

LAKES PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on 7th May 2008 at The Library, Ambleside at 7.30pm

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

APOLOGIES: Cllrs, Mrs A Sowerbutts, J. Smith, J.R. Westmoreland, District Cllr Vatcher and PC Buxton.

IN ATTENDANCE: County Cllr B. Barton

ALSO: M. A. Johnson, the Press and one member of the public

1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

On the Motion of Councillor Ms Colquhoun and seconded by Councillor Mrs Braithwaite, Councillor Johnson was nominated for the Chairman of Lakes Parish Council. There being no other nominations, Councillor Johnson was elected Chairman for the ensuing municipal year. The Chairman signed his Declaration of Acceptance of Office and thanked Members for their confidence in his Chairmanship.

Councillor Johnson IN THE CHAIR

2. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Council Meetings held on 9th April 2008 and the Plans Meeting held on 23rd April 2008 at The Library, Ambleside were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman accordingly.

3 ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN

On the Motion of Councillor Mrs Braithwaite and seconded by Councillor Mrs Rees, there being no other nominations, it was RESOLVED that Councillor Green be elected Vice Chairman for the ensuing municipal year.

4. NOTIFICATION BY ANY MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL

Receipt of a gift or hospitality over the value of £25 or of any changes to registered financial and other interests. To remind Members of the provisions of the Local Government Act 2000 in connection with gifts and hospitality and registered interests. Forms for such a declaration are available from the Clerk on request. Re-elected Members do not need to complete a new declaration if nothing has changed since their original submission, however they do need to affirm in a letter that their interests have not changed.

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5. APOLOGIES

Apologies were as recorded above

6. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- ◆ Councillor Mrs Sparrow declared a personal and prejudicial interest in Agenda item Finance relating to the donation to Ambleside Christmas Lights. Cllr Mrs Rees declared an Interest in all Planning matters. There were no other declarations of interest.

7. AUTHORISATION OF MONETARY TRANSACTION

- (i) Barclays Bank- Members agreed that the following Councillors would remain as signatories to cheques; Councillors Mrs Braithwaite, Green and Johnson and Martin.
- (ii) National Savings Bank- Members agreed the following Councillors would become signatories to the Account; Councillors Johnson, Mrs Braithwaite, Martin and Green.

8. TO APPROVE THE CHAIRMANS ALLOWANCE FOR 2008/9

On the Motion of Councillor Mrs Braithwaite and seconded by Councillor Mrs Wilson, it was RESOLVED that the Chairman's allowance for 2008/9 be set at £775.

9. TO MAKE APPOINTMENTS TO THE FOLLOWING BODIES

1. CALC – South Lakeland Committee (1 year) Members agreed to appoint Councillors Johnson and Green.
2. Lake Windermere Committee (1 year) Members agreed to appoint Councillors Johnson, Martin and Mrs Braithwaite.
3. Ambleside Community Christmas Lights Committee (1 year) – Cllr Mrs Sparrow.
4. South Lakes Development Trust – Councillor Bradshaw.
5. Troutbeck Charities (4 years) – Miss Wendy Black of High Fold, Troutbeck Councillor Allen, Mr J C Wharton and the Rev D Wilmot who would continue in post until the expiry of their 4 year term.
6. Lakes Line Action Group – Councillor Mrs Sparrow to serve as the appointed representative of Lakes Parish Council.
7. Parish Plan Action Group – Councillor Thompson was appointed as Council representative subject to discussions with Cllr Bradshaw

10. POLICE REPORT

The Police had given their apologies but would give a full report at the Annual Parish Meeting when Chief Superintendent Kennedy will be the guest speaker.

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11. REPORTS

- (i) Meeting of the Parish Councils in the Lake District – Keswick 21st April – Cllrs attending reported on this meeting. Only two Parish Councils had not attended. An Officer from LDNPA spoke on the Local Development Plan. CALC will be circulating Parishes in South Lakeland.
- (ii) Post Office Seminar Kendal 7th May – the Chairman had been unable to attend, however information on the meeting will be circulated in due course.
- (iii) Lake District Strategy Working Group – Cllr Mrs Braithwaite reported on an interesting and informative meeting that had included a talk by the Environment Agency on their plans for Lake Windermere now that the work at Bassenthwaite Lake had been concluded. There was a huge input

from feeder rivers and tarns to Windermere and the effluent contained within this needed to be dealt with. RECEIVED

The Chairman adjourned the Meeting to allow members of the public to speak.
There were no issues raised.
The Meeting was reconvened

12. FINANCE

(i) RESOLVED to confirm approval the orders for payment submitted to the meeting totalling £4996.97p

(ii) The Clerk had circulated Draft Accounts for the year 2007/8 and Members were now asked to consider these Accounts. The Clerk answered queries from Members and formally asked them to approve the Accounts for 2007/8. He informed Members that the Annual Internal Audit had been successfully completed without any issues to be drawn to the attention of the Council. Members were also asked to consider Section 2 of the Audit form which was the Governance Statement of Assurance.

RESOLVED – That the Lakes Parish Council formally approve the Accounts for 2007/8. They are satisfied that all of the sections applicable on the Annual Governance Audit Statement of Assurance be answered in the affirmative and that the Chairman sign the Statement of Accounts on the Annual return.

(iii) Members were asked to confirm their decision to award a grant of £1000 to the Rural CAB.

RESOLVED – To confirm the donation of £1000 to the Rural CAB.

(iv) Members considered an item relating to two Parish Crests to be placed on the new bus shelter at Chapel Stile to mitigate the effect of clear glass on the local birds.

RESOLVED – to agree to spend £75 per crest (2 in number) to be placed on the roadside glass of the shelter.

13. PLANS FOR CONSIDERATION

1. 7/08/5141 Howe Top, White Moss, Grasmere
Alterations to existing domestic dwelling house – No Objections
2. 7/08/5186 Pye Howe, Great Langdale
Replacement of windows to match existing in timber – No Objections
3. 7/08/5222 Cobblestones, Old Lake Road, Ambleside
Replacement garage – No Objections

14 MATTERS OF INFORMATION

- A. From the Chairman
The Chairman reported on the latest World Heritage Steering Group meeting.
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- B. From the Clerk
 1. SLDC Annual Meeting 14 May 2008
 2. SLDC Audit Committee 14 May 2008
 3. Information on recent Fire at Ambleside
 4. Information on traffic delays near Low Wood Hotel
- C From Members
There were no items of information from Members
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- D. From District Councillors
Cllr Mrs Rees reported on the SLDC AGM after the recent election for all District Council seats.
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- E. From the County Councillor
The County Councillor reported on the roads, local parking, speed restrictions at Rydal, the need for a public meeting for the Waterhead proposals, the new cycling signs at Clappersgate and the fact that he has been given a substantial budget for this financial year.
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15. CLAIMED RIGHT OF WAY NEAR MOUNTAIN RESCUE CENTRE AMBLESIDE
The Clerk had circulated information on the adoption of this as a bridleway on the definitive map.
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16. AMBLESIDE CONSERVATION AREA
The Clerk had circulated a paper from Cllr Ms Colquhoun relating to the Conservation area.
RESOLVED – To ask the Lake District Park Authority to enter in to discussions with the Parish Council to look at the relevance of the present boundary with a view to a re-examination and re-designating within Ambleside. The Clerk would also investigate the present rules relating to light pollution.

17. UNIVERSITY OF CUMBRIA
The Clerk had circulated letters of reply from the Minister for Higher Education and Ruth Jenkinson of the University.
RESOLVED – That the Clerk write a formal letter to the College Liaison Group and also the Chairman of the Board of Governors to express concern at the proposals to remove undergraduates from the Ambleside campus and replace them with a Conference centre and post graduate studies.

18. LAKES PARISH COUNCIL MOTION TO LDNPA
The Clerk had circulated the letter from LDNPA in response to the question put by the Chairman at a recent meeting of the Authority. The Chairman spoke to this item.
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19. HIGHWAY STEWARDS
The Clerk had circulated information on this scheme and informed Members that an enabling meeting will be held in early June. Meanwhile if Members had any concerns regarding work on the highway and related matters they should relay that information through the Clerk.
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20. APPEALS/ AMENDED/WITHDRAWN AND REFUSED PLANNING APPLICATIONS
- a. Enforcement notice appeal – Land at Hunting Stile Lodge, Red Bank Road, Grasmere – without planning permission, material change of use of two dwellings in to four self catering holiday apartments – Clerk to report.
 - b. 7/2008/5129 – Installation of package sewage treatment plant – caravan plot adjacent to Brunt How Cottage, Loughrigg – this application is withdrawn.
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21. PLANNING DECISIONS TAKEN BY THE LDNPA

None received

The Meeting closed at 9.30pm