

LAKES PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on 9 June 2010 in the Library, Kelsick Road, Ambleside at 7.30pm

PRESENT: Cllr L Johnson (In the Chair), Mrs F.M. Sparrow, Mrs E. Footit, Mrs S. Ogden, M. Parsons, Mrs A. Sowerbutts, P.A.Thompson, P. Truelove, J.R. Westmoreland and Mrs E. Wilson,

APOLOGIES: E.S. Bradshaw, N.C. Martin, Mrs V Rees and PC D Buxton

IN ATTENDANCE: None

ALSO: M. A. Johnson, 4 members of the public and the Press (Insp Spedding and Sgt Stephens present for a late Police update)

Prior to the commencement of the Meeting the Chairman asked for a short silence in memory of the victims of the West Cumbria shootings and their families. He asked the Clerk to write to Copeland Borough Council and convey the feelings of the Council.

20 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Council AGM held on 5th May 2010 were approved as a correct record.

21 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- ◆ Cllr Thompson declared a personal and prejudicial interest in Agenda item 10 LDNPA allocations of land item X2144.
- ◆ There were no further declarations of interest

22 ITEMS OF INFORMATION FROM MINUTE 20.

None.

23 POLICE REPORT

The Police were not present due to PC Buxton being on holiday and other Officers caught up in other duties. The Clerk read out a report prepared by PCSO Jackson. Inspector Spedding and Sgt Stephens attended later in the Meeting and reported on the latest crime figures that were significantly down year on year. It was also reported that PC Buxton would be replaced on his retirement by PC Paul Burke, an appointment welcomed by the Council.

The Chairman ADJOURNED the Meeting to allow members of the public to speak. One member spoke on the planning application for Rothay Garden Hotel, Grasmere and another on the plans for a footway to the Ambleside War Memorial near the Church. This would be placed on a future agenda for discussion. One member of the public queried the planning application for a laundrette in Ambleside.

The Meeting was then RECONVENED

24. REPORTS

- a. The Chairman reported on the Parish of Lakes Meeting on 12 May 2010.
- b. Central Lakes LAP 19th May. The Minutes of this meeting had been circulated. The Chairman and Vice Chairman reported on this meeting.
- c. University of Cumbria Community Liaison Group 26th May. A report had been circulated on this meeting. The Chairman will be speaking on a Radio 4 programme on the demise of the College after 120 years of student education.

- d. SLDC Lake Windermere Admin Committee 4th June. The Chairman had attended and reported that this had been mainly a business meeting.
- e. Central Lakes Neighbourhood Forum 8th June. The Chairman and Vice Chairman reported on a good meeting of the new Neighbourhood forum that was now allied with the LAP. The full Minutes will be circulated in due course.
- f. LDNPA Site meeting Langdale Leisure. The Vice Chairman had attended this meeting to consider the planning application for an extension to the hotel. It had been a very good and well presented meeting.
- g. Project Red Squirrel at Murley Moss, Kendal. The Vice Chairman had attended and reported on a meeting with lots of interest and attendees.

25 FINANCE

- a. RESOLVED to confirm approval the orders for payment submitted to the meeting totalling £5035.77

26 PLANS FOR CONSIDERATION

1. 7/10/5204 Ben's Cottage, Elterwater
Extension of balcony/top step on the rear elevation.- No Objections
2. 7/10/5213 Wordsworth Hotel, Grasmere
New access door to the Dove Bar.- No Objections
3. 7/10/5217 St Mary's Close, Wansfell, Ambleside
Pitched slate roof to garage, extension to kitchen and bedroom, rear sun room extension, enlargement and new dormer windows to main roof.- Approve as a positive improvement to the property
4. 7/10/5218 The Old Mill, North Road, Ambleside
Change of use of ground floor from A1 retail to A2 financial and professional services.- Withdrawn
5. 7/10/5230 Lakeland Antiques, Broadgate, Grasmere
Block up gable ground window, reduce gable glazing to a single window, add traditional style porches to gable shop window and door.- No Objections
6. 7/10/5236 Rothay Garden Hotel, Broadgate, Grasmere
Alterations and extension to provide new health spa, restaurant, conservatories and balconies.- Approve as a positive improvement to the previously submitted plans and the local area
7. 7/10/5239 Ashton Cottage, Fair View Road, Ambleside
Demolition of existing rear lean-to and erection of single storey extension- No Objections
8. 7/10/5242 Underhelm Farm. Grasmere
Construction of new timber frame covering to existing farm area - No Objections
9. 7/10/5246 The Wyke, Grasmere
Part demolition, part rebuilding on larger footprint and refurbishment including re-roofing of private dwelling. (resubmission)- No Objections
10. 7/10/5257 Field near Stickle Cottage, Great Langdale
New sewage treatment plant for Stickle Cottage - No Objections
11. 7/10/5262 Howe Top Farm, White Moss, Ambleside
External and internal alterations - No Objections to the submitted plans

- 12. 7/10/5266 Dale Lodge Hotel, Grasmere
2 freestanding backlit signs at entrances to hotel- No
Objections
- 13. 7/10/5272 Brathay Fell Cottage, Clappersgate, Ambleside
Proposed rear extension - Approve
- 14. 7/10/5274 Former Youngs premises, Lake Road, Ambleside
Change of use from shop to shop and climbing wall, open up
new door - Approve as this will enhance this possible difficult
to let area of Ambleside

27 MATTERS OF INFORMATION

- A. From the Chairman
The Chairman had circulated a list of his engagements for the previous month
- B. From the Clerk
 - 1 Windermere Town Council – Agenda 9th June 2010
 - 2 Lakes Line Minutes – 10 May 2010
 - 3 SLDC Standards Committee – Annual report 2009/10
 - 4 Bronwen Nixon footbridge – possible refurbishment
 - 5 LDNPA Supplementary Planning Document – Housing provision
 - 6 List of Parish Council meetings for 2010 into 2011.
 - 7 Parish Newsletter.
- C From Members
 - a. Cllr Mrs Footit expressed concern at the selling off of Tourist Information Centres and commented that the bus stop signs in Grasmere had not yet been reinstated.
 - b. Cllr Mrs Wilson commented that the acoustics at the Parish annual meeting in the Kelsick hall had not been good and that a sound system should be considered. She felt that there had been too many speakers.
 - c. Cllr Mrs Sparrow felt that the Council should recognise the service of PC Buxton. This will be placed on a future agenda for discussion.
- D. From the District Councillor – None present.
- E. From the County Councillor – Not present.

28 LDNPA ALLOCATION OF LAND – ISSUES AND OPTIONS.

The Clerk had circulated the report of the Task Group set up to consider the issues and options contained within the document.

RESOLVED To adopt the report of the Task Group with one or two additions and amendments as put forward by Members.

29 LITTER BINS LDNPA CAR PARKS

Cllr Mrs Footit reported on the removal of litter bins from car parks.

RESOLVED – That the Clerk write to LDNPA and seek reasons for the removal of the litter bins.

30 A593 WALLS AND ROADWAY

Cllr Mrs Sparrow reported that progress was being made to achieve repairs. She noted the impending night time closure of the A593 in September to complete the work on the roadway and felt that this could be an ideal time to have the walls repaired.

RESOLVED That the Clerk write to the National Trust and County Highways asking that the work on the A593 walls and roadway be co-ordinated. Members also wished to invite the new National Trust local Officer to attend a future meeting of the Council.

31. ENVIRONMENT TASK GROUP

This had been placed on the agenda for resolution.

RESOLVED To place this Task Group in abeyance until after the next Parish Elections in May 2011.

32. EYESORES IN THE PARISH

Cllr Thompson reported on numerous eyesores in the Parish from Low Wood to Waterhead, through Rothay Bridge, Gilbert Scar, Kelsick Field, St Mary's Lane and Stock Ghyll.

RESOLVED To bring these matters to the attention of SLDC and request an urgent meeting with Continental Landscapes and the Officer in Charge at SLDC.

33. LDNPA PARTNERSHIP PLAN – MANAGEMENT PLAN IN THE LAKE DISTRICT

Members noted the content of the Plan that had been circulated to Members for information and comment on line as indicated in the covering letter. Meetings were taking place at Keswick on 14th June and Brockhole on 17th June (7 to 9pm) to enable members of the public and Councils to ask questions prior to commenting on the plan. RECEIVED.

34 TREE WORKS.

T/10/0032– Grasmere C of E School – prune one beech.

RESOLVED – Members had no objection to this work.

35. PLANNING APPLICATIONS WITHDRAWN/AMENDED/APPEALS

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7/10/5001 - 3 Riverside Cottages, Under Loughrigg Ambleside – this application is withdrawn.

7/09/5754 - Grasmere C of E School, Stock Lane, Grasmere – appeal against refusal of planning permission for erection of school and associated landscaping with new community square – to be determined by written representations.

7/09/5589 - Littlewater Tarn, Neaum Crag, Loughrigg – appeal against refusal of planning permission relating to wardens accommodation – to be dealt with by written representations.

7/10/5218 - The Old Mill, North Road, Ambleside – Change of use from A1 retail to A2 Financial and professional services – this application has been withdrawn.
Clerk to report

36 PLANNING DECISIONS

Approvals

7/09/5726 – Wanless How Cottage Ambleside – conversion to domestic accommodation

7/10/5031 – Stickleback Tavern Great Langdale – change of use of staff accommodation

7/10/5078 – Rydal Hall, Rydal – erection of five yurts for holiday use

7/10/5076 – Middlegates, Lower Gale Ambleside – proposed porch

7/10/5101 – Galava Shiel, Ambleside – extension and alterations

7/10/5140 – 1 Hogarth Cottages Troutbeck – dormer extension roof light and internal alterations

7/10/5149 – Highwood Skelwith Lane Troutbeck – new garden store

Refusals

7/10/5754 - Grasmere C of E School – erection of new school

7/10/5051 – Rothay Villa Stock Lane Grasmere – proposed extensions to existing cafe

The Meeting closed at 9pm