

## LAKES PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on 7 February 2007 in the Library, Kelsick Road, Ambleside at 7.30pm

PRESENT: Cllrs. L. Johnson (Chairman), A. Green, E.S. Bradshaw, Mrs E.M. Braithwaite, Ms M.M. Colquhoun, Mrs E.A. Garlick, N.C. Martin, Mrs A. Parker, Mrs F.M. Sparrow  
Mrs V. Rees and J.R. Westmoreland, Mrs E. Wilson

APOLOGIES: Cllrs, W. H Allen Mrs M. Lockley and J. Smith

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

ALSO: M. A. Johnson, the Press and 12 members of the public

### 137 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> January and the Plans Meeting on 24 January held in the Library, Ambleside were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman accordingly.

### 138. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- ◆ Councillor Bradshaw declared an interest in Agenda Item 18 11 Gale Park Ambleside. Cllr Mrs Parker declared an interest in Agenda item 7(b) Ambleside Parish Centre and Cllr Martin declared an interest in Agenda item 8(6) Ghyllbank, North Road, Ambleside.

### 139 POLICE REPORT

PC Buxton gave a full report on crime statistics since the beginning of the year. He compared incidents of youth disorder with those in Windermere where a much higher incidence of problems had been reported. He welcomed work beginning on Castlefield play area. He answered Members queries and left the meeting for another appointment. The Chairman thanked him for his attendance.  
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### 140. REPORTS

- a. Ambleside and Waterhead Masterplan – meeting 18 Jan – Cllr Ms Colquhoun had tabled a report on this Meeting and reported briefly on it. She reminded Members that a workshop will take place on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2007.
- b. Meeting with St Martins College – 18<sup>th</sup> Jan – The Clerk circulated the Minutes of the Meeting provided by the College. Members felt that in the disposal of any property belonging to the College, priority should be given for a Housing Association to develop affordable housing for rent. The Clerk would write and confirm this to the College.
- c. Parish Plan meeting 31<sup>st</sup> January – The Minutes will be circulated with the next Plans meeting agenda.
- d. South Lakeland Community/Parish Plan Workshop 30<sup>th</sup> January – Cllr Mrs Parker had attended and tabled a report for Members information.
- e. CALC Meeting 3 February 2007 – Cllr Johnson reported on this Meeting and tabled a report for Members information.
- f. Cllr Mrs Wilson reported on a Meeting in Langdale on 31<sup>st</sup> January where Community Travel had been the subject. She felt that it had not been a successful meeting as people present had wanted to discuss public transport, the state of the roads and other issues but this had not been possible. She felt it had been a wasted evening.

The Chairman then adjourned the Meeting for members of the public to speak. Four members of the public spoke on a planning application for Ghyllbank, North Road Ambleside; one spoke on a meeting arranged with John Bell at Rydal to discuss the traffic island proposals for the A591; one spoke on Troutbeck and the Boundary Committee proposals; one spoke on issues the responsibility of the County Council and one spoke on the state of BT overhead telephone cables in Little Langdale. The BT matter will be placed on a future agenda of the Parish Council. The Chairman then reconvened the Meeting.

#### 141 FINANCE

- a. RESOLVED to confirm approval the orders for payment submitted to the meeting totalling £2735.88
- b. Ambleside Parish Centre – request for funding – it was agreed that a request for funding would be made from other sources.
- c. King Street Car Park – damaged bus shelter. The Clerk reported on progress with the Insurance Claim for the damage to this Shelter. He had submitted a claim for a large amount of the replacement cost to insurance company of the person who had collided with the shelter. RESOLVED – to authorise replacement of the shelter in the sum of £3900 to be met initially from Reserves and replaced by the amount obtained from the Insurance claim.

#### 142 PLANS FOR CONSIDERATION

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

1. 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. – **No Objections**
2. 7/07/5019/20                  Old Mill, North Road Ambleside  
Shop signs/new signs. – **No Objections**
3. 7/07/5021                      Chesters Café by the River, Skelwith Bridge, Ambleside  
Replacement of existing unsatisfactory septic tank with an underground biological treatment plant. - **Approval**
- 4.7/07/5035                      24, Kirkfield Rise, Ambleside  
Proposed new dwelling – **Refuse on the grounds that this is an intrusive, unneighbourly development that will impact on other dwellings. If the Committee are minded to approve then a site visit should be undertaken prior to any decision being made. Lakes Parish Council will welcome the opportunity to attend any site meeting.**
- 5.7/07/5038                      Ambleside Park, Borrans Road, Ambleside  
Proposed alterations to existing entrance area – **No Objection**
- 6.7/06/5363                      Ghyllbank, North Road, Ambleside 4 in number 3 bed houses – **Refuse on the grounds of overdevelopment of the site; serious concern regarding access from Peggy Hill; that this is an unneighbourly and obtrusive development in the Conservation Area; that this will create a dangerous highway problem for children who have a safe route to school and that it appears to contravene Policy H20 with regard to ‘affordable housing’.**

143 MATTERS OF INFORMATION

- A. From the Chairman  
The Chairman had attended a number of meetings including the Neighbourhood Forum on 17<sup>th</sup> January, a meeting relating to the Ambleside Master Plan, CALC meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> February, the Public Inquiry into an appeal by Adrian Sankey re the workshop development on Rydal Road. He has raised concerns re conformity of the work undertaken at Plane Tree Cottage
- B. From the Clerk
- 1 Windermere Town Council – Agenda 22 January 2007
  - 2 DIS Extra –648 – 15 Jan and 649 29 Jan 2007
  3. Lakes Line Bulletin
  4. Highways Agency – Helping you plan your journey
- C From Members
- a. Councillor Mrs Wilson reported that the future of the Chapel Stile phone box was secure for the time being.
  - b. Councillor Bradshaw reported on the Neighbourhood Forum on 17<sup>th</sup> January.
- D. From District Councillors.  
Councillor Vatcher reported on CATS and drew members attention to a meeting in Kendal to discuss matters relating to this health proposal.
- E. From the County Councillor  
Councillor Barton had nothing to report

144 VACANCY – RYDAL AND LOUGHRIGG WARD

The Clerk formally reported that Councillor Brookes had tendered his resignation on 11 January and informed Members that he had immediately carried out his statutory duty in advertising the Vacancy throughout Rydal and Loughrigg Ward and in the Parish Noticeboard. The expiry date for a request for an election had now passed and the Electoral Officer from SLDC had informed the Clerk that the Vacancy should be filled by co-optation at the earliest opportunity.

RESOLVED - On the Motion of Cllr Mrs Sparrow and seconded by Cllr Mrs Rees it was Moved that Mr David Welch of Cote How, Rydal be co-opted to Lakes Parish Council. An Amendment was proposed by Cllr Ms Colquhoun that Mr George Middleton of Wood View, Millans Park, Ambleside be co-opted to Lakes Parish Council. There being no seconder for the Amendment, it then fell and Members voted unanimously with Cllr Ms Colquhoun abstaining, that Mr Welch be co-opted to Lakes Parish Council to fill the Vacancy left by the resignation of Cllr Brookes.

145 RYDAL TRAFFIC ISLAND

Cllr Mrs Sparrow confirmed that progress was being made with a site visit by Mr John Bell arranged.

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146 BOUNDARY COMMISSION FURTHER ELECTORAL REVIEW – STAGE 3

Members had heard from the Troutbeck Village Society on their concerns about the democratic consultation process and the letter send to the Boundary Committee expressing their wish to maintain the present status quo with Lakes Parish. They asked for support from the Parish Council for their views expressed to the Committee.

RESOLVED That Lakes Parish Council support the views of the Troutbeck Village Society and that the Clerk write accordingly to the Boundary Committee.

147. CONSULTATION ON REVISED MODEL CODE OF CONDUCT

The Clerk suggested that this be deferred so that information could be circulated to Members and that it be considered at the Plans Meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> February.

RESOLVED – That this be deferred to the next Plans Meeting for discussion.

148. HOUSING SURVEYS GRASMERE, RYDAL AND UNDERLOUGHRIGG

The Clerk formally reported the receipt of these Surveys to the Parish Council. They are available in the Parish Office. He also sought nominations for an Affordable Housing event in Grasmere on 15<sup>th</sup> March 2007.

RESOLVED That the Chairman and Cllr Mrs Braithwaite be nominated to attend the Affordable Housing event in Grasmere.

149. CALC – ELECTION OF PARISH REPRESENTATIVE – 12 MARCH 2007

The Clerk reported on information on a ballot to be held received from CALC.

RESOLVED – That the Chairman be nominated to this ballot on behalf of Lakes Parish Council

150. WAITING RESTRICTIONS STOCKGHYLL LANE, COMPSTON ROAD AND LAKE ROAD.

The Clerk reported that work would commence on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2007 to implement these new restrictions

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151. NOTIFICATION OF PLANNING APPEALS/WITHDRAWN/AMENDED APPLICATIONS

- a. Blue Hill Road – former gas works site – Public inquiry to be held in the Kelsick Hall, St Mary's Lane Ambleside on Wednesday 7 March at 10am.
- b. 25, High Fieldside, Grasmere – appeal against refusal of extension to form granny annex and conservatory – to be dealt with by written representations
- c. Langwaite, Nook Lane, Ambleside – appeal against refusal of alterations to and subdivision of uncompleted house and workshop to form 2 houses – one for local occupancy.
- d. Ambleside Salutation Hotel Appeal against refusal by T Mobile for telecommunications base station and antennas mounted on a pole having the appearance of a flagpole plus ancillary development – the appeal is dismissed

152. PLANNING DECISIONS

The following decisions on planning applications were taken by the LDNPA

**CONDITIONAL APPROVAL**

**Approvals**

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| 7/2006/5385 | Pullwood Bay Estate, Pullwood Bay Pullwoods, Ambleside – Create leisure facilities (resubmission)                      |
| 7/2006/5621 | 11 Briery Close Windermere – Extension to house  |
| 7/2006/5619 | Rothay Garth Hotel, Rothay Road, Ambleside – Extension to hotel to provide owners accommodation and additional kitchen |

- 7/2006/5638 Quaysiders Club, Borrans Road, Ambleside – replace wood windows with pvc in same style as current windows
- 7/2006/5653 1 and 2 Steps Cottages, Rydal, Ambleside  
Demolish existing rear extension and build new single storey extension.
- 7/2006/5654 11 Gale Park, Ambleside – extension to existing domestic bungalow

**Refusals**

- 7/2006/5607/8 The Waterside Hotel, Grasmere – part demolition and alteration with additional car parking and landscape
- 7/2006/5636 Salutation Hotel, Lake Road Ambleside – additional hotel bedroom and secure underground parking

The meeting closed at 9.51PM