

LAKES PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Plans Meeting held on 25th January 2012 in the Library, Kelsick Road, Ambleside at 7pm

PRESENT: Cllrs E.S. Bradshaw (In the Chair), Mrs F.M. Sparrow, Mrs J. Birkett, J.R. Holmes, L. Johnson, N.C. Martin, M. Parsons, Mrs V Rees, P. Simpson, Mrs A. Sowerbutts, P.A. Thompson, P. Truelove and Mrs L Waterhouse

APOLOGIES: Cllrs, Ms M.M. Colquhoun, Mrs E Footit, District Cllr Ben Berry and Andrew Leach (speaker Agenda item 3)

IN ATTENDANCE: District Cllr H. Halliday, David Coxon LDNPA, County Cllrs D. Earnshaw and J Stephenson

ALSO: M. A. Johnson, 6 members of the public and the Press

1 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- ◆ Cllr Mrs Rees declared an interest in all Planning.

2. The Chairman welcomed David Coxon from the Lake District Park Authority who addressed Members on the parking enforcement systems used by the LDNPA. He explained that the instruction to him is to maximise income from the car parks. He explained the reasoning behind the remote CCTV enforcement and the procedures in place for dealing with appeals from aggrieved motorists. He is presently working towards taking enforcement 'in house' and implementing a pay on exit system with a flexible payments system that should alleviate the level of complaint. The Chairman then invited questions and comment from Councillors. Questions on uniformity of payment throughout all car parks in the National Park, White Moss, Broadgate and the grace period on Waterhead were all addressed by Mr Coxon. The Clerk will act as liaison for any future problems. The Chairman thanked Mr Coxon for giving an insight into this issue.

3. ROTHAY PARK

Councillor Thompson spoke on this item.

He highlighted various problems within the Park and on its periphery. These were the responsibility of the District and County Councils and Cllrs Mrs Rees, Heidi Halliday and Earnshaw agreed to take on the issues raised. They will report back to a future meeting of the Council.

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The Chairman then ADJOURNED the meeting for members of the public to speak. Both County Councillors present addressed the issue of the proposed closure of Ambleside Waste and Recycling centre. One person spoke on duplication of waste/recycling collection for domestic and business users. The Meeting was RECONVENED.

4. PROPOSED CLOSURE OF AMBLESIDE RECYCLING CENTRE

The Clerk introduced the Consultation document from Cumbria County Council where one of the options proposed was the total closure of Ambleside recycling centre. He had been in correspondence with the Clerk to Skelwith Parish Council who indicated a high degree of concern from surrounding parishes and their electors. Support had been received for a public meeting and also a joint meeting of Parish Councils to address the issue. Members stressed the importance of every person returning the consultation form

issued by the County Council before the closing date of 19th February. Cllr Mrs Rees commented that much advertising of this closure had taken place throughout Grasmere and a public meeting will be very welcome. Mention of a possible petition needing a minimum of 3000 signatures was made but the problem of reaching this figure in a mainly rural area was highlighted. Other issues raised were an increase in pollution from travel to Kendal and the undoubted increase in fly tipping resulting from this proposed closure.

RESOLVED – That Lakes Parish Council hold a public meeting at the Waste Recycling Centre on February 8th commencing at 3.30pm. This to be followed by a joint meeting of local Parish Councils in the Library Ambleside to formulate an agreed course of action. The Clerk to invite all interested parties including the Leader and Portfolio holder from Cumbria County Council. The Police, local Schools, the press/media and the local MP will also be invited to attend.

5 TREE WORKS

7/12/0001 – Broad Oak, Broadgate, Grasmere – Fell Giant Redwood

Members felt that if possible this important tree should be retained.

7/12/0003 - Lesketh Howe, Rydal Road, Ambleside – Fell 1 Western Red Cedar, 1 Hemlock, 1 Sycamore, 1 Scots Pine (dead); Crown raise and prune 1 Beech, 1 Ash, 1 Sycamore, group of trees in hedgeline; Coppice 50% of Hazel, Ash, Holly; Selective trim 75% Sycamore and Ash seedlings.

Members offered no objections to this work.

6 PLANS FOR CONSIDERATION

7/11/5622 Mileydale Lodge, Mileydale, Ellers Brow, Loughrigg Ambleside
Change to ground levels and formation of concrete base, retaining walls and decking (retrospective) – Refusal on the grounds that this is a retrospective application that has significantly changed this site with the addition of walls and decking plus the replacement of the existing caravan with a custom built Lodge embedded in the raised ground area. This Lodge is now being advertised on the Internet as self catering accommodation with two bedrooomed accommodation. The history of the site included planning refusal for sewage disposal but since it was bought by the owners of Mileydale, sewage connection into their property outlet has been achieved. The Council recommend refusal on the grounds that the work already undertaken has significantly changed this area of landscape value and if approved will set a precedent for anyone else to bypass planning and housing policies through back door retrospective applications.

7/11/5674 Buttermere Lodge, Neaum Crag, Loughrigg Ambleside
Variation of conditions 2 and 3 of planning permission 7/1984/5557 to allow permanent occupation by site warden/estate manager. –
Approve on the grounds that this is required for the security and well being of the site.

7/11/5684 Silver Fell, Red Bank Road, Grasmere
Extension to existing dwelling – No Objections

7/11/5689 Drummermire, Troutbeck, Windermere
Ground floor extension to existing kitchen on south elevation. New study extension to gable west elevation. – No Objections

- 7/11/5693 Youth Hostels Association, Thorney How, Grasmere
Internal alterations, rear extensions, siting of pods and yurts within curtilage. – No Objections provided that the pods and yurts are limited to a maximum of two each.
- 7/11/5695 Co-op Store, Compston Road, Ambleside
External shop front works to include re-locating the existing entrance and the instalment of a new automated sliding door. New shop front windows to be installed and finished white to match the existing windows. – No Objections
- 7/11/5696 The Coach House, Rydal Road, Ambleside
Demolition of conservatory and erection of single storey extension – No Objections
- 7/11/5702 National Trust Campsite, Great Langdale, Ambleside
Installation of underground electrical supply to hook up points and existing camping pods. With alterations to parking areas. – No Comment
- 7/11/5704 Lane Foot Farm, Troutbeck, Windermere
To wall up existing gateway and take down section of wall to form new entrance to site. (amended plans online at www.lakedistrict.gov.uk) - No Comment
- 7/12/5003 Goody Raise, Grasmere
Alterations and replacement extensions – No Objections
- 7/12/5004 Glenthorne Quaker Guest House, Easedale Road, Grasmere
Conversion of existing community room into 2 no accessible bedrooms and erection of proposed Meeting room with ancillary circulation space. – No Objections

7. PLANNING DECISIONS

Approvals

- 7/11/5320 Copperkins, Undercrag, Easedale Road Grasmere – Extension of annexe within the grounds of Undercrag.
- 7/11/5356 Langdale Chase Hotel, Windermere – Proposed gazebo
- 7/11/5501 Grove Farm, Stockghyll Lane Ambleside – Re-erection of field barn.
- 7/11/5516 Shinglers, Compston Road Ambleside – 1 fascia sign (TOG 24)
- 7/11/5519 21 Fisherbeck Park Ambleside – replacement and enlarge balcony.
- 7/11/5523 1 High Coppice, Gale How Park Ambleside – new garage and side extension
- 7/11/5533 Brunt How Cottage, Loughrigg, Ambleside – replace house rear flat roof with slated roof; place PV solar panels on garage roof
- 7/11/5543 Lyndale Guest House, Lake Road, Ambleside – proposed conservatory
- 7/11/5546 The Croft, Grasmere – construction of 73m long earth bund, 84m land drain with 4 access chambers.
- 7/11/5547 4 Stockghyll Brow, Ambleside – rear single storey lounge extension to upper ground floor.
- 7/11/5560 The Gables, Compston Road, Ambleside – demolition of existing flat roofed sun lounge and erection of replacement with pitched roof etc.

- 7/11/5555 Regent Hotel, Waterhead – Construction of single storey extension to form beer store and replace windows and convert hotel lounge and pool building to form 3 additional guest bedrooms.
- 7/11/5562 Motor Body Accident repair centre Rothay Road, Ambleside – change of use to retail and offices.
- 7/11/5574 Tinywyke, Pull Woods, Ambleside – install 6 solar panels on a frame adjacent to the building.
- 7/11/5632 1 Crag Wood Cottages, Ecclerigg – building single storey hardwood conservatory on west side of semi detached house.
- Refusals
- 7/11/5607 Butharlyp How, Easedale Road, Grasmere – solar pv panels
- 7/11/5617 Chapel House, Kirkstone Road, Ambleside – use of property as single dwelling house (resubmission) – refusal of certificate of lawful use or development.

The Meeting closed at 8.21pm