

LAKES PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on 3 September 2008 in the Library, Kelsick Road, Ambleside at 7.30pm

PRESENT: Cllr L. Johnson (In the Chair), W. H Allen, A. Green, E.S. Bradshaw, Mrs E.M. Braithwaite, Ms M.M. Colquhoun, N.C. Martin, Mrs S. Ogden, Mrs V Rees, J. Smith, Mrs F.M. Sparrow, P.A. Thompson, D. Welch & Mrs E. Wilson

APOLOGIES: Cllrs Mrs A. Sowerbutts J.R. Westmoreland and County Cllr Barton

IN ATTENDANCE: District Cllr Vatcher

ALSO: M. A. Johnson, Sgt J Stevens, 4 members of the public and the Press

71 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 13th August 2008 in the Library, Ambleside were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman accordingly.

72 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- ◆ Councillor Martin declared an interest in a Finance item relating to J F Martin and Son.
- ◆ Cllr Mrs Rees declared an interest in all Planning Matters and Finance Item 7(ii) a request for funding from Grasmere Players.
- ◆ Cllr Smith declared a personal interest in Police Matters.
- ◆ There were no other declarations of interest

73. ITEMS OF INFORMATION FROM MINUTE 71.

There were no queries on items of information

74 POLICE REPORT

Sgt Stevens gave an update on crime within the Parish over the past month. Operations targeting vehicle crime continue and the Respect campaign will be highlighted over the Halloween period. Current issues include metal theft in outlying areas, crime on the Lake where 12 outboard motors have been stolen in the past two months, and antisocial behaviour that is showing a continued reduction. A major result has been the arrest of Manchester based criminals who were targeting Boots stores including Windermere and Ambleside. Sgt Stevens answered questions from Members and the Chairman thanked him for his attendance.

75. SLDC –NEW GROUNDS MAINTENANCE CONTRACT

The Chairman welcomed Mark Harris and Maureen Stewart from SLDC who gave a presentation on the work being undertaken on the putting together of a new Contract for grounds maintenance that will shortly go out to tender. They welcome the views of Lakes Parish on matters of concern and items that should be considered for inclusion in the new Contract. Items of concern raised included the bedding plant displays at Waterhead however it was intended to include more perennials and shrubs in the new Contract and much less reliance on bedding plants. Other matters of concern included the perceived poor performance in certain areas by the present contractor and the arrangements for monitoring the performance of the new

arrangements. Mr Harris and Mrs Stewart answered Members questions and the Chairman thanked them for their attendance

The Chairman ADJOURNED the Meeting to allow members of the public to speak. One person spoke on recently erected cycle signs in Little Langdale. This would be placed on the next Agenda for discussion and resolution. One person spoke on shrubs at Waterhead. Mr Hugh Wright gave an outline of the opportunities and financial affairs of Grasmere Players in relation to the Youth Theatre (as requested by Members at the last Meeting of the Council).

The Chairman then RECONVENED the Meeting

76. REPORTS

- a. There were no reports from Members on meetings attended..

77 FINANCE

- a. RESOLVED to confirm approval the orders for payment submitted to the meeting totalling £2032.44
- b. RESOLVED to donate the sum of £250 to Grasmere Youth Theatre.
- c. RESOLVED to accept the closure of the 2007/8 Audit and note the remarks of the External Auditor in relation to the comparative figure for Box 8 which was advisory only with no further action required.

78 PLANS FOR CONSIDERATION

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

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| 7/08/5464 | Former Rangers Base – Glebe Road, Waterhead, Ambleside Construct a ramp with steps at the front of the building to aid access into the building for all users including the disabled. – No Objections |
| 7/08/5468 | Rose Cottage and Carriers Cottage, Town End, Grasmere Alteration of existing garage block from 3 impractical garages to form 2 garages- No Objections |
| 7/08/5470 | Fields near Ellers, Skelwith, Ambleside Change of use of fields NY3503/3504 to horsiculture and erection of stables.- No Objections |
| 7/08/5474 | The Salutation Inn, Ambleside Two storey extension to form office space for hotel- Refuse on the grounds of over-intensive development of this important site within the Conservation area. |
| 7/08/5475 | Land adjacent to Market Cross, Ambleside Erection of wishing well.- No Objections |
| 7/08/5476 | Beck Head Tarn, Foul Step Lane, Loughrigg, Ambleside Extended occupation of Beck Head Tarn to include the period 21 Dec in any one year to 4 January in the following year.- No Objections. |

79 MATTERS OF INFORMATION

- A. From the Chairman
The Chairman had nothing to report.
- B. From the Clerk
 - 1 Windermere Town Council – Agenda 1st September 2008
 - 2 Cumbria Wildlife Magazine September
 - 3 The Clerk – September 2008

- 4 Clerks and Councils Direct – September 2008
- 5 Update on Public Meeting to discuss Cycleways in Ambleside
- 6 Update on Parish Summits
- C From Members
 - a. Cllr Mrs Wilson reported on the unexpected closure of Elterwater Post Office with no immediate prospect of it re-opening.
 - b. Cllr Mrs Rees reported that a meeting of the Affordable Housing Task Group will take place this coming Friday.
 - c. Cllr Thompson was still concerned that, although something had been done about weeds in Low Fold Car Park, it still needed much more work. The Clerk pointed out that he had asked the Parish Handyman to do what he could but this was a District Council matter and despite three separate requests nothing had yet happened. Cllr Thompson was advised to take this directly to the District Councillors.
 - d. Cllr Bradshaw requested a proxy replacement at the CAB AGM as he will be away on holiday. Cllrs Mrs Braithwaite and Rees agreed to sort out a representative on his behalf.
- D. From District Councillors.
Cllrs Vatcher and Mrs Rees reinforced the need for the Council to be represented at the forthcoming Parish Summit.
- E. From the County Councillor – apologies.

80 SEPTEMBER PARISH NEWSLETTER

The Clerk had circulated an updated Draft of the next Newsletter which would contain the Directory of Services compiled by the Parish Project Officer. A lot of extra work had been undertaken to make this a publicly presentable issue. Members complimented the Clerk on his efforts.

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81 MEETING WITH AREA ENGINEER

The Clerk had now received an agreed date for the attendance of the Area Engineer which would be the Plans Meeting on 22nd October. Items for this Meeting should be submitted to the Clerk by 8th October (the next full Council Meeting). This Meeting will start at 7pm to allow a full discussion.

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82 PROPOSED ALTERATION TO A591 SPEED LIMITS AMBLESIDE – TROUTBECK BRIDGE

The Clerk had circulated information on this item. Members raised issues regarding the increase from 30 to 40 in the vicinity of the Low Wood Hotel but otherwise welcomed the alterations proposed.

RESOLVED To write to Cumbria County Council to object to the 40mph from Ambleside to Briery Wood and request that it remain at 30mph. The Council welcome the removal of the 20mph restriction near the Youth Hostel at Ambleside.

83. APPEALS/WITHDRAWN APPLICATIONS

7/08/5023 – Appeal by the Samling Ltd against refusal of planning permission for replacement of traditional timber jetty. To be dealt with by written representations

84. PLANNING DECISIONS

APPROVALS

- 7/08/5168 Low Wood Hotel, Ambleside – Extension to existing dining room
- 7/08/5205 Padmire, Grasmere – rear dormer extension, new gate, wall and fence
- 7/08/5288 21 Thrang Brow, Chapel Stile – demolition of existing porch and balcony and rebuild to a slightly larger footprint.

- 7/08/5299 17 Loughrigg Park, Ambleside – To place a pre-fabricated summer house in garden
- 7/08/5313 Easedale Lodge Guest house Ambleside – new dormer window to existing second floor bedroom
- 7/08/5338 Broadoaks County House Troutbeck Windermere - Variation of condition to allow serving of food to non residents
- 7/08/5343 Fell Gate, Mclver Lane Ambleside – minor internal alterations single storey breakfast room extension, 2 storey bedroom extension.
- 7/08/5348 19 Gale Park Ambleside – extension to western elevation of existing bungalow

REFUSALS - None

The Meeting closed at 9.26pm