

## LAKES PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> January 2008 in the Library, Kelsick Road, Ambleside at 7.30pm

- PRESENT: Cllr A. Green (In the Chair), W. H Allen, E.S. Bradshaw, Mrs E.M. Braithwaite, Ms M.M. Colquhoun, N.C. Martin, Mrs V. Rees, Mrs A. Sowerbutts, Mrs F.M. Sparrow, and P.A. Thompson
- APOLOGIES: Cllrs. L. Johnson, Mrs S. Ogden J. Smith, D Welch, Mrs E. Wilson, J.R. Westmoreland and Cllr Vatcher
- IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs M Lewis (Chairman Parish Plan Action Group), District Cllr D Earnshaw
- ALSO: M. A. Johnson, PC D Buxton, 2 members of the public and the Press

### 113 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> December 2007 in the Library, Ambleside were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman accordingly.

### 114. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- ◆ Councillor Mrs Rees declared a personal and prejudicial interest in all Planning Applications and in Agenda Item 11, SLDC Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
- ◆ There were no other declarations of interest on items contained within the Agenda.

### 115 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. Officers had been kept busy looking for a missing person who had been found dead on 20<sup>th</sup> December and a further missing person who had also been found dead on 3<sup>rd</sup> January. He reported on four persons who had been dealt with through the Barwatch scheme. He demonstrated the new head camera equipment to Members. He answered Members questions and the Chairman thanked him for his attendance.  
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### 116. REPORTS

- a. Parish Plan Action Group 7 January. The notes from the meeting were not yet available and would be circulated to Members when received. Cllr Bradshaw highlighted relevant issues including recycling and community transport. Work was being undertaken on a draft wallet that would bring together all the information identified on community transport. Proposals are available for viewing at the Parish Office. He also said that complementary reports were being received on the work of the Parish Handyman. Affordable Housing was of concern to the group in that very little progress appeared to have been made.
- b. Cllr Mrs Braithwaite reported on a meeting in Grasmere regarding street cleansing. She reported the successful relocation of a litter bin to the new bus shelter in the layby opposite the Waterside Hotel at no cost to Grasmere Village Society or the Parish Council.

## 117 FINANCE

- a. RESOLVED to confirm approval the orders for payment submitted to the meeting totalling £11497.86
- b. RESOLVED to agree to contribute the sum of £1000 in the next financial year towards the running of Rural CAB based at Windermere and to publish details of their service and opening times in the next Parish Newsletter.
- c. RESOLVED to agree to donate £175 towards the maintenance of St Mary's Churchyard, Ambleside.
- d. The Clerk reported on provisional costings for the Bus Shelter project at Chapel Stile. Highway safety required a short length of pavement at the proposed bus shelter site. This would be in the region of £1000 however, together with the Estimate in the sum of £1988 for the actual bus shelter from Garrick Outdoor, the project would still be within the agreed budgeted amount of £3500.  
RESOLVED to agree that the Clerk continue to co-ordinate the project with local Members within the agreed Budget for the scheme.

## 118 PLANS FOR CONSIDERATION

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

- 7/07/5598 Lindeth Tarn, Neaum Crag, Loughrigg, Ambleside  
Variation of condition to allow occupation of chalet/caravan during period 21 December in any one year to 4 January in the following year.- **No Objections**
- 7/07/5660 Glenside Cottage, Town End, Troutbeck  
Proposed two storey extension and new slated canopy to the main entrance.- **Refuse on the grounds that this is an unneighbourly development with no proven need**
- 7/07/5701 The Stables, College Street, Grasmere  
Change window within former blocked up opening into glazed double doors.- **No Objections**
- 7/07/5704 11 Briery Close Windermere  
2 Storey extensions as a revision to planning permission granted 7/06/5621- **No Objections**

The Chairman adjourned the Meeting to allow members of the public to speak. The Chairman of the Parish Plan Action Group spoke on the work of the Project Officer in the field of community communications. One member of the public spoke on Stockghyll Woods/Park.

The Chairman then reconvened the Meeting

## 119 MATTERS OF INFORMATION

- A. From the Chairman  
The Chairman had nothing to report
- B. From the Clerk
  - 1 Windermere Town Council – Agenda 9<sup>TH</sup> January 2008
  2. The Clerk – January 2008
  3. Councils and Clerks Direct – January 2008
  4. Lakes Line User Group – Notice of Meeting January 2008
  5. Cumbrian Wildlife Magazine – January 2008
  6. Progress on the move to Ambleside Police Station
- C From Members
  - a. Cllr Mrs Braithwaite informed Members of the real problems being experienced with blocked gullies when flooding occurred in Grasmere. She commended Mr Wainwright of Deerbolt Lodge, Grasmere for his efforts in clearing problem areas. She highlighted various highway issues.

- b. Cllr Bradshaw also highlighted various highway issues in Ambleside.
  - c. Cllr Thompson highlighted flooding issues in Rothay Park.
  - d. Cllr Mrs Rees highlighted parking issues in Pye Lane.
  - e. Cllr Mrs Sowerbutts highlighted problems in the alleyway to the rear of the Royal Oak relating to parked cars obstructing this right of way.
- D. From District Councillors.  
Cllr Earnshaw highlighted the problems envisaged due to the imminent closure of Ward 11 at WGH.
- E. From the County Councillor - Nil

#### 120 STOCKGHYLL WOODS/PARK

The Clerk had tabled a letter from the District Council relating to the Park and also displayed numerous photographs taken within the Park. Members were asked for their comments and observations. Members were of the opinion that this Park has been abysmally neglected having been left in perpetuity to the people of Ambleside and visitors to it. Members felt that a Senior Officer from SLDC should attend the Parish. RESOLVED. This item will be deferred for attendance by an SLDC Senior Officer.

#### 121 PARISH PLAN ACTION GROUP – WORK OF PROJECT OFFICER

The Clerk had circulated a letter from the Chairman of the PPAG who had spoken earlier in support of her letter.

RESOLVED That the Council reiterate that the work on that element related to the present Parish Newsletter should cease, however they do agree that the Project Officer can continue to research sources of information to enhance community communications.

#### 122 SLDC OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

The Clerk had circulated information on this item and Members were asked to consider any suitable subject for consideration.

RESOLVED That Stockghyll Park/Woods be added to the list of subjects for consideration by the Committee.

#### 123. TREES IN ROTHAY PARK

Cllr Thompson reported that seven trees had been planted in the Park in a straight row and produced pictures for Members to see. Members were of the opinion that trees in Lakeland do not grow in straight lines and also that Rothay Park is an open space for children to play safely.

RESOLVED – That the Clerk ask SLDC who authorised these trees to be planted and why the Council were not consulted prior to them being planted. The Clerk will report back to a future Meeting.

#### 124. TREE WORKS

T/07/0081 – Town End Farm, Troutbeck – Crown lime, hard thin mixed broadleaves and scots pine, coppice of hazel, hawthorn and field maple.

T/07/0082 – Town End Farm, Troutbeck – light pruning to Yews

T/07/0083 – Flat 2 Riverside, Church Bridge, Stock Lane, Grasmere – fell and remove Ash. No recommendations had been received however local Members had no objections to the work to be carried out.

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

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.

The Meeting closed at 9.15pm