

LAKES PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on 10th March 2010 in the Library, Kelsick Road, Ambleside at 7.30pm

PRESENT: Cllr L Johnson (In the Chair), Mrs F.M. Sparrow, W. H Allen, Ms M.M. Colquhoun, M. Dugdale, Mrs E. Footit, N.C. Martin, Mrs S. Ogden, M. Parsons, Mrs V Rees, Mrs A. Sowerbutts, P.A.Thompson and Mrs E. Wilson

APOLOGIES: E.S. Bradshaw, J.R. Westmoreland, County Cllr Earnshaw.

IN ATTENDANCE: District Cllr Vatcher

ALSO: M. A. Johnson, PC Buxton, Inspector O'Hare and PCSO Largue, 1 member of the public and the Press

158 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 10TH February 2010 and the Plans Meeting held on 24th February 2010 in the Library, Ambleside were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman accordingly.

159 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- ◆ Cllr Mrs Rees declared an interest in all Planning with some recent qualification and a personal interest in the Agenda Item Armitt Museum.
- ◆ There were no further declarations of interest

160. ITEMS OF INFORMATION FROM MINUTE 158.

None.

161 POLICE REPORT

PC Buxton updated Members on the Stronger Safer Communities meeting that had taken place immediately prior to this Parish Council Meeting. The main priority item from this meeting is speeding on Lake Road, Ambleside. The next meeting will be on 9th June at 6.30pm in the Library Ambleside. He gave a report on various items of interest that had happened since the last Meeting. He was pleased to note that crime in Ambleside was down by 5% with Anti Social behaviour reports down by 70%. There had been an increase in commercial burglary with one arrest for 3 offences. He reported on the successful conclusion to the latest Up the Wall initiative with 6 certificates awarded. He is liaising with South Lakes Housing on trying to progress a sports/games area at Kirkfield. He reported on a forthcoming V79 operation in the local area and welcomed Parish Council involvement. Inspector O'Hare introduced himself and spoke on policing priorities that he has identified in the two weeks he has been in post. Inspector Spedding is at present on sick leave. PC Buxton answered questions and the Chairman thanked the Officers for their attendance.

162. REPORTS

- a. The Chairman reported on the recent University Liaison Meeting. A list of questions from the Council had been supplied prior to the Meeting and answers would be forthcoming by 20th March. Four working groups had been set up to address issues identified by the forthcoming mothballing of the campus. Cllr Mrs Sparrow felt that it was disappointing that no answers had been forthcoming and Cllr Mrs Sowerbutts had found it very frustrating.

- b. CALC South Lakeland Meeting 4 March. The Chairman reported on a good meeting. There had been a housing presentation on Section 106 and then a further presentation on Choice Based Lettings.
- c. Standards Training 4th March. Cllrs Thompson, Sparrow and Bradshaw had attended and reported on a good training session.
- d. The Chairman reported on the Talk Toilets meeting in the Parish Centre and also a Cumbria In Bloom Meeting in Penrith.
- e. Cllr Martin reported on a meeting of the Kelsick Trust on 18th February that had paid out grants of £24000.
- f. Cllr Martin reported on a Windermere Endowed School Foundation meeting that had distributed a number of grants to local schools and students.

The Chairman adjourned the Meeting to allow the public to speak. No one wished to speak and the Meeting was re-convened.

163 FINANCE

- a. RESOLVED to confirm approval the orders for payment submitted to the meeting totalling £4672.90
- b. RESOLVED - To agree to the annual subscription to CALC in the sum of £423.
- c. To consider the purchase of a Gritter – deferred pending demonstration.
- d. RESOLVED to confirm the appointment of Cllr Bradshaw as a cheque signatory in place of Cllr Mrs Braithwaite until the Parish AGM on 5th May 2010.

164 PLANS FOR CONSIDERATION

7/10/5078 Rydal Hall, Rydal, Ambleside

Erection of 5 Yurts for holiday use in camping field (part retrospective) – **No Objections**

165 MATTERS OF INFORMATION

- A. From the Chairman
 - The Chairman had attended the LDNPA Low Wood site visit, a meeting of the Lake District National Park Partnership at County Hall in Kendal and a World Heritage Site Steering Group at Kendal
- B. From the Clerk
 - 1 Windermere Town Council – Agenda 10th March 2010
 - 2. The Clerk – March 2010
 - 3. Clerks and Councils Direct March 2010
 - 4. Recycle for Cumbria – Review
 - 5. Extract from Church Times – re University of Cumbria
 - 6. Memorial Bench – top of Compston Road
 - 7. Litter Bin – new Bus Shelter Chapel Stile
 - 8. Surreptitious taping of Council Meetings by members of the public in direct contravention of Standing Orders
- C From Members
 - a. Cllr Mrs Rees spoke on a meeting of the Affordable Housing Task Group and will produce the Minutes of the Meeting for distribution to Members.
- D. From District Cllrs – Cllr Mrs Rees had little to report other than an item on street cleaning. Cllr Vatcher had nothing to report.
- E. From the County Councillor – Cllr Earnshaw had tendered his apologies.

166 VACANCY GRASMERE WARD.

The Clerk informed Members that no election had been called and the Council could now fill the Vacancy by co-option. The Clerk would advertise the vacancy in the Parish Newsletter due for publication at the end of March.

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167 EXTENSION OF OFFICE

Cllr Westmoreland had requested that he be excused from Council Meetings until his present medical condition improves.

RESOLVED - That under Section 85 of the LGA 1972 the attendance of Cllr Westmoreland be excused until his medical condition improves.

168. PRE-PLANNING CONSULTATION

The Council were asked to consider their Policy in relation to Pre Planning consultations with developers and planners. A discussion took place and during the debate a Councillor made highly critical remarks of the Vice Chairman in relation to an item not on the Agenda. The Chairman then asked that Councillor to withdraw her remarks. The Councillor refused to do so. The Chairman again asked the Councillor to withdraw her remarks or leave the Meeting. The Councillor again refused to withdraw her remarks and also refused to leave the Meeting. The Chairman then invoked Standing Order 33(b) and (c) and named Cllr Ms Colquhoun. He MOVED that the Councillor named do leave the Meeting. This Motion was seconded by Cllr Mrs Rees and carried with ten Members voting in favour. The Chairman then invoked Standing Order 33 (d) and again requested Cllr Ms Colquhoun leave the Meeting. Cllr Ms Colquhoun refused. **The Clerk then advised the Chairman that his powers now included calling the Police to have the Councillor ejected from the Meeting or adjourning the Meeting until the Councillor left the room. With there appearing to be no prospect of the Councillor voluntarily leaving the room,** the Chairman then adjourned the Meeting and directed that outstanding items be taken first on the Agenda of the Meeting to be held on 24 March 2010.

The Meeting closed at 9.35pm