

LAKES PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on 2nd May 2007 at The Library, Ambleside at 7.30pm

PRESENT: Cllrs. L. Johnson (In the Chair), E.S. Bradshaw, Mrs E.M. Braithwaite, Ms M.M. Colquhoun, Mrs A.E. Garlick, A. Green, N. Martin, Mrs A. Parker, Mrs V. Rees, J. Smith, Mrs E. Wilson D. Welch and J.R. Westmoreland

APOLOGIES: Cllrs W.H. Allen, Mrs F.M. Sparrow, District Cllr Vatcher, County Cllr Barton and PC Buxton

IN ATTENDANCE: Paul Holdsworth, Town Centre Manager, County Cllr B. Barton

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

1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

On the Motion of Councillor Mrs Braithwaite and seconded by Councillor Mrs Rees, Councillor Johnson was nominated for the Chairman of Lakes Parish Council. There being no other nominations, Councillor Johnson was elected Chairman for the ensuing municipal year. The Chairman signed his Declaration of Acceptance of Office and thanked Members for their confidence in his Chairmanship.

Councillor Johnson IN THE CHAIR

2. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Council Meetings held on 4th April 2007 and the Plans Meeting held on 18th April 2007 at The Library, 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 Johnson declared a personal and prejudicial interest in Agenda item 13©, Ambleside Christmas Lights request for funding. There were no other declarations of interest.

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 Martin.
- (ii) National Savings Bank- Members agreed the following Councillors would remain as signatories to the Account; Councillors Johnson, Mrs Braithwaite, Mrs Garlick, and Allen.

8. TO APPROVE THE CHAIRMANS ALLOWANCE FOR 2006/7

On the Motion of Councillor Mrs Braithwaite and seconded by Councillor Mrs Wilson, it was RESOLVED that the Chairman's allowance for 2007/8 be set at £500.

9. TO MAKE APPOINTMENTS TO THE FOLLOWING BODIES

1. CALC – South Lakeland Committee (1 year) Members agreed to appoint Councillors Johnson and Green.
2. Lake Windermere 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) – Left Vacant.
5. South Lakes Development Trust – 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. Lakes Line Action Group – Councillor Mrs Sparrow to serve as the appointed representative of Lakes Parish Council.
8. Goodley Dale Cottage Homes – Councillor Mrs Parker to serve as the appointed representative of Lakes Parish Council.
9. The Clerk will clarify appointments to the Armit Trust, Kelsick Trust and Troutbeck Bridge Swimming Pool. Appointments to the College Liaison Group will be left in abeyance until clarification of the future of the University for Cumbria.

10. LENGTHSMANS SCHEME

Members considered a recommendation to proceed alone with the implementation of the Scheme as Windermere Town Council had a problem with the insurance aspect of the Scheme as presented and did not wish to proceed on the terms laid down in the Draft Contract. It had been expected that Nick Raymond would attend to answer all questions raised by Members but he was not present. In his absence, Paul Holdsworth could not bring any further clarification to what had already been suggested. The Clerk had been unable to obtain advice from Zurich Municipal, the Insurers to Lakes Parish Council due to staff holidays. A full debate then took place. RESOLVED:- To proceed with the Lengthsman Scheme and commit to one day a week working subject to the agreement of Zurich Municipal for the acceptance of Risk.

10. REPORTS

- (i) Ambleside Chamber of Trade – Cllr Martin reported on the April Meeting where matters discussed had included Miller Bridge car park, the relocation of Ambleside Post Office, the Snowball scheme and the proliferation of ice cream sellers.
- (ii) CALC World Heritage Site Meeting 18th April. The Chairman reported on this meeting that had been poorly attended.
- (iii) Parish Plan Action Group April 16th – The Minutes had been circulated and were accepted. Cllr Mrs Parker had updates of the Parish Plan and these had been sent to the Clerk for presentation at the Annual Parish Meeting on 9th May.
- (iv) Goodley Dale Homes – Cllr Mrs Parker reported on her first meeting as Trustee and the work of the Board of Trustees in administering this Charity.
- (iv) Cumbria Police Stakeholders Meeting 26th April – Cllr Bradshaw gave an informative and interesting account of this Meeting. Members thanked him for his illuminating report.

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11. POLICE REPORT

PC Buxton had submitted his apologies and a full report would be submitted to the Annual Parish Meeting on 9th May 2007.

The Chairman adjourned the Meeting to allow members of the public to speak. Mr Middleton raised his concern about two trees at Windlass Howe and the signage to the north of the trees obliterated by overhanging vegetation. The Clerk would investigate.

The Meeting was reconvened

12. FINANCE

- (i) RESOLVED to confirm approval the orders for payment submitted to the meeting totalling £16037.42p
- (ii) The Clerk had circulated Draft Accounts for the year 2006/7 and Members were now asked to consider these Accounts. The Clerk answered queries from Members and formally asked them to approve the Accounts for 2006/7. He informed Members that the Annual Internal Audit would be completed tomorrow and asked them to approve the Accounts in principle subject to Internal Audit recommendations. 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 2006/7. 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 Ambleside Community Christmas Lights Committee funding for the financial year 2007/8. The Chairman left the room for this item. COUNCILLOR GREEN IN THE CHAIR. The Clerk informed Members that the sum of £2000 had been placed in the Budget for this purpose.
RESOLVED – That £2000 be donated to Ambleside Community Christmas Lights Committee. COUNCILLOR JOHNSON IN THE CHAIR
- (iv) Members considered a request for affiliation from Cumbria Playing Fields Association.
RESOLVED – That the Council affiliate again during this financial year in the sum of £43.

(v) Members were asked to confirm their decision to award a grant of £1000 to the Rural CAB now that Ambleside Office had been closed. The Manager of the CAB had attended the Plans Meeting in April and explained the reasons for the closure. CAB would continue to offer a service to the Parish of Lakes.

RESOLVED – To confirm the donation of £1000 to the Rural CAB.

13. PLANS FOR CONSIDERATION

There were no Plans for consideration.

14 MATTERS OF INFORMATION

A. From the Chairman

The Chairman had nothing further to report
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B. From the Clerk

- 1 Windermere Town Council – Agenda 23rd April 2007
- 2 Friends of the Lake District – E Newsletter April 07
3. Councils Direct May 2007
4. The Clerk – March 2007
5. Cumbrian Wildlife – May 2007

C From Members

Cllr Mrs Parker spoke on green composting.
Cllr Bradshaw spoke on the recent SLDT AGM
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D. From District Councillors

Cllr Mrs Rees reported on the Unitary bid and various other issues.
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E. From the County Councillor

The County Councillor had submitted his apologies to the Meeting
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15. STANDING ORDERS AND FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

The Clerk had previously circulated draft Standing Orders and Financial Regulations for Members consideration.

RESOLVED To adopt the Standing Orders and Financial Regulations with minor amendments as suggested by the Clerk and Members.

16 VACANCY – AMBLESIDE WARD

The Clerk informed Members that a Vacancy had now been created by the disqualification of Cllr Mrs Lockley who had failed to attend six consecutive Meetings of the Council.

RESOLVED – Members agreed that the Clerk should now invoke procedures to fill the Vacancy.

17. APPEALS/ AMENDED/WITHDRAWN AND REFUSED PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- a. Appeal by Mr P J Bradley, Birch End, Lake Road, Ambleside – hearing arranged for 6th June 2007 at the Cumpstone Room, Kelsick Centre Ambleside at 10am.
- b. Appeal by Codecrest Ltd – re the Salutation Hotel, Lake Road, Ambleside, against refusal of planning permission for additional hotel bedroom and secure underground car parking. To be dealt with by written representations.

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18. PLANNING DECISIONS TAKEN BY THE LDNPA

The following decisions on planning applications were taken by the LDNPA

CONDITIONAL APPROVAL

1. 7/07/5004 Land at Miller Field, Ambleside
Use of Car Park on a full all year basis
2. 7/07/5006 Lowfold, Lake Road, Ambleside
Change of use from A1 to A2 (for office purposes) and
replace/alteration to shop front window area.
3. 7/07/5021 Chesters Café by the River, Skelwith Bridge, Ambleside
Replacement of septic tank with underground biological treatment
plant.
4. 7/07/5027 Gill Sike, Troutbeck, Windermere
Conversion of roof space to include new flat roof dormer erection
of new car port and raised terrace.
5. 7/07/5026 Rowan, Off Broadgate, Grasmere
Erection of Garden Hut.
6. 7/07/5029 SLDC – Car Park Lake Road, Ambleside
Install 3 in number lighting columns – 5m tall.
7. 7/07/5038 Ambleside Park, Borrans Road, Ambleside
Alterations to existing entrance area.
8. 7/07/5050 Silverhowe South, Redbank Road, Grasmere
Extension to form garden room – revised design.
9. 7/07/5052 Bield How and Lowfield, Lake Road, Ambleside
Proposed parking area.
10. 7/07/5057 Sandal Beck, Grasmere
Demolition of existing concrete prefab garage and erection of
new garage
11. 7/07/5082 Organico, Fisherbeck Mill, Ambleside
Alterations to existing building and partial change of use.
12. 7/07/5083 Lucy's of Ambleside (for Middletons of Ambleside)
Change of use from print shop and workshop to larger food retail
shop and delicatessen with workshop area reduced to form
warehouse – ground floor only.
13. 7/07/5091 Youth Hostels Association, Waterhead, Ambleside
Erection of a building for office/hire centre
14. 7/07/5094 3 Sweden How, Sweden Bridge Lane, Ambleside
Single storey garden room extension to rear and 2 storey
extension to side of dwelling
15. 7/075100 Howe Head Cottage, Howe Head Lane, Grasmere
Domestic extension

REFUSALS

1. 7/07/5051 Bluebell Cottage, Easedale Road, Grasmere
Construct private access.
2. 7/07/5035 24 Kirkfield Rise, Ambleside
Proposed new dwelling

The Meeting closed at 9.32pm