

LAKES PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on 6th June 2007 in the Library, Kelsick Road, Ambleside at 7.30pm

PRESENT: Cllrs. L. Johnson (Chairman), W. H Allen, Mrs E.M. Braithwaite, Mrs E.A. Garlick, A. Green, N.C. Martin, Mrs A. Parker, Mrs V. Rees, Mrs F.M. Sparrow, D Welch, J.R. Westmoreland and Mrs E. Wilson

APOLOGIES: Cllrs, E.S. Bradshaw, Ms M.M. Colquhoun,

IN ATTENDANCE: County Cllr B Barton District Cllr Vatcher and PC Buxton

ALSO: M. A. Johnson and the Press

19 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 2nd May 2007 and the Plans Meeting on 23rd May held in the Library, Ambleside were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman accordingly.

20. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- ◆ Cllr Mrs Rees declared a personal interest in Planning Item 10 – Unitary Cumbria. There were no other declarations of interest.

21 POLICE REPORT

PC Buxton gave a report on 17 crimes in the area, a reduction of 3 on the previous year. There had been 1 Burglary, 1 Assault, a number of thefts and damage plus one drunk and disorderly. He reported on anti social behaviour of which one third of reported incidents had involved young people. The Lakes Police Team had dealt with 219 incidents during the month. He answered questions from Members and the Chairman thanked him for his attendance. PC Buxton then left the meeting for another appointment.

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22. REPORTS

- a. Ambleside Chamber of Trade Meeting May 2007 – Cllr Martin had been on holiday at the time of this meeting and had no report to make. He commented that the new Ambleside Guide was in production.
- b. Parish Plan Action Group – meeting 14th May – the notes from the meeting had been circulated and were tabled.
- c. Neighbourhood Forum – 4th June 2007 – The Chairman and Cllr Martin reported on this well attended meeting. There had been an interesting number of topics including discussion on waste and recycling, the Parish Plan, National Park, Ambleside/Waterhead Master Plan and the Rothay Valley Sustainable Environment Group among others.
- d. Ambleside and Waterhead Master Plan meeting 4th May – Cllr Johnson reported on this Meeting which was substantially the last meeting and it was now in the hands of SLDT to seek funding to implement the scheme on an incremental basis. It was agreed that the most likely approach will be to forward the Waterhead improvement scheme as the first project.
- e. Rothay Valley Environment Group - Cllr Welch reported on work that had been undertaken and also that which was in progress. He spoke on funding for the group.

The Chairman then adjourned the Meeting for members of the public to speak. There were no public present. The Chairman then reconvened the Meeting.

23 FINANCE

- a. RESOLVED to confirm approval the orders for payment submitted to the meeting totalling £6649.90
- b. To consider a request for funding from Rydal Village Society – this request was deferred to a future meeting at the request of the Village Society.

24 PLANS FOR CONSIDERATION

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

1. 7/07/5017 The Wyke, Pull Woods, Ambleside – **Refuse on the grounds that this is a demolition of an existing residence and therefore will be new build which should then be subject to a local occupancy clause. If the building is demolished then it should be subject to a new planning application. If approved it will result in a large increase in traffic on a small road down to the Lake. It is a sensitive wildlife area. The decking area proposed increased the footprint of the building and this is not natural to the Lake District.**
2. 7/07/5217 Natwest Cheapside, Ambleside – Remove 2 existing deteriorated timber framed full height windows and replace with new timber framed clear glazed window split in to three sections – **No Objections**

25 MATTERS OF INFORMATION

- A. From the Chairman
The Chairman had attended a number of meetings including the SLDC Lake Windermere Project Board at Kendal Town Hall that had considered the future management of the Lake. He had also attended an SLDC Code of Conduct seminar at Kendal Town Hall that had recommended adoption of the same code for the Parish. He recommended that all Parish Cllrs undertake training perhaps jointly with other neighbouring Parishes.
- B. From the Clerk
 1. Lakes Line User Group – Minutes 25th April 2007
 2. Cumbrian Wildlife Magazine – May 2007
 3. The Clerk – May 2007
 4. SLDC – Council Summons – 17th May/5th June
 5. SLDC – Standards Committee – 7th June 2007
- C. From Members
 - a. Councillor Mrs Sparrow indicated that she would like to attend the Cllrs Training Course in company with Cllrs Mrs Parker and Welch. The Clerk would arrange this.
- D. From District Councillors.
Cllr Vatcher spoke on three matters. The County Council Access Review of bus services including the fare structure and provision for youth on local Bus Services. He felt that the Parish might like to make representations on the high fares and other related issues. He touched on a meeting in Langdale. He

highlighted the new bins that were to be introduced and SLDC will provide a smaller bin on request. He explained an inaccuracy in the CALC letter relating to their comments on Unitary Authority.

Cllr Mrs Rees spoke on Equality and Diversity and training she had undertaken recently.

- E. From the County Councillor
Councillor Barton had nothing to report.

26 LENGTHSMAN/PARISH HANDYMAN

The Clerk reported that there had been little progress with the Lengthsman scheme due to a possible Insurance problem and it was difficult to see how this could be overcome given the stance of the Councils' Insurers. The Clerk mentioned the possibility of a pilot Parish handyman scheme beginning in September or October. Cllr Mrs Parker asked that consideration be also given to employing local contractors for work to be done.

RESOLVED - That the Clerk prepare a report on a Parish Handyman/Contractors for the consideration of the Council.

27 CONSULTATION ON UNITARY CUMBRIA

The Clerk reported on the previous decision of the Council where it had resolved to support a Unitary Authority for Cumbria. Members were asked to consider re-affirming that position.

RESOLVED To reiterate the previous decision of the Council and support a Unitary Authority for Cumbria while supporting discussions that were ongoing. That the Council support District Boards with strong local elected representatives.

28 CUMBRIA RURAL HOUSING TRUST

The Clerk had received the Housing Needs Survey for Langdale, Elterwater, Loughrigg, Skelwith Bridge and Clappersgate. It was laid on the table for Members information.

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29. THE SILVER MOON, NORTH ROAD, AMBLESIDE

The Clerk had circulated a letter from Cumbria Highways and read a letter from the Chairman of the Civic Trust.

RESOLVED – To support the views of the Civic Trust in the preservation of the cobbled/paved area and resist the tarmac proposals from the Highways Authority.

30. RURAL CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU - NOMINATION

The Clerk had circulated an email from the Manager of the CAB requesting the Council consider nominating a representative to join the Trustee Board of the Rural CAB.

RESOLVED – to agree to nominate a representative but to defer this to the next Meeting of the Council for a decision on the person to be appointed.

31. LDNPA SITE VISITS FOR PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The Clerk had circulated information from LDNPA on the new procedures for attending site visits.

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32. NOTIFICATION OF TREE MATTERS

T/07/0035 Mortal Man Inn Troutbeck – Prune one tree fell or coppice 6 trees – the views of the LDNPA Tree Advisor have been sought on this application. Cllr

Westmoreland spoke on the application

RESOLVED to notify the Tree Advisor that the Council supports the severe thinning out and tidying up but not the felling of the tree.

The Meeting closed at 9.30