

LAKES PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on 17th May 2006 at St. Martin's College (Ambleside Campus) at 7.30pm

PRESENT: Cllrs. A. Green (Chairman for the first item of business), W.H. Allen, E.S. Bradshaw, Mrs E.M. Braithwaite, G.H. Brookes, Ms M.M. Colquhoun, Mrs A.E. Garlick, L. Johnson, Mrs M. Lockley, N. Martin, Mrs A. Parker, Mrs V. Rees, J. Smith, Mrs F.M. Sparrow, Mrs E. Wilson and J.R. Westmoreland

APOLOGIES: District Cllr Dr. D. Earnshaw and PC Buxton

IN ATTENDANCE: District Cllr D Vatcher, County Cllr B. Barton

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

1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

On the Motion of Councillor Mrs Braithwaite and seconded by Councillor Brookes, Councillor Johnson was nominated for the Chairman of Lakes Parish Council. On the Motion of Councillor Mrs Wilson and seconded by Councillor Mrs Garlick, Councillor Bradshaw was nominated for the Chairman of Lakes Parish Council. A vote was taken and it was RESOLVED that Councillor Johnson be elected Chairman for the ensuing municipal year. The Chairman signed his Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

Councillor Johnson IN THE CHAIR

2. MINUTES

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

3 ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN

On the Motion of Councillor Mrs Braithwaite and seconded by Councillor Mrs Rees, there being no other nominations, it was RESOLVED that Councillor Green be elected Vice Chairman for the ensuing municipal year.

4. NOTIFICATION BY ANY MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL

Receipt of a gift or hospitality over the value of £25 or of any changes to registered financial and other interests. To remind Members of the provisions of the Local Government Act 2000 in connection with gifts and hospitality and registered interests. Forms for such a declaration are available from the Clerk on request. Re-elected Members do not need to complete a new declaration if nothing has changed since their original submission, however they do need to affirm in a letter that their interests have not changed.

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5. APOLOGIES

Apologies were as recorded above

6. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- ◆ Councillor Mrs Garlick declared a Personal and Prejudicial interest in Item 12(5) – Ambleside Guides – request for funding
- ◆ Councillor Mrs Colquhoun declared a Personal and Prejudicial interest in Item 13(2) – A planning application for the Wesleyan Chapel, Rydal Road, Ambleside
- ◆ Councillor Smith declared a Personal interest in Item 13(6) – A planning application for Baysbrown Farm, Elterwater

7. AUTHORISATION OF MONETARY TRANSACTION

- (i) Barclays Bank- Members agreed that the following Councillors would remain as signatories to cheques; Councillors Mrs Braithwaite, Green and Johnson and that Councillor Martin would be added to the signatories to the cheques.
- (ii) National Savings Bank- Members agreed the following Councillors would remain as signatories to the Account; Councillors Mrs Braithwaite, Mrs Garlick, Allen and Brookes and that Councillor Martin would be added to the authorised signatories.

8. TO APPROVE THE CHAIRMANS ALLOWANCE FOR 2006/7

On the Motion of Councillor Mrs Garlick and seconded by Councillor Brookes, it was RESOLVED that the Chairman's allowance for 2006/7 be set at £775.

9. TO MAKE APPOINTMENTS TO THE FOLLOWING BODIES

1. CALC – South Lakeland Committee (1 year) Members agreed to appoint Councillor Johnson to the vacant post.
2. Lake Windermere Sub Committee (1 year) Members agreed to appoint Councillors Johnson, Martin and Mrs Braithwaite.
3. Ambleside Chamber of Trade (1 year) Members agreed to appoint Councillor Martin.
4. Ambleside Community Christmas Lights Committee (1 year) – Councillor Brookes.
5. South Lakes Development Trust (incorporating Lakes Market Towns Initiative) (1 year) – Councillor Bradshaw with the Clerk as deputy.
6. Troutbeck Charities (4 years) – Miss Wendy Black of High Fold, Troutbeck Councillor Allen, Mr J C Wharton and the Rev D Wilmot who would continue in post until the expiry of their 4 year term.
7. Ambleside Welfare Charities – Members agreed to appoint Councillor Mrs Parker to the vacant post.
8. Lakes Line Action Group – Members agreed to appoint the Clerk to the vacant post
9. Goodley Dale Cottage Homes – Members agreed to appoint Councillor Mrs Parker to the vacant post.

10. REPORTS

- (i) Cumbria in Bloom – Councillor Johnson had attended a recent meeting and reported accordingly.

- (ii) Ambleside Community Christmas Lights Committee – Councillor Brookes had attended a recent meeting and reported accordingly.
 - (iii) Rydal Village Society – Councillors Mrs Sparrow and Brookes had attended a recent meeting which had highlighted the traffic problems within the Ward. An examination of speed limits from Plumgarth to Dunmail Raise was to be undertaken by the Highways Dept.
 - (iv) Parish Plan Transport Group – Councillor Green reported on a recent meeting which had been sparsely attended.
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11. POLICE REPORT

PC Buxton had submitted his apologies but would return to duty on 18th May at 1800 if any matters needed his attention. He had reported fully at the Annual Parish Meeting a week ago. Councillor Johnson reiterated his concern regarding the parked Camper van at Miller Bridge.

The Chairman adjourned the Meeting to allow members of the public to speak. Mr Middleton raised his concern about damage to park railings and near the waterfalls. The Meeting was reconvened

12. FINANCE

- (i) RESOLVED to confirm approval the orders for payment submitted to the meeting totalling £6768.15p
- (ii) The Clerk had circulated Draft Accounts for the year 2005/6 and Members were now asked to consider these Accounts. The Clerk answered queries from Members and formally asked them to approve the Accounts for 2005/6. He also presented the Annual Audit report for consideration by the Council. Members noted that the Internal Auditor had no matters of concern to raise. Members were also asked to consider Section 2 of the Audit form which was the Statement of Assurance.
RESOLVED – That the Lakes Parish Council formally approve the Accounts for 2005/6. They are satisfied that all of the sections applicable on the Annual Audit Statement of Assurance be answered in the affirmative and that the Chairman sign the Statement of Accounts on the Annual return.
- (iii) Members considered a request from Your Chance Promotions for funding for the financial year 2006. On the Motion of Councillor Mrs Sparrow and seconded by Councillor Brookes it was
RESOLVED – That £1500 be donated to Your Chance Promotions.
- (iv) Members considered a request from South Lakes Development Trust for a contribution towards funding the post of Market Towns Manager. On the Motion of Councillor Mrs Braithwaite and seconded by Councillor Brookes it was
RESOLVED – That the sum of £2500 be donated to South Lakes Development Trust towards funding the post of Market Towns Manager during 2006/7.
- (v) Members considered a request from Ambleside Guides for a contribution towards attendance at the Guiding International Festival in Mexico (Councillor Mrs Garlick left the room and took no part in the debate or resolution). On the Motion of Councillor Mrs Braithwaite and seconded by Councillor Ms Colquhoun it was
RESOLVED – To donate the sum of £880 towards the purchase of uniforms with the proviso that an acknowledgement is received. Members also would like the young people attending to come to the Annual Parish Meeting in 2007 and give a talk on the expedition and experience.

13. PLANS FOR CONSIDERATION

RESOLVED to make the following recommendations on the undermentioned plans:

1. 7/06/5231 Former Gas Works Site, Blue Hill Road, Ambleside
Construction of 14 live/work units together with access, car parking and landscaping – **Defer pending site meeting. The Lakes Parish Council request LDNPA provide a Planning Officer to attend their site meeting (to be arranged) to answer any detailed technical and planning questions.**
2. 7/06/5698 Wesleyan Chapel, Rydal Road Ambleside
Extension of house of multiple occupation to provide two additional accommodation – **Refuse - on the grounds of over intensive development of an already overly intensive development adjacent to the main A591 where there is limited parking facilities.** (Councillor Mrs Colquhoun left the room and took no part in the debate or resolution)
3. 7/06/5090/1 Langdale Chase Hotel, Windermere
Extension to staff accommodation and listed building consent for same. – **No Objections**
4. 7/06/5179 Old School House, Stock Lane, Grasmere
Separation of flat entrance from ground accommodation – **No Objections**
5. 7/06/5180 Croyden House, Church Street, Ambleside
To use two ground floor dining rooms to serve breakfast, morning coffee, lunches and afternoon teas to the general public– **No Objections**
6. 7/06/5187 Baysbrown Farm, Elterwater
Construction of a new stock shed – **No Objections as long as screening is adequate and properly maintained over a period of years.** (Councillor Smith declared a personal interested in the item but remained in the Meeting)
7. 7/06/5201 1 to 5 Knott Houses Grasmere
Timber sheds as external store for tenants 1 to 5 Knott Houses
- **No Objections**
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- 8. 7/06/5213 17 Loughrigg Park, Ambleside
Extension to existing domestic dwelling – **No Objections**
9. 7/06/5216 McQuarrie, Old Lake Road, Ambleside
Detached garage – **Refuse on the grounds that this garage if approved will be to the front of the building line in Old Lake Road. All other garages are to the rear of the properties.**
10. 7/06/5232 Ambleside Salutation Hotel, Ambleside
Telecommunications base station with associated equipment and ancillary development with antennas mounted on a pole having the appearance of a flagpole – **No Objections**

11. 7/06/5235 10 Benfield, Grasmere
Domestic kitchen and bedroom extension – **No Objections**
12. 7/06/5237 3 Briery Close, Windermere
Extension to form bedroom and garden room – **No Objections**

14 MATTERS OF INFORMATION

- A. From the Chairman
The Chairman welcomed new and returning Members to the Council.
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- B. From the Clerk
- 1 Windermere Town Council – Agenda 10th May 06
 - 2 DIS Extra –631 – 15 May 06
 3. North West Regional Spatial Strategy – Public Consultation
 4. SLDC – Agenda 16 May 2006
 5. The Clerk/Local Councils Direct May 2006
 6. SKELWITH PARISH COUNCIL – Agenda and Minutes 8th May 2006
 7. The Clerk reported on the installation of bus shelters at West Ing and Grasmere and the need for repair for the vandalised shelter at King Street,
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- C From Members
The Clerk was asked to agenda Stockghyll Wood and Clappersgate at the next Meeting of the Council.
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- D. From District Councillors
Councillor Vatcher reported on the new administration at South Lakeland District Council.
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- E. From the County Councillor
The County Councillor reported on parking in Stockghyll Lane and Fisherbeck Park.
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15. LITTER/REFUSE HOLIDAY COTTAGES LANGDALES

Councillor Mrs Wilson reported on the problem with litter/refuse being left from holiday cottages in the area.
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16 PARISH PLAN

Members received the Minutes of the Meeting held on 24th April 2006 and considered the recommendations contained therein particularly on the proposal to appoint an administrator/co-ordinator of the Plan to enable implementation to go forward.
RESOLVED – That no decision be taken on funding or any appointment and that the situation be reviewed in 3 months time after the next Parish Plan meeting on July 10th.

17. PARISH NEWSLETTER

The Clerk asked Members to note the completed Parish newsletter that was now ready for circulation
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18 PROPOSED TREE WORK

1. T/2006/0013 – Ellerthwaite, Ellerigg Road Ambleside – To remove two lower large branches
2. T/2006/0014 – 25 Loughrigg Avenue Ambleside – raising crown and removing broken and damaged branches – No Objections
3. T/2006/0015 – Merewood Hotel, Ecclerigg, Windermere – Oak –reduce limb, Poplar – dismantle to ground – No Objections

RESOLVED – That the Clerk again request the Tree Advisor for his professional opinion on all applications prior to the Parish Council being asked to consider them.

19. APPEALS/ AMENDED/WITHDRAWN AND REFUSED PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- a. Application 7/2005/5297 – Halfway House, Clappersgate, Ambleside – change of use of residential outbuilding to holiday letting – the appeal is dismissed
- b. The Old Wesleyan Chapel, Rydal Road, Ambleside – a second enforcement notice appeal relating to the installation of a vending machine will now be heard at the enquiry on 13th June at 11am.

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20. PLANNING DECISIONS TAKEN BY THE LDNPA

CONDITIONAL APPROVAL

1. 7/06/5010 Dove Cottage, Grasmere
Ramped access to museum entrance with extension to existing slate roof of external lavatories and a new ramp access to shop.
2. 7/06/5072 The Barn at Thrang Farm, Chapel Stile.
Change of use of redundant agricultural building to kitchen for preparation of chilled meals together with lpg tank cesspit and associated car parking.
3. 7/06/5135 14 Briery Close, Windermere
Extension to provide accommodation for children elderly relatives and guests plus double garage and garden room.

REFUSALS

1. 7/06/5095 The Boathouse, Clappersgate, Ambleside
Redevelopment of outbuildings to provide extension to dwelling with garages.

The meeting closed at 9.24pm