

## LAKES PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> February 2008 in the Library, Kelsick Road, Ambleside at 7.30pm

PRESENT: Cllr L. Johnson (In the Chair), A. Green, E.S. Bradshaw, Mrs E.M. Braithwaite, N.C. Martin, Mrs S. Ogden, Mrs A. Sowerbutts, Mrs F.M. Sparrow, P.A. Thompson, D. Welch and J.R. Westmoreland

APOLOGIES: Cllrs. W. H Allen, Ms M.M. Colquhoun, Mrs V. Rees, J. Smith, Mrs E. Wilson, County Cllr Barton and District Cllr Vatcher

IN ATTENDANCE: None

ALSO: M. A. Johnson, PC D Buxton, 3 members of the public and the Press

### 126 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> January 2008 and the Plans Meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> January in the Library, Ambleside were approved (with the amendment of Vicarage Lane to Vicarage Road) as a correct record and signed by the Chairman accordingly.

### 127. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- ◆ Councillor Martin declared an interest, both personal and prejudicial, in the Finance item for approval relating to J.F. Martin and Co and the Planning Item 7/08/5031, Goodybridge Farm, Grasmere.
- ◆ Councillor Thompson declared a personal interest in Planning Item 7/08/5013, Salutation Hotel, Ambleside.
- ◆ There were no other declarations of interest on items contained within the Agenda.

### 128 POLICE REPORT

PC Buxton reported on the antisocial behaviour and crime figures that were generally all less than the previous year. Christmas had been relatively peaceful and trouble free. In the month of January, Langdale had not had any crime reported, Grasmere only one crime reported and in Ambleside 17, identical to the January 2007. There had been two assaults on Police and an increase in theft from shops identified to travelling criminals. He reported on the successful launch and press day for the new Parish Office and welcomed the Council as a key working partner in the Community. He answered Members questions. The Chairman thanked him for his attendance and for the work he had put in to effect the transition of the Council to the new Parish Office. Members also thanked the Clerk for his efforts in achieving a seamless transfer to the new Office premises.

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### 129. REPORTS

- a. Ambleside Chamber of Trade 21<sup>st</sup> January – Cllr Martin reported on this well attended special meeting. The general discussion was on the way forward. A further meeting will be held to discuss the perception of how people see the Chamber. A Chairman and Treasurer are still required. A change in name will be discussed as the last major change was in 1966, however he was pleased to report that in any event the Chamber will continue.

- b. LDNPA Site Visit, Hayes Garden Centre – Cllr Bradshaw reported on this meeting that had lasted about one and a half hours and been very interesting. The application had now been withdrawn, possibly as a result of this site meeting. There had been lots of questions and viewings on and off site, looking particularly at the size diameter and height of the proposed structure. He felt that it might be beneficial for other Councillors to attend site meetings with a full briefing from the Clerk to gain experience and meet others from within the County. The Chairman reminded Members of the hard work that had to be undertaken just to get the attendance of the Parish Council reinstated at the Site Visits.
- c. Polishing the Gem – Ambleside Masterplan – Cllr Bradshaw reported on the latest meeting where a presentation by Consultants had taken place. A decision mainly based on funding requirements had been taken to divide the Plan into two phases with Phase 1 being Waterhead and Phase 2 being Ambleside centre. Phase 1 would be the first priority with Phase 2 deferred to a date in the future. The Town Centre Manager would attend the next Plans meeting of the Council to present the proposals and due to the anticipated length of the presentation Members agreed to start the Meeting at 7pm.
- d. Neighbourhood Forum 16<sup>th</sup> January – Cllrs Mrs Sparrow and Welch reported on this Forum that had included items on the WI, Recycling at Rothay Home, the Childrens Centre to be run by Barnados and other issues of interest.
- e. Paddlers for Life – Cllr Mrs Sparrow reported on the launch of this Charity that supported those who had survived breast cancer. Two dragonboats were now based at Low Wood Hotel. It had been a well attended and encouraging meeting.
- f. Cumbria Business Forum – Cllr Welch reported on the latest meeting with 70 attendees that had carbon footprinting as its discussion item.
- g. Mrs Braithwaite reported on a site visit at Grasmere for the new bridge over the Rothay. She commented on the appalling state of the skips at the rear of the Wordsworth Hotel that were very unsightly, although the gardener of the Hotel makes every effort to clear up the mess. She expressed her concern and hoped that something could be done to tidy it up.

The Chairman adjourned the Meeting to allow members of the public to speak. One member of the public spoke on the work of Learning Plus – a charity working with adults in the community.

The Chairman then reconvened the Meeting

#### 130 FINANCE

- a. RESOLVED to confirm approval the orders for payment submitted to the meeting totalling £3048.05
- b. RESOLVED to agree to an ex-gratia payment of £300 to the Clerk for his additional work in achieving a successful Office relocation.

#### 131 PLANS FOR CONSIDERATION

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

- 7/08/5013 Salutation Hotel, Lake Road, Ambleside – Office and secure parking – resubmission of 7/06/5636. – **No Objections provided a condition is made to ensure that this remains Office accommodation in perpetuity and is constructed using materials sympathetic to the local surroundings,.**
- 7/08/5026 Langdale Wastewater Treatment Works, Near Elterwater  
To construct a control kiosk – **No Objections**

- 7/08/5031 Goodybridge Farm, Grasmere  
Detached garage with study/playroom over.- **Refuse on the grounds of it being an obtrusive over-development of the site that extends beyond the development boundary with no proven need. This is a sensitive site and if the Planner is minded to approve then Lakes Parish Council would request the development is tied in to the main dwellinghouse in perpetuity and that a site visit be arranged prior to determination.**
- 7/08/5032 2 Red Lion Cottages, Grasmere  
External and internal alterations. –**No Objections**

### 132 MATTERS OF INFORMATION

- A. From the Chairman  
The Chairman had nothing to report
- B. From the Clerk
1. Windermere Town Council – Agenda 13<sup>th</sup> February
  2. Update on Royal Oak tables
  3. Update on Low Fold right of way.
  4. Update on Ambleside Police Station work undertaken on behalf of the Police.
- C. From Members
- a. Cllr Mrs Sparrow reported on the improvement of the White Moss car park surface.
  - b. Cllr Green highlighted the recent approval by SLDC of the operation of pedal conveyances between Waterhead and Ambleside centre during the summer months and the impact it may have on the already congested traffic problems within the area. No consultation had taken place with the Parish Council or other Councillors representing the area and he asked that it be placed on the next Agenda for discussion.
  - c. Cllr Bradshaw asked for an Agenda item to discuss the Armit.
  - d. Cllr Mrs Sowerbutts asked for a feedback report from SLDC on litter etc.
  - e. Cllr Green on behalf of Cllr Mrs Rees asked for an update on the Parish Plan transport issues.
- D. From District Councillors.  
None present.
- E. From the County Councillor – Not present

### 133 STOCKGHYLL WOODS/PARK

The request by the Clerk for a Senior Officer from SLDC to attend a meeting of the Parish Council had been referred to the SLDC Legal Services and nothing further had yet transpired.

RESOLVED. This item continue to be deferred for attendance by an SLDC Senior Officer.

### 134 TREES IN ROTHAY PARK

The Clerk had circulated an email received from SLDC in respect of this matter that clarified their responsibility in relation to the Park and the work within it..

RESOLVED That the Council reiterate that consultation regarding the planting of trees and the placing of seats within the Park should take place with local Members..

### 135 SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES BILL

The Clerk had circulated information on this item and he was pleased to inform Members that the bill had now passed through Parliament.

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### 136 NOTIFICATION OF APPEALS/WITHDRAWN AND AMENDED APPLICATIONS

- a. 7/2006/5650 – Neaum Crag Camping and Caravan site, Foul Step lane, Loughrigg, Ambleside – Managers accommodation - appeal hearing will take place at the Pool Hall on site at Neaum Crag on 12<sup>th</sup> February 2008 commencing at 10am – Members confirmed attendance by Cllr Mrs Sparrow on behalf of the Council.
- b. 7/2007/5180 – Salutation Hotel, Ambleside – extension to existing retail until and office space etc – the appeal is dismissed
- c. 7/07/5103 – Lake View Guest House, Grasmere – conversion of existing barn to provide 5 bedroom annex to guest house development – the appeal is allowed subject to conditions.

7/07/5636 – Hayes Garden World, Ambleside – redevelopment of plant sale area etc – this application has been withdrawn .

### 137 PLANNING DECISIONS

#### APPROVALS

7/07/5501 – Potter Tarn, 71 Neaum Crag Loughrigg – variation of condition 21 Dec – 4 Jan

7/07/5596 – 1 Riverside, Stock Lane, Grasmere – widen upper platform of external staircase to create a deck seating area

7/07/5601 – Langdale Lodge, Bridge lane, Troutbeck – demolition reconstruction and extension

7/07/5619 – Arnsbarrow Tarn, Neaum Crag, Loughrigg – variation of condition 21 Dec-4 Jan

7/07/5664 – Overmere Grasmere – part enclosure of entrance staircase and erection of garage

#### REFUSALS

7/07/5611 – 3 Thrang Brow, Chapel Stile – Conversion of garage in to separate dwelling

7/07/5649 - Grasmere Lodge Apartments, Huntingstile Lodge, Grasmere – Sub division of 2 dwellings to form 4 self catering holiday apartments

7/07/5657 – 21 Thrang Brow, Chapel Stile – demolition of existing porch and balcony and re-build to a slightly larger footprint.

The Meeting closed at 9.11pm