

LAKES PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on 16th August 2006 at St. Martin's College (Ambleside Campus) at 7pm

- PRESENT: Cllrs. L. Johnson (Chairman), W.H. Allen, E.S. Bradshaw, Mrs E.M. Braithwaite, G.H. Brookes, Mrs E.A. Garlick, Mrs A. Parker, Mrs F.M. Sparrow and Mrs E. Wilson
- APOLOGIES: Cllrs Ms M.M. Colquhoun, A. Green, Mrs M. Lockley, N.C. Martin, Mrs V. Rees, J. Smith, J.R. Westmoreland, District Cllr D. Earnshaw and the Press.
- IN ATTENDANCE: District Cllr D Vatcher, County Cllr B Barton and Nick Raymond
- ALSO: M. A. Johnson and 5 members of the public.

Prior to the commencement of the Meeting, the Chairman informed the Council that Councillor Ms Colquhoun had written giving her apologies and thanking the Council for their best wishes for her speedy recovery.

51. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 12th July and the Plans Meeting held on 26th July 2006 held at St. Martin's College, Ambleside were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman accordingly.

52. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- ◆ There were no declarations of interest from Members.

53. POLICE REPORT

PC Buxton being on holiday there were no Officers present.

54. PARISH COUNCIL LENGTHSMAN SCHEME

The Chairman introduced Nick Raymond, Highways Engineer for the area, who gave Members an outline of the proposed Scheme. He hoped that the scheme would start in November but it might go ahead in October. He answered questions and the Chairman thanked him for his attendance.

RESOLVED That the Lakes Parish Council give an initial expression of interest in the Scheme without making a full commitment to it.

55. REPORTS

- a. 2012 Olympics Roadshow 26th July. The Chairman had attended the roadshow and Lord Coe had been present.
- b. Cumbria In Bloom The Chairman had accompanied the judges around Ambleside on 27th July and attended a meeting of the Cumbria in Bloom Committee at Penrith on 3rd August.
- c. Hospitals Consultation Meeting 3rd August. The Chairman had attended this lively meeting in a personal capacity but also as a representative of the Council.
- d. Councillor Mrs Sparrow had attended the Flower Show in Ambleside and spoke very favourably about it.

The Chairman adjourned the Meeting for members of the public to speak. One member of the public spoke on the Parish Plan. A representative of the Royal British Legion spoke about the Ambleside War Memorial and this would be placed on a

future Agenda for discussion. One member of the public spoke on the Armitt Museum, the Parish Centre and the problem of Himalayan Balsam within the Parish.

56 FINANCE

- a. RESOLVED to confirm approval the orders for payment submitted to the meeting totalling £1985.87.

57. PLANS FOR CONSIDERATION

RESOLVED to make the following recommendations on the under-mentioned plans:-

1. 7/06/5317 Rowanberry Cottage, Broadgate, Grasmere
Erection of detached garage, proposed alterations and increase in roof height. – **Refuse** on the grounds that this is overdevelopment of the site and there is no proven need as a garage already exists on the site. The cottage is on a flood plain. It is presently used for holiday lets. It should also be noted that this cottage was originally a double garage. It is also outside of the development boundary for the village.
2. 7/06/5362 Stool End Farm Great Langdale
Create hardened track – **No Objections** if only for private access.
3. 7/06/5378 Smallwood House Hotel, Compston Road, Ambleside
Demolition of restaurant and bar and reconstruction of restaurant, bar and 3 family suites. – **No Objections**
4. 7/06/5403 Land at Black and Hadow, Rothay Holme Ind. Est Ambleside
Increase in height by 5 metres (top of tower) to existing steel lattice telecommunication tower to provide new tower height of 20m. Existing radio antennas to be refixed to new tower. – **No Objections**
5. 7/06/5411 Rothay Garden Hotel, Broadgate, Grasmere
Manager's new dwelling and open sided shelters for leisure facilities – **Refuse** on the grounds that there is not enough information on the proposed leisure facilities. The Parish Council have no objections to the Managers new dwelling provided that there is a permanent residential clause for use by the Manager of the hotel, that it be not part of the hotel accommodation but that the accommodation is tied in to the use of the hotel. The part of the application for leisure facilities is outside of the development boundary for the village.
6. 7/06/5417 Langwaite, Nook Lane, Ambleside
Alterations to and sub-division of uncompleted house and workshop to form 2 houses for local occupancy. – **No Objections** provided a 106 agreement is in force and tied to the properties in perpetuity.
7. 7/06/5422 Adjacent to Island View, Town End, Grasmere
Temporary display of advertisement for the Constable Exhibition – **Refuse** on the grounds that this is a retrospective

application and a large advertisement such as this is a scar on a Conservation Area of high importance.

8. 7/06/5420 Part of the Jerwood Centre, Town End, Grasmere
Permanent site for the display of an advertisement relating to temporary events at the Wordsworth Trust (currently the Constable Exhibition) – **Refuse** on the grounds that this site is in the Conservation Area which is of high importance. If permission is given a rolling succession of Banners will appear. The Rotunda is the design focus of the building. It will set a precedent for all others who wish to apply for advertisement displays. The Lakes Parish Plan seeks less advertising and there is no justification for this application within the Town End Conservation Area.
9. 7/06/5436 4 Stoney Lane, Ambleside
New front porch and conservatory replacing existing – **No Objections**
10. 7/06/5434 Honeywood Cottage, Grasmere
Extension to rear to enlarge lounge and create ensuite to existing first floor bedroom. Lift existing main ridge to house to remove dormers from rear rooms and replace with new windows. – **No Objections**
11. 7/06/5451 5 Wansfell Bank Ambleside
Domestic Extension – **No Objections** as a precedent has already been set two or three doors down. This will be an improvement to the building.

58 MATTERS OF INFORMATION

- A. From the Chairman
The Chairman reported that the Rothay Holme car park had now been redesignated for Coaches. He also reported that the Council were still pressing the Highways Authority re the encroachment onto Church Street of tables and benches at the Royal Oak.
- B. From the Clerk
- 1 Windermere Town Council – Agendas 24 July and 21st August
 - 2 DIS Extra –636 – 24 July 2006 and 637 7 August 2006
 3. Ambleside Fair Trade Group Minutes of AGM 27 June 2006
 4. Local Transport Plan 2006 – 2011 – Cumbria County Council
- C From Members
- a. Councillor Brookes stated that he felt that the Langdale Board Room is totally unsuited to Parish Council Meetings and that he will not attend any future Meetings that are scheduled to be held in this room.
 - b. Councillor Bradshaw asked that the banners at Low Wood and Hayes be placed on an Agenda for discussion at a future meeting. He was concerned on the rules regarding volunteer and commercial displays of banners.

From District Councillors

Councillor Vatcher was not aware of the redesignation of the Rothay Holme car park however now that Miller Field is open it makes sense. He commented on footpaths within Ambleside.

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E. From the County Councillor

Councillor Barton spoke on the encroachment in Church Street referred to by the Chairman.

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59. LITTER BINS GRASMERE/ORANGE SACKS AMBLESIDE

The Clerk had placed this on the Agenda in response to concerns from Councillor Green who had tendered his apologies for this Meeting. Councillor Mrs Braithwaite said this was a continual problem. The Orange Sacks were also a continual problem in Ambleside.

RESOLVED – That the Council request SLDC to implement twice daily collections of litter in Grasmere with one collection being in the evening. Councillor Martin to be asked to liaise with the Chamber of Trade regarding the Orange Sacks and collections of them in Ambleside.

60 RECYCLING BANKS IN SOUTH LAKELAND

The Clerk had circulated information on this. Members felt that a wider debate and more time is needed to consider this.

RESOLVED The Clerk was instructed to place this item on the Agenda for a future Meeting and invite a speaker to address the Council on the subject

61 SCREENING OF UNITED UTILITIES SITE – NEAR MILLER FIELD AMBLESIDE

Councillor Mrs Parker spoke on this item and asked the Council for support in achieving long term environmental improvements to this site, particularly in screening. Concern was also expressed regarding the nearby stream that had now dried up.

RESOLVED - That the Parish Council write to United Utilities regarding the screening of the site and also the Environment Agency re the dried up stream nearby. The Council would also request the support of the LDNPA in seeking the improvement of the area.

62. PLANNING POLICY REVIEW - LDNPA

The Clerk had circulated information on this and Members were invited to respond individually in addition to the response of the Parish Council.

RESOLVED That the Parish Council make representations on the Planning Policy Review, particularly on the lack of involvement by local representatives at Development Control Site Meetings.

63 NOTIFICATION OF PLANNING APPEALS/WITHDRAWN APPLICATIONS

- a. 7/2006/0038 – The Old Wesleyan Chapel, Rydal Road Ambleside – Appeal against enforcement notice issued by LDNPA re without planning permission operational development consisting of alterations to an external door and the installation of a vending machine in the doorway. – The Appeal is dismissed and enforcement notice upheld.
- b. 7/2006/5368 – Forest Side Cottage, Grasmere – erection of boundary wall, in part retrospective – this application is withdrawn.

64. TREE WORKS

- a. Appn 2006/0034 – Gatesgarth, Belle Vue Lane, Ambleside, fell 3 Spruce and prune other trees.

- b. Appn 2006/0036 – Ghyll Pool, Neaum Crag, Ambleside, prune one oak

The Tree advisor is of the view that all the work proposed is reasonable and proportionate.

RESOLVED – To agree to the work proposed

65. PLANNING DECISIONS

CONDITIONAL APPROVAL

- 7/06/5060 2 Above Beck, Grasmere – Domestic extension
- 7/06/5150 Langdale Leisure Ltd, Great Langdale – Extension and alteration of part of existing restaurant to form a new bar area, new toilets, new beer cellar and external decking area for bar.
- 7/06/5242 Merewood Hotel Ecclerigg Windermere – installation of packaged sewage treatment plant and soakaway.
- 7/06/5255 Old Vicarage, Vicarage Road, Ambleside – proposed three storey extension to side of existing hotel to provide staff accommodation and additional bedroom and disabled access suite on ground floor.
- 7/06/5285/6 Travellers Rest Inn, Grasmere – extensions and alterations to provide food preparation and storage areas. Toilets, dining area and four bedrooms.
- 7/06/5296 Lucy 4 2, St Mary's Lane, Ambleside – to amend the opening hours within condition 1 of planning permission 7/05/5058.
- 7/06/5297 HSBC, Market Place Ambleside – disabled access works to existing HSBC branch.
- 7/06/5319 Ellerhow, Ellerrigg Road, Ambleside - Conservatory extension.

REFUSAL

- 7/06/5231 Former gas works site, Blue Hill Road, Ambleside – Construction of 14 live/work units together with access, car parking and landscaping.
- 7/06/5256 The Samling, Dove Nest, Windermere – replacement timber jetty.

The meeting closed at 9.05pm