

LAKES PARISH COUNCIL

PLANS MEETING

Minutes of the Meeting held in the Library, Ambleside on Wednesday 26th November 2008 at 7.30pm

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 S Ogden, Mrs V Rees, Mrs F.M. Sparrow, Mrs A Sowerbutts, P Thompson and D Welch

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Stephen Ratcliffe LDNPA

ALSO M.A. Johnson, 4 members of the public and the Press

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllrs Green and Bradshaw declared an interest in Planning item number 1 (Stable End, Easedale Road, Grasmere) and took no part in the discussion or resolution. Mrs Rees declared an interest in all Planning applications. There were no other declarations of interest.

2. K TO K CYCLE ROUTE – BROCKHOLE TO AMBLESIDE

The Chairman welcomed Stephen Ratcliffe from the Lake District National Park Authority to the Meeting. He explained the new vision within the Local Development Framework and the National Park Management Plan. He spoke on the Core Strategy that was reviewing the Windermere Waterfront programme and the need for a sustainable transport policy within it. This would include the Kendal to Keswick cycle route, part of the strategic cycle network for the country. He spoke on other issues including the Waterbus project on Windermere and said that the Bowness to Ambleside cycleway is of critical interest. He hoped to bring a number of options for consideration and the Parish Council would be consulted before any final decision was made. The Chairman invited him to speak on other matters of interest including Waterhead enhancement, Brockhole redevelopment and the Conference Centre at Low Wood Hotel. He also spoke on the redevelopment of the Glebe at Windermere and the Furness Railway proposals at the south end of the Lake. He stressed that this is a ten year programme and nothing would happen immediately as all options and information were to be considered. He answered questions from Members and the Chairman thanked him for his attendance.

The Chairman then adjourned the Meeting for members of the public to speak. Representatives from Elterwater Quarry explained the reasoning behind the planning application to be considered later in the Agenda. One other member of the public spoke about their concern on a planning application submitted in Grasmere. The Chairman then reconvened the Meeting

3. WATERHEAD STEERING GROUP

The Clerk had circulated information on this item. Cllrs Colquhoun and Bradshaw spoke and gave their different views on the documents. A full discussion then took place on the view of the Parish Council.

RESOLVED Moved by Cllr Mrs Rees and seconded by Cllr Mrs Sparrow that the Draft document be accepted as a process and that the two representatives maintain a watching brief with any proposed options to be discussed by the Parish Council when tabled. This was AGREED on the casting vote of the Chairman.

4. WHITE MOSS CAR PARK

The Clerk had circulated a letter from a member of the public and Cllr Mrs Sowerbutts spoke on this item.

RESOLVED To write strongly to Lowther Estates and request they upgrade the surface of this car park, particularly in relation to the craters that have formed within it. The letter to be copied to the MP, Cumbria Tourism and the National Park Authority.

5. DRAFT LOCAL COUNCILS CHARTER FOR THE LDNPA

The Clerk had circulated information on the Draft Charter received from CALC.

RESOLVED - To agree to the content as laid out in the Draft document.

6. ST MARY'S LANE – OLD BUS GARAGE SITE.

Councillor Mrs Sowerbutts raised concerns about the lack of progress on the agreed planning application for housing on this site. She was also concerned about the air of dereliction that hung over the area causing concern to local residents.

RESOLVED To write to the owners of the site asking when they intended to redevelop the area and expressing concern at the state of the existing building.

7. CODE OF CONDUCT FOR MEMBERS/EMPLOYEES - CONSULTATION

The Clerk had circulated information of the White Paper and the list of consultation questions.

RESOLVED To agree to the proposals contained within the document.

8. TREE WORKS

7/08/0062 Prune branches Maple and prune branches on Cypress at 2 Above Beck Grasmere

RESOLVED - To offer no objections to the work.

9 PLANS FOR CONSIDERATION

RESOLVED to make the following recommendations on the undermentioned plans:

1. 7/08/5521 Stable End, Easedale Road Grasmere
AMENDED Plans relating to this application re window at first floor level and removal of original garage building to form parking areas. – **Refuse for reasons previously stated and, in relation to this amended application, it still represents an unneighbourly and significant development in an area of outstanding natural beauty. The property is served by a narrow track that has 9 properties and a working farm. There are no visibility splays and this has not changed significantly since Cumbria County Council recommended refusal on highway safety grounds. Additionally, as this is a second home and not continuously in occupation, there appears no proven local need for this application.**
2. 7/08/5604 Elterwater Quarry Elterwater
Formation of visitor attraction with the operation of a slate quarry.- **Approve on educational and tourism grounds**
3. 7/08/5613 Smallwood House Hotel Compston Road, Ambleside
Change of use from family rooms to 2 self contained flats – local occupancy.- **Approval if tied to local occupancy in planning conditions.**
4. 7/08/5620 Salutation Hotel Lake Road, Ambleside
Fenestration amendment and internal alterations.- **No Objections**
5. 7/08/5624 Waterside Hotel Grasmere
Demolition of managers house and parts of hotel.- **No Objections**

The Meeting closed at 9.27pm