

LAKES PARISH COUNCIL

PLANS MEETING

Minutes of the Meeting held in the Library, Ambleside on Wednesday 5th September 2007 at 7.30pm

PRESENT: Cllrs. L. Johnson (Chairman), W.H. Allen, E.S. Bradshaw, A.Green
N.C. Martin, Ms M.M. Colquhoun, Mrs F.M. Sparrow, Mrs A
Sowerbutts and D. Welch

APOLOGIES: Cllrs, Mrs. E. M. Braithwaite, Mrs V. Rees,
J. Smith, J.R. Westmoreland, Mrs E Wilson.

IN ATTENDANCE: County Cllr B. Barton

ALSO M.A. Johnson, the Press and 5 members of the public

20. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Ms Colquhoun declared a prejudicial interest in Planning Item 2 (The Knoll, Rydal Road, Ambleside. Cllr Green declared a prejudicial interest in Planning Item 3(Stable End, Grasmere) There were no other declarations of interest from any Member.

21. AMBLESIDE DENTAL PRACTICE

Members had placed this on the Agenda for discussion after being informed that the PCT would no longer support single dentists or single practices. The Ambleside practice will close on the retirement of the present Dentist. Members noted that patients were to be transferred to the Windermere Dentist however they felt that Ambleside was a central point for the surrounding rural communities and that to travel to Windermere could cause many problems. One suggestion was that the Windermere practice could operate a satellite operation in Ambleside.

RESOLVED – That a strong letter of protest be sent to the PCT and copied to Tim Farron MP also the Minister responsible.

22. BOUNDARY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

The Chairman had allowed this item due to the short time left for responses. The recommendation concerning Lakes Parish was that Troutbeck be removed from the District voting area of Lakes and placed in Windermere, although the Parish boundary would still encompass Troutbeck as at present. This would then mean that Lakes (Grasmere) and Lakes (Ambleside) would be combined in to one electoral division and would elect two Councillors to the District Council, an overall loss of one Councillor. Members were amazed that the wishes of the residents of Troutbeck had been ignored and that a District Council recommendation that Troutbeck remain within Lakes had been also discounted. Members also felt that local people had not been listened to.

RESOLVED – To strongly protest to the Boundary Committee and write formally to the Electoral Commission, together with a letter to Tim Farron MP.

23. TREE WORKS

T/2007/0045 Prune one Scots Pine – Greenways, Gale Rigg, Ambleside

T/2007/0048 Prune one beech and one sycamore and coppice 2 elm – The Falls, Ambleside – the recommendation of the Tree Advisor had not been received however Members were agreeable to the work proposed.

Members were also concerned about work to the two Corsican Pines at Mater Amabilis in Ambleside however were content to be guided by the recommendation of the local Tree

surgeon that the leaning pine be felled with replanting taking place and the other have a watching brief over the next few years.
RESOLVED – To agree to the work.

The Chairman adjourned the Meeting to allow members of the public to speak. One member of the public spoke on a planning item to be considered later in the Agenda and another on the forthcoming recycle reorganisation within South Lakeland.

The Chairman then reconvened the Meeting.

24. PLANNING DECISIONS/APPEALS/WITHDRAWN APPLICATIONS

- a. 7/2006/5597 – Zeffirellis, Compston Road, Ambleside – New external balcony – the appeal is allowed and planning permission granted.
- b. 7/2006/5482 - The Boathouse, Clappersgate, Ambleside – redevelopment of site of outbuildings to provide extension to dwelling with garages – this application is withdrawn

25. PLANS FOR CONSIDERATION

RESOLVED to make the following recommendations on the undermentioned plans:

1. 7/07/5331 Field adjacent Mill Bridge, Mill Bridge, Grasmere
New Farm Building – **Refuse – on the grounds that this application is detrimental to the landscape of the National Park in that it is a large building in open countryside not in keeping with the Lakeland setting and is environmentally wrong. It is a large overdevelopment of the site and is sited near a dangerous corner. The applicant might consider re-siting it to somewhere less obvious and building it with suitably sympathetic Lakeland materials.**
2. 7/07/5429 1 The Knoll, Rydal Road, Ambleside
Replace bay windows to the front of the property. – **No Objections**
(Cllr Ms Colquhoun declared a prejudicial interest and left the room taking no part in the debate or resolution)
3. 7/07/5442 Stable End, Grasmere
Enlargement of existing house – **Refuse on the grounds that this is an overdevelopment of the site that will almost double the footprint of the building. It is an unneighbourly development which might cause problems with loss of light for the neighbours and increase the pressure on drainage and sewage. It may well cause serious highway problems on this very narrow road with the removal of the only car parking provision (the garage) and the requirement of additional parking space to accommodate any anticipated family/ guests. If granted this application will have an adverse impact on the character of the area and harm the Easedale valley. If the Development Control Committee is minded to approve then it should, at the very least, visit the site prior to making a decision.**
(Cllr Green declared a prejudicial interest and left the room taking no part in the debate or resolution)
4. 7/07/5452 Rothay Garden Hotel, Broadgate, Grasmere
Demolition of existing porch and replace with new porch – **No Objections**

5. 7/07/5456 1 Long Syke, Grasmere
To erect gates to path and driveway using existing hinges – **No Objections**
6. 7/07/5461 Larchways, Troutbeck
Proposed extension – **No Objections**
7. 7/07/5465 Land adjacent to Sticklebarn Tavern, Great Langdale
Car park, oil tank, calor tanks and disabled access – **No Objections**
8. 7/07/5466 Glenside Cottage, Town End, Troutbeck
Proposed two storey extension – **Refuse on the grounds that this is an unneighbourly development and an over-intensive development of the site. It is a listed building in the conservation area and the Council are not aware of any application relating to its listed status within the conservation area.**
9. 7/07/5480 Dove Cottage, Grasmere
Making of gateway and pedestrian path, timber gate, resin bonded path – brown. – **No Objections but the Council note that some of this work may already have been carried out and they do not approve of retrospective applications.**

The meeting closed at 8.45pm