

# LAKES PARISH COUNCIL

## NEWSLETTER – Edition 3 - Sept 2006

This Newsletter is produced to inform the residents of the Parish about the work of the Parish Council over the last few months and to inform you of the role undertaken by your Parish Councillors on your behalf. The Parish Council would welcome any feedback from this Newsletter and any contributions that people would like to make to the next one.

### PARISH PLAN

The Implementation Group are now meeting on a regular basis and the next scheduled Meeting is on 11<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm in the Library, Ambleside when everyone who would like to help putting this plan in to action is welcome to attend. There are six general Action groups, Housing, Environment, Highways/Transport, Health, Young People and Amenities. If you can help with any of these groups the contact people are:- Housing-Viv Rees 35401..Environment-Bev Dennison 35055...Highways and Transport-Allen Green 35238...Amenities which now includes Youth- Anne Parker 34369. A volunteer is needed to team up with David Earnshaw and Liz Wilson to form a group dealing with Health, please call 31656 if you are interested in helping out. There is a particular need for people to join the Health, Young People and Amenities Groups. The Environment Group is always looking for volunteers to help with the Red Squirrel project and the job of eradicating Himalayan Balsam within the Parish. If you can help out with any of the above please contact the people named or Michael Johnson, the Lakes Parish Clerk, on 015394 31656. The Chairman of the Parent Group is Chris Morris who can be contacted on 35286.

### DOG FOULING

Lakes Parish Council once again request dog owners to clean up after their animals. **It is the duty of every dog owner to clean up after their dog.** The Parish Council now have the opportunity to take on powers to control this nuisance and will consider this if the situation does not improve.

### NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2006 in the Library, Kelsick Road, Ambleside commencing at 7.30pm and the one after that on the 4<sup>th</sup> October 2006 at the same time and venue. Members of the Public are entitled to attend any Parish Council Meeting to listen to items discussed. They may also participate in the Meeting and how to do this is listed in the next item. The Parish Council deal with a whole range of local issues on your behalf. It positively welcomes contributions from people who live in the Parish of Lakes. If you receive one of these Newsletters – that means YOU!

Why not come along to listen?

### YOUR PARISH COUNCIL

Lakes Parish serves a community spread over 52 square miles which, although situated within South Lakeland, borders on three other Districts, Eden, Copeland and Allerdale!! It is a huge area, its needs are complex and there is much work for a busy Council. Your Parish Councillors, all listed in this Newsletter, unlike their District and County colleagues, receive no payment for the work that they do. They attend at least 22 formal Meetings of the Council per annum in addition to all their other responsibilities and duties. Lakes Parish Council tries to encourage and promote the best social, economic, commercial, tourism and environmental practices for the Parish of Lakes and manage the services, assets and resources of the Council in the best way that they can for the betterment and benefit of the local Community. As part of this, the Parish Council began the process of becoming a Quality Parish, and it hopes to achieve this by April 2007. During the year Lakes Parish Council will work closely with many partners, including Local Authorities, The Lake District National Park Authority, The Civic Trust, Lakes Parish Plan Implementation Group, Local Village Societies, Ambleside and District Chamber of Trade, The Police, The Private Sector, South Lakeland Development Trust (formerly the Lakes Market Towns Initiative) and many individuals. At every Meeting of the

Council the Chairman will adjourn proceedings at 8pm, or as near possible to that time, to allow any person to speak, for a maximum of five minutes. Notice of intention to speak is not required and any subject of interest to Lakes Parish may be raised. Additionally, representatives of local organisations, groups and charities wishing to address the Council may do so by contacting the Clerk on 015394 31656 prior to the despatch of Agendas (normally 7 days before any meeting), and sufficient time will be allocated for their needs.

### **AMBLESIDE PARISH CENTRE**

Welcome to the newly opened Parish Church Centre. Lakes Parish Council wish the building and those who serve it all the very best for the future.

### **A SNAPSHOT OF THE HISTORY AND PRESENT WORK OF THE PARISH**

Lakes Parish Council was a product of the Local Government re-organisation that took place in 1974 when South Lakeland District Council took over much of the land and responsibility of the old Urban District. Since 1982 there have been only four Chairmen of Lakes Parish Council, Councillor Long to 1987, Councillor Mrs Braithwaite (1987 – 1998) Councillor Sutton (1998 – 2006) and the present Chairman, Councillor Leslie Johnson. This, in itself, has helped to give a sense of continuity and stability to the proceedings of the Council. Five Wards were created in the 1974 Lakes Parish and these are listed overleaf with the Councillors elected to serve those Wards. Work involving the Parish Council over the past few months included:-

- ◆ Erection of two bus shelters. One at Grasmere (in the A591 layby at Townend) done in partnership with Grasmere Village Society and Cumbria County Council, the other at West Ing, Ambleside, again in partnership with Cumbria County Council.
- ◆ Submissions on the Cumbria Minerals and Waste Development framework consultation document, particularly on local village solutions for recycling and waste disposal.
- ◆ Attendance at meetings of St Martin's College Campus Community Liaison Group, Cumbria Association of Local Councils (South Lakeland) and the Windermere Lake Administration Committee.
- ◆ Financial contributions including the Visitor Interpretation Boards now at Grasmere to help mitigate the closure of the Grasmere Tourist

Information Centre, Ambleside Guides towards their attendance at the Guiding International Festival in Mexico also Your Chance promotions for their work within the Parish.

- ◆ Representations to the Cumbria Ambulance Service on the problems being experienced by the First Responders in Langdale and Ambleside.
- ◆ Representations to the Morecambe Bay NHS Trust on their Acute Medical Services Review and attendance at a Public Meeting in Ambleside to discuss the same.
- ◆ Objections to the proposed demolition and redevelopment of the premises currently housing Ambleside Post Office and objections to the proposed development of 14 live/work units at the former Gas Works Site, Blue Hill Road, Ambleside.

### **PARISH COUNCILLORS**

#### **Ambleside Ward**

Cllr Leslie Johnson 015394 32904

#### **(Chairman)**

Cllr Elwyn Bradshaw 015394 32760

Cllr Nick Martin 015394 31124

Cllr Margaret Lockley 015394 33363

Cllr Anne Parker 015394 34369

Cllr Maureen Colquhoun 015394 34325

#### **Grasmere Ward**

Cllr Elizabeth Braithwaite MBE 015394 35297

Cllr Allen Green 015394 35238

#### **(Vice-Chairman)**

Cllr Vivienne Rees 015394 35401

#### **Rydal and Loughrigg Ward**

Cllr Don Brookes 015394 31052

Cllr Fiona Sparrow 015394 32441

#### **Langdales Ward**

Cllr Edna Garlick 015394 37637

Cllr Liz Wilson 015394 37327

Cllr Jonathan Smith 015394 37592

#### **Troutbeck Ward**

Cllr Harry Allen 015394 44021

Cllr Roger Westmoreland 015394 33287

**Clerk** – Michael Johnson 015394 31656

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South Lakeland District Councillors are David Vatcher 015394 32822, David Earnshaw 015394 33573 for Lakes (Ambleside) and Vivienne Rees 015394 35401 Lakes (Grasmere). Brian Barton 015394 33215 is the Cumbria County Councillor.