AMENDMENT was proposed by Cllr Bradshaw and seconded by Cllr Mrs Sowerbutts that Lakes Parish Council detail their requirements and seek Service Level Agreements with SLDT on issues as determined by the Council. A VOTE was taken and the Amendment was lost.

RESOLVED That Lakes Parish Council sever connections with SLDT on all issues.

5. MILL BROW FAR PERMITTED FOOTPATH

Cllrs Sparrow and Parsons were strongly in favour of the retention of this footpath on Highway safety grounds. The footpaths section of Cumbria County Council had declined to take responsibility on the grounds that it was too short a length of footpath. Local people were also strongly in favour of its retention.

RESOLVED That the Clerk seek a site meeting with all interested parties including Cumbria County Council and the National Trust to endeavour to keep open this important off road footpath.

6. CUMBRIA IN BLOOM

Members were asked to consider entry for 2009.

RESOLVED To agree to enter the various villages/hamlets in the Parish into the 2009 competition.

7. LITTER BIN ELTERWATER

Cllr Mrs Wilson spoke on this item and asked that the Council seek a litter bin for Elterwater Village

RESOLVED That the Clerk write to SLDC to request a litter bin in the village.

8. CHICANE LAKE ROAD

A member of the public had requested the Council to think again about this highway matter.

RESOLVED To write to the Highway Engineer and ask what he suggests to address this issue as Members are of the opinion that this build out is just not working as was originally envisaged.

9. TREE WORKS

- a. T/09/0016 – High Green Lodge, Troutbeck – Reduce drying pollarded sycamore by 8ft to wall height. Cut back ash saplings and pollard two small ash on lane side to prevent interference with traffic
- b. T/09/0017 - Matthew Howe, Town End, Troutbeck – Slight crown raising of yew and holly on roadside and slight crown raising of small mature beech To offer no objections to the work.

10 PLANS FOR CONSIDERATION

RESOLVED to make the following recommendations on the undermentioned plans:

1. 7/09/5106 Unit 1, Rothay Holme, Ambleside
Change of use from a warehouse to a childrens play area. – **No Comment as insufficient information on the proposals. Council feel that this is an inappropriate place for such a development that is next to a sewage works and backs onto an unprotected**

river. At the very least there should be a Development Control Site Visit.

2. 7/09/5120 17 Loughrigg Avenue Ambleside
Rear elevations to dwelling and alterations to windows in side elevation.- **No Objections**
3. 7/08/5135 23 Fisherbeck Park, Ambleside
2 storey side extension to dwelling – **No Objections however it is essential that a positive response is received from neighbour consultation.**
4. 7/09/5139 Macquarrie, Old Lake Road, Ambleside
Proposed weather porch and pitched slate roof to replace existing flat roof. – **No Objections**
5. 7/09/5143 Dale Foot, Grasmere
Erect a single storey timber framed glazed conservatory and extension to east elevation. – **No Objections**
6. 7/09/5144 Old Conservative Club, Church Street. Ambleside
2 illuminated fascia signs on front elevation, 1 illuminated fascia on rear elevation, 3 x illuminated poster cases and 1 x illuminated menu case on front corner of the building and 2 x non illuminated hanging signs on the rear of the building – **Refuse on the grounds of excessive illumination with too many signs on the rear elevation. There are also too many non illuminated signs on the gable end facing the King Street Car Park.**

The Meeting closed at 9.34pm