

LAKES PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on 26th April 2006 at St. Martin's College (Ambleside Campus) at 7.30pm

- PRESENT: Cllrs. A. Green (Chairman), W.H. Allen, Mrs E.M. Braithwaite, E.S. Bradshaw, Mrs E.A. Garlick, L. Johnson, Mrs M. Lockley, N.C. Martin, G. Middleton, C.C. Morris, Mrs V Rees and Mrs E Wilson
- APOLOGIES: Cllrs G.H. Brookes, J.R. Westmoreland and District Cllr Barker
- IN ATTENDANCE: District Cllr D Vatcher, County Cllr B Barton
- ALSO: M. A. Johnson, PC McClennan, the Press and 4 members of the public.

Prior to the commencement of the Meeting the Chairman asked that a minutes silence be held in remembrance of Councillor Mrs Lassey who had recently passed away.

202. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 5th April 2006 at St. Martin's College, Ambleside were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman accordingly.

203. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- ◆ Councillor Bradshaw declared a personal interest in Planning item number 6(2)(HSBC cash machine). There were no other declarations of Interest from Members.

204. REPORTS

- a. Ambleside and District Chamber of Trade April meeting. Councillor Martin reported on this meeting. The Chamber were pleased to see the yellow traffic signs were removed. He reported on input to the South Lakeland Development Trust meeting and the Chamber were nominating a member to sit on the Board. The Chamber were now undertaking a recruitment drive. Comments were made about the Miller Field car park.
- b. County Council Local Committee – The Clerk had circulated an extract from the most recent Minutes regarding the proposed footpath at Galava/Borrans Field and updated Members with progress to date.
- c. Footpath adjacent to Mountain rescue. The Clerk updated Members with the progress on the registering of this footpath as a Public Right of Way. More written evidence is required before a submission can be made.
- d. South Lakes Development Trust Stakeholder Meeting 6th April 2006.. Councillor Bradshaw had attended as the Lakes Parish Council nominated Board member for the Trust. Other Councillors had also attended. There had been a tour of the starter units followed by the Annual Meeting. Both had been worthwhile. Councillor Johnson made the comment that Ambleside should have its fair share of any cake. Councillor Mrs Braithwaite wished the Trust well.
- e. Grasmere Garden Centre – A Site Meeting had been held on the 20th April to discuss the proposed affordable housing application for 9 units. After a full discussion it was MOVED that the Lakes Parish Council support approval for this application with the following conditions:- 1. That a

satisfactory report be obtained from the Environment Agency about possible future flooding particularly in the area of Block A. 2. That a prudent local need for affordable housing both for rent and possible shared ownership be established and that the development be via an established Housing Association. 3. That a satisfactory agreement be in place with Cumbria County Council Highways regarding the exit/entrance to the public highway. 4. That Block C be turned right round so that the sitting room looks towards the Lake and not the public car park. 5. That agreement be obtained on new building regulations 2005 (including the steps in the proposed development). 6. That the planning application be subject to a Section 106 agreement for local affordable housing in perpetuity. 7. That the Lakes Parish Council indicate their concern to the LDNPA that, although invited, no planning officer from the LDNPA had chosen to attend the site meeting. This was AGREED.

The Chairman ADJOURNED the Meeting to allow members of the public to speak. Mr and Mrs Birkett spoke on a planning application for their property to be considered later in the Agenda. Dr Earnshaw spoke on the consultation ongoing in respect of services at Westmoreland General Hospital Kendal. Jane Renouf spoke on an accident that had happened with a bus shelter on the King Street car park. She asked that warning flashes be placed on any clear glass in the bus shelters to help the partially sighted to identify that glass was present. The Meeting then RECONVENED

205. POLICE REPORT

PC McClennan reported that although it had been fairly quiet there had been an incident of disorder in Grasmere when 30 to 40 teenagers had turned up for a party to which most of them had not been invited. Concern was expressed at alcohol obtained by children. There had been a broken window at the Co-op and the offender had been identified and was presently being traced. A serious accident had taken place at Troutbeck Bridge causing traffic chaos while Police enquiries at the scene took place. He answered Members queries and the Chairman thanked him for his attendance.

206. FINANCE

- a. RESOLVED to confirm approval the orders for payment submitted to the meeting totalling £6127.83
- b. Failure of Office Computer. The Clerk reported that a major failure of the Office computer had taken place and only the documents file of the Parish Council had been recovered from the hard drive. The Computer had been taken to Ucompute at Keswick for repair but due to its age the drivers were only obtainable from the manufacturer and the latest information was that it was now not able to be repaired The Clerk had obtained three quotes for a new up to date computer from Dell, Comet and Ucompute Keswick. Members considered these and RESOLVED to purchase a new Office Computer from Comet in the sum of £499.99 (VAT inclusive)

207. PLANS FOR CONSIDERATION

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

1. 7/05/5424 Briery Wood, Ambleside Road, Windermere
Alterations and extension to staff accommodation block – **No Objections**

2. 7/06/5189 HSBC, Market Place, Ambleside
Installation of 1 ATM – **No Objections**

3. 7/06/5194 5 & 6 Wansfell Bank, Ambleside
2 Storey domestic extension replacing existing single storey
extensions – **APPROVAL – on the grounds that this is a
desirable improvement to the existing buildings and
provides housing for a local established growing family
who wish to remain within Ambleside. A precedent for
this type of improvement has already been set by other
nearby properties in the area.**

4. 7/06/5195 Crummock Cottage, 2 Low Riddings, Grasmere
Kitchen extension and conservatory – **No Objections subject
to a no lettings clause and with the condition that it is not
separated from the same building.**

5. 7/06/5197/8 The Giggling Goose, The Old Mill, North Road, Ambleside
Change of use of ground and first floor from retail to mixed use
of retail and café, plus new staircase and patio area also to fit
kitchen and serving counter and a new staircase to first floor,
with a patio area to the riverside door for limited seating – **No
objections however the Lakes Parish Council express their
concern regarding any future development outside of the
curtilage of this building.**

208 MATTERS OF INFORMATION

- A. From the Chairman
The Chairman had nothing to report

- B. From the Clerk
 - 1 Windermere Town Council – Agenda 24th April 06

 - 2 DIS Extra –629 – 18 April 2006

 3. CALC – South Lakeland Committee Minutes March 2006

 4. Friends of the Lake District – Report and AGM 29th April 2006

 5. Highways Agency – Summer driving leaflets

- C From Members
Councillor Morris reported on his appointment as Chairman of the Parish Plan
Parent Implementation Group.
Councillor Johnson reported on the outstanding problem with the wall and
redundant lamp standard abutting Borrans Park.
Councillor Martin reported on damage to the finger post at the top of Compston
Road.
Councillor Mrs Wilson reported on the state of the roads in Langdale
Councillor Middleton reported on the parish seat at Borrans road, seats in the
car park and Stockghyll Road.
Councillor Johnson reported that the toilets in Rothay Park were being
redecorated.

Councillor Bradshaw congratulated Councillor Morris on his appointment to the Chair of the Parish Plan implementation committee and that the next meeting of the committee would be 10th July 2006.

- D. From District Councillors
Councillor Mrs Braithwaite reported on the Standards Committee deliberations on the tightening up of Standards in Public Life. She quoted from the most recent bulletin which gave statistics that 64% of complaints came from the public and 28% from Councillors. Complaints against authorities were 4% against County Councillors, 24% against District Councillors and 53% against Parish and Town Councillors. Complaints were mainly 24% for disrepute and 18% for failing to respect.
Councillor Vatcher had nothing to report
- E. From the County Councillor
Councillor Barton spoke on the problems in Stockghyll Lane and the real problem of potholes in the road which were a major complaint. He is concerned that the potholes are repaired by cold treatment when the only effective way of repair is by hot treatment.
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209 VOTE OF APPRECIATION

Councillor Johnson MOVED a Vote of Appreciation to the retiring District Councillors, Mrs Braithwaite and the Rev. Robert Barker for their work over the past years within Lakes Parish.

RESOLVED – That this be AGREED unanimously.

210 A VISION FOR THE LAKE DISTRICT NATIONAL PARK

The Clerk had circulated information on this together with a feedback form for Members to respond.

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211 UNIVERSITY HOSPITALS OF MORECAMBE BAY

The Clerk had circulated information and a comment form for Members to respond.

RESOLVED That the Clerk make representations regarding the potential problems any loss of medical facilities at Westmoreland Hospital for the people of the rural area who would be left with the option of emergency or medical facilities being at Barrow or Lancaster. If this were to be the recommended option then a large increase in the provision of Paramedics and/or Ambulances would be required for this area because of the extra time taken in transferring patients to Barrow or Lancaster.

212. BRATHAY WINDERMERE MARATHON

The Clerk had circulated information on this event that would take place in 2007

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213. GREEN ROAD DRIVING

The Clerk had circulated information on this

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214 PARKING IN STOCKGHYLL LANE

The Clerk had circulated information and a letter on this item

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215 PLANNING DECISIONS NOTIFIED BY LDNPA
CONDITIONAL APPROVAL

- 7/05/5767 - Church Street Antiques, Compston Road, Ambleside – change of use from shop to mixed use – shop and coffee house
- 7/06/5018 - Heatherley, Millans Park, Ambleside – Kitchen extension and dormer
- 7/05/5021 - Bridge Cottage, Church Bridge, Grasmere – Dormer window alterations
- 7/06/5029 - Little Barn, St Martins College Ambleside – elevation of existing levels to improve access for the disabled
- 7/06/5042 - Sandal Beck, Grasmere - Wooden Gazebo with local slate roof
- 7/06/5049 - Rothay Garth Hotel, Rothay Road, Ambleside – extension to existing hotel to provide kitchen facility. Additional en suite bathroom and owners accommodation.
- 7/06/5056 - Ambleside Salutation Hotel, Lake Road, Ambleside – Managers accommodation and offices

REFUSAL

- 7/06/5024 - Skelwith Bridge Hotel, Skelwith Bridge, Ambleside – construction of staff block
- 7/06/5036 - Lowfield, Old Lake Road, Ambleside – proposed change of use of garage and store to residential unit.

216 NOTIFICATION OF PLANNING APPEALS/WITHDRAWN APPLICATIONS

- a. Enforcement Notice appeal – Mr M Stott – The Old Wesleyan Chapel Rydal Road, Ambleside – inquiry to be held on 13th June 2006 at the Mackereth Suite, Kelsick Community Centre, St Marys Lane, Ambleside commencing at 10am.

THE CHAIRMAN THEN MOVED THE EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

217 STANDARDS BOARD FOR ENGLAND

The Clerk notified the Council of an allegation made to the Standards Board for England regarding a Councillor of Lakes Parish Council.

The meeting closed at 9.33pm