

LAKES PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on 9th April 2008 in the Library, Kelsick Road, Ambleside at 7.30pm

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

APOLOGIES: Cllrs, Ms M.M. Colquhoun, Mrs V Rees and District Cllr Vatcher

IN ATTENDANCE: County Cllr Barton, Gordon Chivers (Parish Plan Project
Officer), Mrs M Lewis (Chairman Parish Plan Action Group)

ALSO: M. A. Johnson, Sgt. P Davidson, PC D Buxton, 1 member of
the public and the Press

150 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 5th March 2008 and the Plans Meeting held on 26th March in the Library, Ambleside were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman accordingly.

151. 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.
- ◆ Councillor Bradshaw declared a personal interest in Agenda Items 5(1) Parish Plan Action Group and Planning Item 7/08/5163 Lake House Hotel – car park.
- ◆ Cllr Smith declared a personal interest in Agenda Items 4 and 9 – Police Matters
- ◆ Cllr Mrs Braithwaite declared a personal interest in Agenda item 5(2) and 13 both relating to the University of Cumbria.
- ◆ There were no other declarations of interest

152 POLICE REPORT

PC Buxton reported on the end of year crime figures just released that showed a reduction of crime in Lakes Parish. He reported on a recent incident in Ambleside where a large gathering of young people had caused some disturbance. This had been dealt with by robust and positive action, supplemented by letters sent from Lakes School to parents and publicity in the media. There had been encouraging signs since then and a definite reduction in antisocial behaviour. The age group of the young people concerned was in the main between 14 and 17, male and female. A strategy is in place for both now and in the future relating to the cut off of alcohol supply to youngsters and the support of parents. Sgt Davidson, the Community Sergeant introduced himself and said that his role was to act as a facilitator of a coordinated response with communities. He outlined the Establishment presently in post for the South Lakes Policing Team and highlighted two campaigns taking place within Lakes Parish area, Respect and Car Crime. The Chairman then took Agenda Item 9 on Police Matters and Cllr Green addressed the Meeting with his concerns regarding staffing levels and future funding of local Community policing teams to 2012. He felt that because of Government policies there was a danger in the Police being too successful which might lead in future to a reduction in available Police Officers. PC Buxton and Sgt Davidson then answered Members questions. The Chairman thanked them for their attendance.

The Chairman adjourned the Meeting to allow members of the public to speak. One member of the public spoke on an event to happen in Rothay Park from 7 to 10th August which was on the Agenda later in the Meeting.
The Chairman then reconvened the Meeting

153. REPORTS

- a. Parish Plan Action Group – Cllr Bradshaw introduced the Chairman of the Action Group who then introduced the Project Officer, Gordon Chivers. Mr Chivers presented his report on the three pieces of work that had been agreed and funded by VAC Cumbria. He explained the work that he had done and the way forward for the future. He thanked everyone who had helped him in his task. The Chairman thanked him for his work. Cllr Bradshaw highlighted 3 issues that the PPAG would wish the Parish Council to give consideration to 1. Liaise with the County Council and their Agents together with Sustrans about cycling 2. Request support in raising money for a kickabout scheme at Kirkfield. 3. Return any VAT monies left over to the Action Group for future projects.
- b. University of Cumbria – Ambleside Liaison Group 6 March – The Chairman reported that this had been a shortish meeting and the report by the Estates team will be ready for reporting at the next meeting.
- c. CALC South Lakeland 6th March - The Chairman reported on this meeting where the second part had been given over to South Lakes matters, including the provision of public conveniences.
- d. World Heritage Site Steering Group 7th March – The Chairman reported on progress on the application process and highlighted the dates for the mobile road shows and Workshops.
- e. Neighbourhood Forum Grasmere 17th March – The Chairman reported on a well attended meeting that had included a parish plan update, a national park update and various other matters of interest.
- f. Windermere Lake Admin Committee 4th April – The Chairman reported on this meeting that had been a familiarisation trip around the Lake.
- g. CALC Conference 29th March – The Chairman reported on a very useful and thoughtful day that had been attended by 5 Lakes Parish Councillors. Cllr Bradshaw felt the first half of the Conference had been useful, but the second half was a bit of a damp squib as Lakes Parish was already ‘clustered’ and it was difficult to envisage any additional clustering apart from perhaps Skelwith.

154 FINANCE

- a. RESOLVED to confirm approval the orders for payment submitted to the meeting totalling £12761.90
- b. RESOLVED to agree to the annual incremental increase in the salary of the Clerk to Scale Point 33.
- c. RESOLVED to agree to donate the sum of £200 towards the upkeep of the graveyard at Chapel Stile.
- d. RESOLVED to defer a request for funding from Our Place Youth Project pending an invitation to the Secretary of the project to attend a future meeting of the Council.

155 PLANS FOR CONSIDERATION

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

- 7/08/5149 Baysbrown Farm, Great Langdale
Extension to existing barn to provide equipment storage - **Refuse** on the grounds that this application represents an over development of the facilities already in existence at the site. The Council are also concerned that previous approved applications with conditions have

not been adhered to and the applicant in has a history of non compliance with conditions; specifically
In relation to facing with local stone; exposed timber colouring not done; required screening by tree planting not done and the toilet block still bare concrete and not stone-faced as required.

7/08/5163 Lake House Hotel, Waterhead, Ambleside
Car Park – **No Objections**

7/08/5173 Land north of Beckside Farm, Troutbeck
Erection of agricultural workers dwelling with septic tank – **Refuse** on the grounds that there is no proven need for this development in the Conservation area. There is already a farmhouse and cottage on site. Previous applications for development in the village have already been refused and this is more to the edge of the village. The Council would question the need for this development.

156 MATTERS OF INFORMATION

A. From the Chairman

The Chairman informed Members that, by invitation, he had attended the visit of Prince Charles to Chapel Stile to welcome him on behalf of Lakes Parish.

B. From the Clerk

- 1 Windermere Town Council – Agenda 9th April 2008 AGM 17th April
2. SLDC – Standards Agenda – 10th April 2008
3. Ordnance Survey Mapping - Registration
4. Open Spaces – A Guide to Common Management
5. Cumbria Minerals and Waste Development Framework – Submission Draft.
6. Bus Shelter Chapel Stile
7. Cycleway Rothay Park
8. United Utilities work Clappersgate
9. Housing Question LDNPA 16th April – The Chairman will attend

C From Members

- a. Cllr Mrs Sowerbutts raised the question of removal of chewing gum from pavements etc. This will be placed on the agenda for a future meeting.
- b. Cllr Mrs Sowerbutts raised the poor state of road signage in Millans Park, the sinking of the road near Zeffirellis and the removal of disabled wheelchair signs on Stoney Lane.
- c. Cllr Mrs Ogden raised the issue of the ongoing work at Kirkfield by National Grid and was generally satisfied with progress.
- d. Cllr Thompson again raised the issue of the wire in the fence by the Fisherbeck wall that was a matter for SLDC.
- e. Cllr Braithwaite informed Members that the School footpath at Grasmere had now been diverted and was finished and open.
- f. Cllr Smith commented on the visit of the Prince of Wales to Chapel Stile and, although it was a splendid day, it was disappointing that the farmer who had released the land for affordable housing was not invited to meet the Prince.

D. From District Councillors.

None present.

E. From the County Councillor – Cllr Barton reported work to be undertaken at Clappersgate in connection with a new sewage system.

157 POLICE MATTERS

Dealt with earlier in the Agenda

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158 ROTHAY PARK AND WATERHEAD

Cllr Thompson spoke on this item and highlighted problems in Rothay Park. He then gave a slide show on problems at Waterhead. The Chairman thanked him for his efforts. RESOLVED That a download to disc of pictures showing the areas highlighted by given to the Clerk who would write enclosing the discs of photographs to the Principal Authorities who are responsible for the areas shown.

159 AMBLESIDE CONSERVATION AREA

In the absence of Cllr Ms Colquhoun this item is deferred until further notice.
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160 LDNPA PARISH COUNCIL TOURS

The Clerk had circulated information on this item.
RESOLVED That Cllrs Mrs Sowerbutts, Cllr Welch and Cllr Ogden be the nominations to attend.

161. UNIVERSITY OF CUMBRIA – ESTATES PROPOSALS

The Clerk had circulated the most recent information received.
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162. AMBLESIDE MASTERPLAN – WATERHEAD PUBLIC CONSULTATION

The Clerk had been asked to place this item on the Agenda for discussion. Cllr Martin reported on a recent meeting at Waterhead that had a number of worried residents attending. Members indicated that they were satisfied with the public consultation process and noted that the final proposals draft was not yet available.
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163. CALC – DRAFT OF A CALL TO ACTION

The Clerk had circulated a paper from CALC.
RESOLVED To inform CALC that the Council agree with the general thrust of proposals contained within the paper.

164. EVENT IN ROTHAY PARK 7th – 10th AUGUST 2008

The Clerk had circulated information on this event.
RESOLVED – To write to SLDC expressing concern that Lakes Parish Council had not been in the loop for this event and that concerns are expressed on local public convenience use for 200 people; security on a night in the Park and afterwards also the parking of caravans and large vehicles on the grass in the Park.

165 NOTIFICATION OF APPEALS/WITHDRAWN AND AMENDED APPLICATIONS

- a. 7/2007/5362 – Boltons Tarn, Neaum Crag Camping and Caravan site, Foul Step lane, Loughrigg, Ambleside – Appeal against a condition on the planning consent to limit occupation.
- b. 7/2007/5731 – Residential development for two affordable housing units, Land to the north of The Old School, Troutbeck – this application has been withdrawn

166 PLANNING DECISIONS

None received.

The Meeting closed at 10.05pm