

## LAKES PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> September 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, Ms M.M. Colquhoun, M. Dugdale, N.C. Martin, Mrs S. Ogden, M. Parsons, Mrs V Rees, Mrs A. Sowerbutts, P.A. Thompson, J.R. Westmoreland and Mrs E. Wilson
- APOLOGIES: E.S. Bradshaw, Mrs E. Footit, District Cllr D Vatcher, County Cllr Earnshaw
- IN ATTENDANCE: None
- ALSO: M. A. Johnson, PCSO Laura Jackson, 3 members of the public and the Press

### 68 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> August 2009 held in the Library, Ambleside were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman accordingly.

### 69 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- ◆ Cllr Martin declared an interest in Planning item 7/09/5439
- ◆ Cllr Mrs Rees declared an interest in all Planning.
- ◆ Cllrs Mrs Braithwaite and Martin declared an Interest in Agenda Item 15, Kelsick's Educational Foundation.
- ◆ There were no further declarations of interest

### 70. ITEMS OF INFORMATION FROM MINUTE 68.

There were no queries on items contained within the Minutes of Agenda Item 68.

### 71 POLICE REPORT

PCSO Laura Jackson gave a report on various items of interest that had happened since the last Meeting. PC Buxton had tendered his apologies and suggested through the PCSO that Community Police Officers attend the Library half an hour prior to the full Council Meetings to hold a Surgery for Councillors or interested members of the public. Members welcomed this suggestion and the Clerk would publish it in the Agenda listing. She reported on an incident of criminal damage to a window at Market Cross that had resulted in an arrest. She said that the Great North Swim had gone off very well with 5750 swimmers. Only 19 persons needed to be recovered from the water on Saturday and 20 on Sunday. The organisers had paid for two Police Officers attendance on both days. There were no questions and the Chairman thanked her for her attendance.

### 72. REPORTS

- a. The Chairman had circulated the first page of his Diary notes of meetings attended and highlighted items of interest within.
- b. Neighbourhood Forum Troutbeck 21<sup>st</sup> September – This had been a very interesting and well attended meeting. One grant of £1000 had been given to Ambleside Cricket Club. The Council commended Debbie Binch for her work in the organising of these events.

- c. Parish Tour 17<sup>th</sup> September – All Councillors attending agreed that this had been a good day out and they had been made very welcome. It had been well organised and a good opportunity for networking with the Officers and members of the Park Authority. Some comment was made on the grand schemes proposed and the cost of Consultants for these schemes.
- d. Meeting of Lake District Parishes 17 September – The Chairman reported on a poorly attended Meeting. He commented that out of 90 parishes in the National Park, very few had bothered to attend.
- e. Meeting Red Bank Road 18 September - The Chairman reported on this meeting with the Highways Engineer to resolve problems of large vehicles and Sat Nav directing them along this dangerous road. The Engineer promised to progress signs as a matter of urgency and the Council will be fully consulted.
- f. Great North Swim. The Clerk had circulated comment from Skelwith Parish and also relayed comment from Coniston. All were happy with the arrangements in place and said it was much improved on last year. The Clerk was asked to write letters of thanks to LDNPA, SLDC, the Organisers and particularly the Boats who had done sterling service to make the event a success.
- g. Cllr Mrs Ogden reported that she had attended her first Meeting of Goodly Dale Homes.
- h. Cllr Ms Colquhoun reminded Members of the ongoing Waterhead consultation in the Library.

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

#### 73 FINANCE

- a. RESOLVED to confirm approval the orders for payment submitted to the meeting totalling £3102.00.
- b. RESOLVED - To defer a request from Langdale Church for funding towards a new Printer subject to various questions raised by Members being resolved.

#### 74 PLANS FOR CONSIDERATION

- 7/09/5413 Langdale C of E School, Chapel Stile, Langdale  
Construct a footpath for wheelchair access to woodland seat area. – **Approval on the grounds that this is a much needed facility.**
- 7/09/5432 Lakeland Antiques, Broadgate, Grasmere  
Installation of roof windows. – **No Objections**
- 7/09/5437 Bluebell Cottage, Easedale Road, Grasmere  
Extension to provide garages with storage space above and downstairs wc.- **No objections provided these remain as garages in perpetuity due to parking difficulties in this area. The Council would not wish to see this as a future application for conversion to accommodation for holiday letting.**
- 7/09/5439 Greystones, Compston Road, Ambleside  
Fix two signs to the front façade of the building. – **No Objections**
- 7/09/5441 Langdale Hotel and Country Club, Great Langdale  
Dog Kennel Corner – construction of two timeshare lodges- **No Objections subject to adequate parking arrangements**

- 7/09/5442 Langdale Hotel and Country Club, Great Langdale  
'Below Founders Seat' – construction of two timeshare lodges. – **No Objections**
- 7/09/5458 Bleaberry Tarn, Neaum Crag, Loughrigg  
Variation of condition to include 21 December in any year to 4 Jan in the following year in addition to the permitted occupancy period. – **No Objections**

## 75 MATTERS OF INFORMATION

### A. From the Chairman

In addition to his busy diary reported earlier, the Chairman had attended an all day World Heritage Site Project Meeting at Murley Moss that had a variety of Key Note speakers from various areas that already have WHS designation. This is to highlight the positive economic benefits and also to note minor practical problems.

From the Clerk

- 1 Windermere Town Council – Agenda 2<sup>nd</sup> September and 16<sup>th</sup> September
2. SLDC – Council agenda 22nd September 2009
3. Lakes Line Bulletin Autumn 2009 and Notice of AGM
4. The Clerk – September edition
5. CVS – September/October
6. Society of Local Council Clerks – Notice of AGM 24 October
7. Clerks and Councils Direct – September 2009

### C From Members

- a. Cllr Ms Colquhoun clarified her views on the recent planning application by St Mary's Church. She now conceded that she had been totally wrong and withdrew her objection.
- b. Cllr Parsons reported on a meeting of Rydal Village Society and highlighted a threat to another permissive footpath to the rear of Rydal Hall. This is a popular path and it may mean that an important bridge is also removed. The Clerk will agenda 'Footpaths at Risk for the next meeting.
- c. Cllr Mrs Sparrow reported on the approval of a recent change of use for the Ambleside Welfare Charity Market Hall. She thanked the Council for their support. There was now a new Clerk in post and she gave details to the Council..

### D. From District Cllrs – Cllr Mrs Rees spoke on the recent appointment of three new enforcement Officers by SLDC. She also spoke on the new Contracts being renegotiated for Refuse, Street Cleaning, Parks and Open Spaces that would be performance related. A joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee had been established for the whole of Cumbria. Councillor Vatcher was now much recovered and starting to resume his Councillor duties.

### E. From the County Councillor – Cllr Earnshaw had tendered his apologies.

## 76 STOCKGHYLL PARK/WOODS

The Clerk introduced this item and then invited Cllr Ms Colquhoun to comment. This had been a long running struggle to try to get some improvement in the Park without success. She suggested that a letter be written to the Charity Commissioners and the Clerk obtain the names of the Trustees of the Park to try to make some progress.

RESOLVED – To agree to write to the Charity Commissioners and seek the names of the Trustees.

#### 77. FOOTPATH NEAR ELLERS

Cllr Mrs Wilson reported on this permissive footpath that was now in danger of total closure. The National Trust was seeking the views of the Council.

RESOLVED To invite the Footpaths Officer of the County Council to a Meeting of the Council, inform the National Trust that all efforts should be made to keep open this path and ask the County Councillor to continue his efforts to resolve this issue.

#### 78. PUBLIC CONVENIENCES IN SOUTH LAKELAND

The Clerk had circulated notification of a meeting to be held on 6<sup>th</sup> October and asking for representatives to attend.

RESOLVED That the Chairman and the Clerk attend on behalf of the Council.

#### 79. SOUTH LAKELAND STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP

The Clerk had circulated information on this

RESOLVED to seek parity with Windermere and agree 4 Councillors plus Clerk to attend any meetings arranged.

#### 80. ENVIRONMENT TASK GROUP

Members were asked to consider current aims and objectives and clarify membership of this group.

RESOLVED To seek additional membership through local publicity and arrange a Meeting to discuss future objectives.

#### 81. KELSICK'S EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

The Clerk had circulated a letter from the Clerk to the Trustees seeking reappointment of the retiring Parish Council representative.

RESOLVED to agree to the re appointment of Mrs Linda Dixon as a representative of the Council on the Foundation Board of Trustees.

#### 82. MOTOR HOME PARKING MILLER FIELD

Cllr Martin circulated photographs showing the signs, tariffs and parking of motor homes in this location. He questioned whether permission for this had been granted. He was also of the opinion that this piece of land in question should have been reinstated to agricultural use once the proposals for the Miller Field car park were complete

RESOLVED to contact the Enforcement Officer of LDNPA to seek clarification on the use of this land.

#### 83. PAVEMENT OBSTRUCTIONS

Cllr Thompson gave a slide show presentation on this item.

RESOLVED To write to Lakeland Hotels to define their legal boundary at Waterhead in relation to the road and pavement. To seek a walkabout with Officers of SLDC and LDNPA to see pavement obstructions in Ambleside that were totally out of control.

#### 84. CHAPEL HILL – CAR PARKING ISSUES

This item was deferred pending the attendance of the County Councillor.

RESOLVED – To defer to the next Meeting

#### 85. DISABLED PARKING IN AMBLESIDE

Cllr Ms Colquhoun was most concerned that there were no parking spaces for Disabled drivers in the vicinity of the Post Office in Ambleside and asked that this matter be raised again with the appropriate authorities.

RESOLVED That the Clerk write again to seek a Disabled parking place near the Post Office in Ambleside.

86. TREE WORKS

T/09/050 – Laurel bank, Belle Vue Lane, Ambleside – Prune copper beech

T/09/051 - The Giggling Goose Ambleside – Remove all self seeded trees and shrubs growing out of the retaining wall and treat attempts at regrowth.

T/09/0054 – Littlebeck, Fair View Road, Ambleside – remove 2 conifers and 1 acer.

RESOLVED - No Objections to any of the above.

87. Appeals/Amendments/Withdrawn Planning Applications

7/09/5293 – Rothay Holme Industrial Estate – demolition and erection of industrial/workshop units.

7/09/5377 – St Mary's Parish Church Ambleside – various alterations to the Church

These applications have been withdrawn

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The Chairman then MOVED Part 2 on the grounds of the Confidentiality of the Business about to be transacted – this was Agreed unanimously.

88 HONOURS – NOTIFICATION OF SAME.

Cllr Ms Colquhoun spoke on this item and moved that a certain individual within Lakes Parish should be nominated for an Honour in the New Years Honours List.

The Chairman seconded this nomination.

RESOLVED That the Council nominate this individual and the Clerk make the necessary arrangements to progress this.

The Meeting closed at 9.35pm