

LAKES PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on 13th January 2010 in the Library, Kelsick Road, Ambleside at 7.30pm

- PRESENT: Mrs F.M. Sparrow (In the Chair), E.S. Bradshaw,
Mrs E. Footit, N.C. Martin, M. Parsons, Mrs V Rees,
Mrs A. Sowerbutts, P.A. Thompson
- APOLOGIES: Cllr L Johnson, W. H Allen, Mrs E.M. Braithwaite, Ms M.M. Colquhoun, M. Dugdale, Mrs S Ogden, J.R. Westmoreland, Mrs E. Wilson.
- IN ATTENDANCE: County Cllr D Earnshaw
- ALSO: M. A. Johnson, Insp J Spedding, PC D Buxton, 24 members of the public and the Press

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the Meeting and expressed concern regarding Cllr Mrs Braithwaite who had fallen and broken her wrist. Members agreed that a get well soon card should be sent on behalf of the Council.

131 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 9th December 2009 held in the Library, Ambleside were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman accordingly.

132 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- ◆ Cllr Mrs Rees declared an interest in all Planning.
- ◆ Cllr Parsons declared a personal interest in the Planning item re UnderHelm Farm Grasmere and took no part in the discussion or debate leaving the room at that point in the Agenda.
- ◆ There were no further declarations of interest

133. ITEMS OF INFORMATION FROM MINUTE 131.

- a. The Chairman asked for information on the unauthorised sign attached to the finger post at the top of Compston Road, Ambleside. The Clerk said that the Dentist had requested permission for it to stay to aid directions for visitors and tourists who might require dental treatment. Members felt that this would set a precedent and insisted that it be removed and the Dentist seek the proper channels to advertise his services.
- b. Councillor Bradshaw asked if any response had been forthcoming from the Minister re the mothballing of the University campus. As nothing had been received he suggested that lines of communication between the University and the Council should be improved as everything that was being received was second hand information. The Clerk should write to the Vice Chancellor seeking his thoughts on improving communications. The Clerk should also seek a place on the University Board for a representative of the Council and additionally invite Tim Farron MP to a future meeting of the Council .

134 POLICE REPORT

PC Buxton gave a comprehensive report to the Meeting that covered the Policing Pledge, Crime Mapping and the Safer Stronger Community meetings that were now to take place on a regular basis. Antisocial Behaviour calls had dropped by 65% in Ambleside and reported crime in the area of Lakes was down by 26%. The message however remains

Lock it or Lose it!!. Ambleside Police Station front office was now staffed by volunteers Tuesday to Friday 10 to 4pm. He reported on the recent problems caused by snow and also a recent survey of people re their concerns in the area. He spoke on drug problems locally. There were no questions from Members and the Chairman thanked Officers for their attendance.

135. REPORTS

- a. Brockhole Consultative Group Meeting – Cllr Mrs Rees reported on the last meeting of the group. There is very much an involvement with the Community on what is happening and keeping in touch. Work is being undertaken with Lakes School and they are involved in the consultation process.
- b. Waterhead Meeting 14th December. Cllr Bradshaw gave an update on progress. The next stage would be technical discussions with a specification at the end of the process. He remarked on costings that could ultimately be in the region of £3 million however this would undoubtedly be dependent on the economy and also the coming general election.

136 FINANCE

- a. RESOLVED to confirm approval the orders for payment submitted to the meeting totalling £3136.88.

The Chairman ADJOURNED the Meeting to allow members of the public to speak. Two people spoke in favour of the Grasmere School planning application. One spoke on problems of parking at Castlefield in Ambleside and this will be placed on the next Agenda for discussion. One member of the public remarked on the problems of parking in Millans Park. The Parish Handyman highlighted the problem of the ditch/stream between the Soccer Club and the Churchyard. The County Councillor had been in touch with the people concerned and was hopeful that a resolution to this would be in hand shortly. No one else wished to speak and the Meeting was then RECONVENED

137 PLANS FOR CONSIDERATION

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| 7/09/5666 | Guidestone Cottage, Elterwater
Replacement of existing septic tank with new tank and associated drainage field. – No Objections |
| 7/09/5687 | Churchills Hotel, Lake Road, Ambleside
Change of use and extension to hotel car park to allow one extra parking space.- No Objections |
| 7/09/5727 | Hayes Garden World, Lake Road, Ambleside
Proposed laying out of customer car park extension (39 extra spaces) to North Car park – No Objections provided that the hedge line at the far end is replaced with mature trees to screen the wall of the Warehouse. |
| 7/09/5735 | Rydal Cricket Ground, Ambleside
Extend existing viewing balcony – No Objections |
| 7/09/5754 | Grasmere C of E School, Stock Lane Grasmere
Erection of a single storey school comprising educational uses and community facilities, site landscaping and the provision of a new community square. – Defer a decision pending at site visit by the Parish Council. The decision of the Council will be sent to the Park Authority on 26th January 2010. |

138 MATTERS OF INFORMATION

- A. From the Chairman
The Chairman gave information on elections for 2010 and said that the Parish elections would be in 2011.
- B. From the Clerk
 - 1 Windermere Town Council – Agenda 13 January
 - 2. Lakes Line Agenda 6 January 2010
 - 3. The Clerk January 2010
 - 4. Grit at the Parish Office during the bad weather.
 - 5. Clerk on leave next week Tuesday onwards.
 - 6. Site Visit agreed to Grasmere School Monday 25th Jan at 1030am. Meet Stock Lane Car Park.
- C From Members
 - a. Cllr Martin reported removal of grit from essential bins at Skelwith.
 - b. Cllr Mrs Rees felt that a framework of communication for emergencies in the Parish should be considered. This would be placed on a future Agenda for discussion.
 - c. Cllr Bradshaw agreed with item b and said that we should agenda it under Emergency Planning.
- D. From District Cllrs – Cllr Mrs Rees informed Members of emergency storage in Grasmere. She also spoke on planning compliance with the Park and said that an Officer was available to attend meetings to explain to members the policy on this.
- E. From the County Councillor – Cllr Earnshaw spoke on the recent problems of snow and gritting. A full review would be taking place to see how to address the obvious problems that had arisen. He also spoke on efforts to change the decision to mothball the University campus.

139 ENVIRONMENT TASK GROUP

The Clerk invited a volunteer from members to Chair this Task Group.

RESOLVED To defer this item to the AGM of the Council in May when a further discussion will take place.

140 LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIP

The Chairman spoke on this item and invited nominations to represent the Council. The next meeting will be at an agreed date in February at the Lakes School.

RESOLVED That Cllrs Johnson, Bradshaw and Mrs Sparrow be nominated. Cllr Martin will serve as a Reserve. A review of Lakes PC LAP involvement will take place in 12 months time and the Council reserve the right to withdraw from the partnership if little is being achieved.

141 CODE OF CONDUCT TRAINING 2010

Cllr Bradshaw highlighted the benefits of training and encouraged those Members who had not been to recent events to consider attendance.

RESOLVED That Cllrs Sparrow, Parsons, Bradshaw and Thompson will attend the Windermere training.

142 CLAIMED RIGHT OF WAY NORTH ROAD TO CHAPEL HILL

The Clerk had submitted evidence produced by local people to the County Council but they now required that the Parish Council support the application.

RESOLVED To agree to support the application and that the Clerk submit the required documentation on behalf of the Council.

143 GRITTING

Cllr Thompson highlighted various problems within the Parish and the absence of a grit bin near Miller Bridge. He felt that the Council should purchase a bin in this location.

RESOLVED To request the County Council to replace the missing bin and stock it with grit prior to any further action being taken.

144 PLANNING MATTERS

7/09/5675 – South View, Troutbeck – proposals to raise the loft ridge, new vehicular garden entrance with undercroft storage – this application has been withdrawn.

The Chairman moved Part 2 and the public and press were excluded on the grounds of the confidentiality of the business to be transacted

145. UNDERHELM FARM GRASMERE

The Clerk had circulated information on the above.

RESOLVED That the Clerk write and explain the position of the Council and also seek advice from CALC and NALC.

146 PLANNING DECISIONS

None received.

The meeting closed at 9.34pm