

## LAKES PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> November 2009 in the Library, Kelsick Road, Ambleside at 7.30pm

- PRESENT: Cllr L Johnson (In the Chair), Mrs F.M. Sparrow, Mrs E.M. Braithwaite, E.S. Bradshaw, Ms M.M. Colquhoun, M. Dugdale, Mrs E. Footit, Mrs S. Ogden, M. Parsons, Mrs V Rees, Mrs A. Sowerbutts, P.A. Thompson.
- APOLOGIES: W. H Allen, N.C. Martin, J.R. Westmoreland, Mrs E. Wilson and County Cllr Earnshaw
- IN ATTENDANCE: District Cllr Vatcher
- ALSO: M. A. Johnson, PC Buxton, 3 members of the public and the Press

### 103 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 7 October 2009 and the Plans Meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> October held in the Library, Ambleside were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman accordingly.

### 104 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- ◆ Cllr Mrs Rees declared an interest in all Planning.
- ◆ Cllr Thompson declared a personal and prejudicial interest in Finance Item 7 (2)
- ◆ There were no further declarations of interest

### 105. ITEMS OF INFORMATION FROM MINUTE 103.

There were three queries relating to item 103 and the Minutes will be amended accordingly. An agenda item on the Environment Task Group Chairman will be added to the next Agenda.

### 106 POLICE REPORT

PC Buxton gave a report on various items of interest that had happened since the last Meeting. There had been 12 less crimes year on year showing a 9% reduction overall in crime. It had been a quiet Halloween with a change in youth behaviour for the better leading to an improvement in the availability of resources. He reported on a local arrest for indecent images of children that had taken considerable Police time and resulted in a community impact assessment. The offender had received a prison sentence of 8 months and was to be removed from the community on his release. A Drugs warrant had been executed at Greenbank resulting in two charges of possession and supply laid against an individual. PC Buxton explained the extended closure of the A591 after a fatal accident near Ecclerigg. This had had a big community impact and as a result a new protocol was being implemented with Cumbria Highways. A number of serious incidents involving burglary and entering property with sexual intent had resulted in a large scale operation with the arrest of one man who was previously known to the Police. He highlighted the simple necessity of locking household doors at night. Members then asked varying questions and the Chairman thanked him for his attendance.

The Chairman ADJOURNED the Meeting to allow members of the public to speak. One person spoke in support of a grant application being made under Finance. No one else wished to speak and the Meeting was then RECONVENED

## 107. REPORTS

- a. Lake Windermere Admin Committee 16 October - The Chairman reported that most of this meeting had been held in Part 2.
- b. CALC Training Gilpin Bridge 23<sup>rd</sup> October – Cllr Thompson was not particularly impressed with this event.
- c. University of Cumbria – Ambleside Campus Liaison Group 5 November– This had been a good meeting with nothing really to report. Undergraduate courses for 2010/11 were planned. Members were concerned about the Armit (agenda item for next meeting), cheap drinks being sold on the University premises and student parking. Possible social housing at the old Kelsick Grammar school was also mentioned.
- d. Local Democracy Week 13<sup>th</sup> October at Brathay Hall – The Chairman reported on this event.
- e. Cllr Mrs Braithwaite reported on a LDNPA meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> October in Grasmere covering park strategy and vision.
- f. Cllr Thompson reported on a meeting of the South Lakes Strategic Partnership held on 15 October.
- g. Cllr Mrs Sparrow reported on the Lakes Line AGM held on 7 October.
- h. Cllrs Bradshaw and Sparrow had attended the Parish Centre AGM on 4 November.

## 108 FINANCE

- a. RESOLVED to confirm approval the orders for payment submitted to the meeting totalling £2705.87.
- b. RESOLVED - To donate £250 to St John Ambulance Ambleside towards the repair of a floor pending satisfactory receipt of the accounts and application form. (Cllr Thompson took no part in the debate or discussion and left the Meeting).
- c. RESOLVED – To donate £200 towards Learning Plus at Ambleside Library.
- d. Members considered the Budget and Precept for 2010/2011 and after some discussion RESOLVED to agree the budget and set the Precept for the financial year 2010/2011 at £67000.
- e. RESOLVED – To confirm the actions of the Clerk in obtaining a replacement photocopier in the sum of £499 plus VAT.
- f. Members considered allocating a specific sum towards the Red Bank warning signage. RESOLVED to agree £500 towards the signage and authorise the Clerk to negotiate an early installation of these signs.

## 109 PLANS FOR CONSIDERATION

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| 7/09/5589 | Littlewater Tarn, Neaum Crag, Loughrigg<br>Variation of condition to include 21 December in any year to 4 Jan in the following year in addition to the permitted occupancy period. – <b>No Objection</b>  |
| 7/09/5613 | Boat House, Pullwood Bay Estates Ambleside<br>Convert first and second floor of Boathouse into an apartment as a replacement for one holiday cottage in the main house that will then be used by the management as staff accommodation. <b>No Comment Other than to recommend that this be approved for social housing.</b> |
| 7/09/5641 | 6 The Falls Ambleside<br>Enlarge a second floor window, proposed Juliett balcony and add a rooflight to the rear elevation. – <b>No Objection</b>   |

## 110 MATTERS OF INFORMATION

- A. From the Chairman  
The Chairman had circulated his diary of events undertaken in the past month. He asked for an agenda item on flooding near Halfway House.
- B. From the Clerk
  - 1 Windermere Town Council – Agenda 11 November
  - 2. The Clerk November 2009
  - 3. Clerks and Councils Direct – November 2009
  - 4. Barrow – Ambleside Service 618 – New Operator
  - 5. BBC Documentary – Elderly Drivers
  - 6. LDNPA Bridleway Diversion – Brunt How
  - 7. UnderHelm Farm - Correspondence received from the National Trust
  - 8. Minutes of Rydal Village Society 14 Sept 09
  - 9. Correspondence from English Lakes Hotels re Waterhead Hotel parking
  - 10. Creative Rural Economy Project Langdale – Correspondence
  - 11. Passenger Flights for Cumbria.
- C From Members
  - a. Cllr Mrs Sparrow reported on a dripping pipe at Smithy Brow that could cause a problem in frosty weather.
  - b. Cllr Mrs Footit had further information on the lakeshore at Grasmere and would place this on a future agenda for further discussion.
  - c. Cllr Parsons reported on a road pothole problem past Cote How at Rydal.
  - d. Cllr Mrs Ogden expressed concern at the leaves on pavements that had not been cleared as normal. Cllr Dugdale informed her of a change of disposal methods by SLDC.
- D. From District Cllrs – Cllr Mrs Rees informed Members that the proposed closures of Tourist Information Offices had been referred to Scrutiny.
- E. From the County Councillor – Cllr Earnshaw had tendered his apologies.

## 111 PLANNING POLICY STATEMENT FOR THE HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT

Cllr Ms Colquhoun requested that the Clerk find out more information on the document Planning Policy for the Historic Environment.

RESOLVED – That the Clerk make the necessary enquiries.

## 112 AMBLESIDE WAR MEMORIAL

Cllr Mrs Ogden highlighted concerns about access to the Memorial.

RESOLVED That the Clerk write to the Church and express disquiet at the poor access to the War Memorial and also request that consideration be given to creation of access when work begins on alterations to the Church.

## 113 MILL COTTAGE RYDAL ROAD AMBLESIDE

Cllr Ms Colquhoun was concerned at the scale of demolition taking place and felt that there may be a breach of planning control.

RESOLVED Cllr Ms Colquhoun will contact the Clerk with the relevant breach and ask that the Enforcement Officer of LDNPA visit the site.

## 114 CONSERVATION AREAS AT RISK CAMPAIGN

Cllr Ms Colquhoun highlighted this campaign.

RESOLVED That the Clerk seek further information about this from English Heritage and others concerned.

## 115 TREE WORKS

T09/080 – 10 Gale How Park Ambleside – Prune Oak – No Objections.

The meeting closed at 9.32