

## LAKES PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> June 2009 in the Library, Kelsick Road, Ambleside at 7pm

PRESENT: Cllr L Johnson (In the Chair), W. H Allen, Mrs E.M. Braithwaite, N.C. Martin, Mrs S. Ogden, M. Parsons, Mrs V Rees, Mrs A. Sowerbutts, Mrs F.M. Sparrow, P.A. Thompson, J.R. Westmoreland

APOLOGIES: E.S. Bradshaw Ms M.M. Colquhoun Mrs E. Wilson

IN ATTENDANCE: District Cllr D Vatcher, County Cllr D Earnshaw

ALSO: M. A. Johnson, PC Buxton, 2 members of the public and the Press

Prior to the commencement of the Meeting, the Chairman welcomed Steve Ratcliffe from LDNPA to discuss matters including the proposed cycleway from Bowness to Ambleside. Mr Ratcliffe spoke on the Windermere Waterfront Project and the ideas surrounding transport links. Lake travel was being explored and connections with a through cycle route to Waterhead. He felt that a cycleway was a critical element of any waterfront programme. A public consultation will take place at the end of July and 3 options will be considered. Further discussions will take place with local representatives and the Parish Council after this. He answered questions from Members and others. The Chairman thanked him for his attendance. The Chairman then welcomed Cllr Earnshaw to his first Parish Council Meeting as the newly elected County Councillor.

### 21 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> May 2009 and the Plans Meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> May in the Library, Ambleside were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman accordingly.

### 22 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- ◆ Cllr Mrs Rees declared an Interest in all Planning Matters and a finance item relating to Grasmere Players Youth Theatre.
- ◆ Cllr Martin declared an Interest in finance matters relating to Kelsick's Educational Foundation and J F Martin.
- ◆ Cllrs Mrs Braithwaite declared an interest in Agenda Item 10, the Standards Committee (Parish Member) and also the finance matter relating to Kelsick's Educational Foundation.
- ◆ There were no other declarations of interest

### 23. ITEMS OF INFORMATION FROM MINUTE 148.

Cllr Thompson had a query on Rothay Park. There were no other queries on items contained within the Minutes of Agenda Item 21.

### 24 POLICE REPORT

PC Buxton gave a report on various items of interest that had happened since the last Meeting. He spoke on the return to work of the Community Sergeant Stephens, his hostage negotiator training and an injury subsequently sustained. He highlighted a massive 89% increase in crime most of which related to one premises at Troutbeck that had put the figures completely out of proportion. He spoke on the youth discos that were operating at certain times in the year and were proving to be very

successful. He highlighted a high value sneak in burglary in Ambleside and urged householders to be vigilant and lock doors even when on the premises. He answered Members questions and the Chairman thanked him for his attendance.

The Chairman ADJOURNED the Meeting to allow members of the public to speak. No one wished to speak and the Meeting was RECONVENED.

## 25. REPORTS

- a. The Chairman had circulated Diary notes of meetings attended and highlighted items of interest within.
- b. Rothay Park – Trees Meeting with Chris Raper – Cllr Thompson spoke on this meeting which had extended to other matters within the Park. The trees would remain in situ, however work had taken place on drainage of the large puddle near the entrance gate down from the School. The Highway Steward had undertaken work on the bridge over the Stock beck and this was ongoing.
- c. Cllr Mrs Sparrow reported on a MUGGA meeting. There was only slow progress to report however there would be a meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> July to discuss the way forward. Funding will be sought if there is a positive response to a consultation.
- d. There had been a Meeting of the Waterhead Steering Group on 4<sup>th</sup> June.
- e. Windermere Administrative Committee had met on 12<sup>th</sup> June. It had been a good meeting and Cllr Bradshaw was now on the Joint Strategy Group.
- f. Cllr Mrs Sowerbutts reported on the workshop on the Waterhead Project that had been very fruitful and well organised.
- g. There had been a sustainability trail in Ambleside on 6<sup>th</sup> June that had been very well organised

## 26 FINANCE

- a. RESOLVED to confirm approval the orders for payment submitted to the meeting totalling £4599.61
- b. Cumbria Rural CAB – request for funding. The Clerk had circulated a letter. **RESOLVED** that £1000 be donated, this sum being already in the budget.
- c. Grasmere Players, Youth Theatre – request for funding. The Clerk had circulated a letter. **RESOLVED** that £250 be donated.
- d. Chapel Stile ‘Village in Bloom’ – request for funding – The Clerk had circulated a letter. **RESOLVED** that £40 be donated.
- e. Langdale Village Hall – request for funding – The Clerk had circulated a letter. **RESOLVED** that £500 be donated.
- f. To receive information on a successful application for bus shelter funding from Cumbria County Council in the next financial year towards the provision of a bus shelter at Dungeon Ghyll **RECEIVED.**
- g. To receive information on an increase in Broadband subscription to £19.99 per month. **RECEIVED.**

## 27 PLANS FOR CONSIDERATION

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

- 7/09/5207 Neaum Crag, Loughrigg, Ambleside  
Provision of Timber Lodge to accommodate site Manager and dependents. – **Approve on the grounds that this accommodation is necessary and proportionate for a site of this size. Three other comparable sites within a reasonable distance all have a Manager with accommodation on site. The Inspector, at the last appeal against refusal, recognised that this site needed a Manager and also agreed that any accommodation should be at the heart of the site. This application seeks to address this and**

**will fit in well with other chalet accommodation. If approval is granted then a condition that this accommodation can only be used for the site Manager and his family and may not be sold off separately should be applied. This condition should, additionally, be in perpetuity.**

- 7/09/5214 Dub Ings, Ellers Brow, Skelwith Bridge  
Formation of field access. - **Approval on the grounds of highway safety**
- 7/09/5229 The Larches, Ambleside  
Clad beneath bay window and inside porch area with Elterwater Lakeland stone. Clad apex above bay window with stone tiles to match roofing.- **No Objections**
- 7/09/5233 Low Ridge, Ecclerigg, Windermere  
Replace sub standard garage/outbuilding.- **No Objections**
- 7/09/5250 1 Gale Park, Ambleside  
Sun Lounge extension – **No Objections**
- 7/09/5253 New Dungeon Ghyll Hotel, Great Langdale  
Alteration to window to form patio door on south east elevation. – **No Objections**

## 28 MATTERS OF INFORMATION

- A. From the Chairman  
The Chairman had reported earlier on his agenda.  
From the Clerk
- 1 Windermere Town Council – Agenda 10<sup>th</sup> June 2009
2. CVS Newsletter May/June 2009
  3. Lakes Line Chairman Annual Review
  4. SLDC Standards Committee June 23<sup>rd</sup> 2009
  5. To receive the resignation of Cllr Smith
  6. Update on White Platts.
  7. Discontinuation of claim against Council by A Pelc
  8. Thank you from Ambleside Brownies
  9. Rolton, Lake Road, Ambleside – Holiday cottage accommodation.
  10. The Royal Oak – outside table licence rejection.
  11. Update on works on the A593.
  12. Update on accident to Wall and Seat lake Road car park.
- C From Members
- a. Cllr Thompson commented on work needed in Rothay Park and Stock Beck. Cllr Sparrow also commented on work being done to Stock Beck.
- D From District Councillors – Cllr Vatcher reported on the lack of a safety fence between Rothay Park play area and the River Rothay that was being looked into by SLDC.
- E. From the County Councillor – Cllr Earnshaw spoke on the traffic light situation between Clappersgate and Skelwith.

## 29 PARISH COUNCIL REPRESENTATION ON SLDC STANDARDS COMMITTEE

The Clerk had circulated information on this. Cllr Mrs Braithwaite explained that she was retiring from this role as from 1<sup>st</sup> July. She nominated Cllr Bradshaw as a suitable replacement subject to the Interview process. This was seconded and agreed unanimously.

RESOLVED – To nominate Cllr Bradshaw to the post of Parish member.

## 30 STREET CAFÉ LICENCE – ESQUIRES COFFEE HOUSES AMBLESIDE

The Clerk had circulated a letter and a map from the County Council showing the layout of the application and inviting comment before 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2009.

RESOLVED That the Council objects most strongly to this on the grounds of highway safety, danger and inconvenience to pedestrians using the lights crossing adjacent to the site proposed in the application. If approved it will set a dangerous precedent for other similar applications.

#### 31 STOCK BECK

Cllr Mrs Sparrow highlighted the overgrown condition of the Beck also the vegetation and saplings that need urgent pruning and attention.

RESOLVED To write to the Environment Agency requesting work be undertaken to improve the situation.

#### 32 UNIVERSITY OF CUMBRIA – INVITATION TO THE NEW VICE CHANCELLOR

The Clerk sought authorisation to invite the new Vice Chancellor to discuss the current proposals for the Ambleside Campus.

RESOLVED To invite the Vice Chancellor to a meeting at a convenient time for both parties.

#### 33. GREAT NORTH SWIM

The Chairman had received an email from Steve Tatlock the LDNPA Countryside Ranger who had attended a meeting that highlighted the concerns of the local Parish Councils. The event will be held over two days 12 and 13<sup>th</sup> September 2009. 2500 people are expected to attend on each of the days. A traffic management plan will be produced and local Parishes will be consulted and asked for comments.

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#### 34 APPEALS/AMENDMENTS/WITHDRAWN APPLICATIONS

7/08/5521 – Appeal against refusal of planning permission for the enlargement of existing house at Stable End, Easedale Road, Grasmere – the Appeal is dismissed.

#### 35 TREE WORKS

- a. 7/09/0033 – Fell Beech and Cherry – Loughrigg Brow, Under Loughrigg, Ambleside
- b. 7/09/0034 – Prune 3 Cypress, 1 Sycamore, Holly, Yew and Ash – Beck Allans, College St Grasmere
- c. 7/09/0036 – Fell small mature Oak – Little Langdale Tarn, Neaum Crag, Loughrigg.

Members had no objections to the work.

#### 36 PLANNING DECISIONS

None received

The Meeting closed at 9.16pm