

LAKES PARISH COUNCIL

PLANS MEETING

Minutes of the Meeting held in the Library, Ambleside on Wednesday 24th March 2010 at 7pm

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

APOLOGIES: Cllrs Mrs S Ogden, J.R. Westmoreland

IN ATTENDANCE: District Cllr Vatcher

ALSO M.A. Johnson, 3 members of the public and the Press

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Mrs Rees declared an interest in all Planning matters and the item concerning Grasmere School. There were no other declarations of interest.

2. PRE PLANNING CONSULTATION

A full discussion had taken place prior to the adjournment of the previous meeting
RESOLVED - That the 7pm slot be reserved exclusively for items in the public realm and that all other matters, including planning, be dealt with at the 8pm adjournment.

3. PUBLIC CONVENIENCE CONSULTATION

The Chairman read the draft LAP response to Toilet consultation. Members were then asked for their response to the Talk Toilets consultation.

RESOLVED That the LAP draft response be generally adopted as an outline of Parish concern. Members are concerned about the economic, public health and social aspect of any toilet closures. It is considered that a good toilet network throughout the area is essential and vital for public and tourists alike. That it is a basic human right to have access to good toilet facilities. That the Parish consider taking over the local toilets only if funding is made available. That outsourcing the toilet management be agreed but only if the smaller/rural toilets are protected and taken as part of any deal. That problems are seen in the community scheme where shops and cafes are not always open, may not be suitable and may have security issues for staff and their personal items. The Council had great difficulty in prioritising those being used the most and also those who they would choose to keep open above the rest. The Council would wish to see all kept open. It was also agreed that any income from toilets should be reinvested in them. There were lots of good examples on the internet of Councils with working toilet arrangements showing a radical and flexible approach.

4. ARMITT MUSEUM

Cllr Rees gave a history of the Armitt and outlined its current and future funding requirements. She highlighted the need for income for staff costs and also a Curator and felt that it is vital that the collection is kept together and not broken up. The Chairman will attend the official reopening and reiterate the full support of the Council to its continued existence.
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5. GRASMERE SCHOOL

The Clerk had circulated a letter on Nursery provision but this was now for information only due to the time for response having passed. He gave an update on the ongoing planning

application for the new School and highlighted the responses to date with over 90 against and almost 50 for the development. It was noted that of the 48 in favour at least 46 had some connection with the School. The Application will be decided at a Meeting of the LDNPA development control panel on Wednesday 7th April commencing at 10am.

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6. SQUIRREL MANAGEMENT IN THE LAKE DISTRICT

The Clerk had circulated information on the formation of a group to coordinate action to help preserve the red squirrel. A nominee was sought from the Council.

RESOLVED That Cllr Mrs Sparrow be nominated.

7. FOOTPATHS A591 GRASMERE

Cllr Mrs Footit reported on this item. Various representations had been made resulting in sporadic cleaning of the paths. She is of the opinion that the work had not been done properly.

RESOLVED That the Clerk write to the County Council and highlight the problems identified.

THE CHAIRMAN ADJOURNED THE MEETING. A discussion took place on another HGV incident on Red Bank road at Grasmere. THE MEETING WAS RECONVENED.

8. WINTER MAINTENANCE IN SOUTH LAKELAND

The Chairman, Vice Chairman and the Clerk had attending a meeting in Kendal the previous day that discussed the problems that had arisen over the previous winter. Cllr Mrs Sparrow gave a resume of the meeting and it was stressed that for potholes and all other road issues the Highway Hotline 0845 609 6609 should be used. Further documentation and information will be circulated with the next Agenda when a full discussion will take place on Grit Bins etc.

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The CHAIRMAN THEN ADJOURNED THE MEETING. A member of the public raised issues on missing 30mph signs at Waterhead; a damaged wall under Gilbert Scar and a wall at Low Wood. A member of the public raised an issue on a construction at Hayes Garden Centre being undertaken by United Utilities. A member of the public raised the need for a grit bin at Millans Park. THE MEETING WAS THEN RECONVENED.

9. FLOOD ACTION GROUP

A number of Councillors had visited an exhibition in the Library with Jo Ratcliffe of the Environment Agency. A community based flood action group is required rather than being led by the Council. The Vice Chairman had advised that the Neighbourhood Forum may be the best way of achieving community involvement. Cllr Rees is investigating a group for Grasmere.

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10. CUMBRIA IN BLOOM 2010

The Chairman reported on the lack of entries into the competition from various parts of the Parish, partly as a result of paperwork problems. He encouraged communities to enter this year but recognised that a lot of work is involved. Chapel Stile have already entered and the Clerk will submit the Ambleside entry.

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11. VACANCY – LANGDALES WARD

The Clerk had circulated the resignation of Cllr Dugdale and will commence the advertisement for his replacement.

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12. HYDRO SCHEMES IN SOUTH LAKELAND

The Clerk had circulated a list of schemes within South Lakeland and information on the providers of such schemes.

RESOLVED – That the Clerk write to a provider named and highlight the possibilities of areas around Stock Beck including the present water wheel in situ.

13. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

1. 7/09/5726 Wanless How Cottage Borrans Road Ambleside
Convert domestic ancillary storage into domestic ancillary accommodation – **No Objections**
2. 7/10/5076 Middlegates, Lower Gale, Ambleside
Proposed porch – **No Objections**
3. 7/10/5092 1 Kelsick Road, Ambleside
Change of use from Barbers shop to Laundrette – **No Objections provided the question of noise and local residents is addressed.**
4. 7/10/5101 Galava Shiel, Borrans Road, Ambleside
Extensions and alterations to provide new first floor accommodation.- **No Objections**
5. 7/10/5105/25 Hall Bank Cottage, Rydal
Change of use of the old Estate office to living accommodation to extend the existing single dwelling.- **No Objections**

14. PLANNING DECISIONS NOTIFIED BY LDNPA

APPROVALS

- 7/09/5613 Boat House, Pullwood Bay Estates Ambleside – convert first and second floor of boathouse into an apartment as a replacement for holiday use in main house now to be used as staff accommodation.

The Meeting closed at 8.25m