

## LAKES PARISH COUNCIL

### PLANS MEETING

Minutes of the Meeting held in the Library, Ambleside on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2008 at 7pm

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

APOLOGIES: Cllrs Mrs S Ogden, J. Smith, Mrs E Wilson and J.R. Westmoreland

IN ATTENDANCE: District Cllr Vatcher

ALSO M.A. Johnson, the Press, Paul Holdsworth, and 15 members of the public

#### 58. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were personal declarations of interest from Cllrs Ms Colquhoun and Mrs V Rees in respect of Agenda Item 8, Armit Museum. There were no other declarations of interest.

#### 59. PRESENTATION BY PAUL HOLDSWORTH, TOWN CENTRE MANAGER

The Chairman welcomed Mr Holdsworth to the Meeting and invited him to give his presentation on the progress of the feasibility study that laid out work envisaged at Waterhead as part of the Ambleside Masterplan. Mr Holdsworth gave a visual presentation but stressed that this was by no means the finished article and that public consultation would take place when the first and ultimately the final draft was received from the company drawing up the plans. He answered Members questions and also some queries from the public. The Chairman thanked him for his attendance.

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The Chairman adjourned the Meeting to allow members of the public to speak. One person raised matters concerning student parking, seats on Rydal road and children being unable to play on a Kelsick Trust field. The Chairman then reconvened the Meeting.

#### 60. PEDAL CONVEYANCE WATERHEAD TO AMBLESIDE

Cllr Green spoke to this item and handed round press cuttings relating to the pedal conveyance. He was greatly concerned about the granting of a hackney carriage licence for this mode of transport when no consultation had taken place with any of the local Councillors or the Police. The proposal to use pedal convenances between Ambleside and Waterhead using the A591 and the bottom road will cause utter chaos at the height of the tourist season to the detriment of local people and traffic. Cllr Green also highlighted certain points along the route where it will be difficult for a pedal conveyance carrying passengers to achieve mobility from a standing start. Members were also concerned about crash helmets and one size not fitting all and who was to deliver training to the actual drivers of these conveyances. RESOLVED To write to the Chief Executive of SLDC and strongly protest at the lack of local consultation with the Parish Council, District Councillors and the Police. The Clerk would also write to ROSPA regarding this issue.

#### 61. WHITE MOSS CAR PARK

The Clerk circulated a letter received from the National Trust relating to the car park and the transfer of responsibility to Lowther Estates..

RESOLVED – That the Clerk write again to Lowther Estates and highlight the issues raised, particularly in relation to the need to advertise the change of parking responsibility and the new fee structure.

62. WINDERMERE SCHOOL ENDOWMENT – APPOINTMENT OF GOVERNOR  
 The Clerk had circulated a letter from the Clerk to the Governors asking for an appointment for the ensuing three year term.  
 RESOLVED – To nominate Cllr Nick Martin to continue as Governor to the Endowment
63. PARISH HANDYMAN  
 The Clerk had circulated a letter from Windermere Town Council asking for consideration to be given to a joint Handyman scheme covering both parishes.  
 RESOLVED Members were of the opinion that there was enough work for the Parish Handyman within the 52 square miles of the Parish and resolved not to participate in a joint scheme and to inform Windermere accordingly.
64. ARMITT MUSEUM  
 Cllr Bradshaw spoke on this item and Cllr Mrs Rees explained the current factual situation.  
 RESOLVED That the Council will be pleased to receive an invitation from the Armitt to visit.
65. POST OFFICE CLOSURE PROGRAMME  
 Cllr Mrs Sowerbutts spoke on this item and highlighted the obligations of Councils under the newly adopted Sustainable Communities Act where the provision of local Post Offices were a priority and most important for local communities.  
 RESOLVED That the Clerk write to the Member of Parliament, CALC, Cumbria County Council, South Lakeland District Council and highlight this issue with them.
66. PLANNING APPEALS/DECISIONS/REFUSALS/WITHDRAWN APPROVALS  
 7/2007/5394 – 1 St Michael’s Nook Grasmere – appeal against refusal of a cut into banking at side of house to create a patio – the appeal is dismissed.
- 67 PLANS FOR CONSIDERATION  
 RESOLVED to make the following recommendations on the undermentioned plans:
1. 7/07/5731 Land to the North of the Old School, Troutbeck Windermere Residential development for two affordable housing units – **Approval on the grounds that this is for two affordable housing units that are urgently needed and will complement the very good work that was done on the Old School.**
  2. 7/08/5023 The Samling, Dove Nest, Windermere Replacement traditional timber jetty.- **Refusal on the grounds of highway safety and possible light pollution.**
  3. 7/08/5041 Yew Trees, Grasmere New detached garage and alteration to existing domestic dwelling to form external access to existing cellar.- **No Objections subject to the development being tied to the main dwelling in perpetuity and not sublet or sold off in the future.**
  4. 7/08/5042 Heron Place, Great Langdale, Ambleside Alterations to existing garage and outbuilding to create annexed accommodation, glazed extension to outbuilding- **No Objections subject to the development being linked in perpetuity to the existing building and not sublet or sold off with removal of permitted development rights in the future.**
  5. 7/08/5055/56 Barn, Church Stile, Grasmere External alterations to windows and doors of the barn.- **No Objections**
  6. 7/08/5067 1 Loughrigg Park, Ambleside Alterations to flat roof and extension – **No Objections**
- The meeting closed at 9.10pm