

LAKES PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on 5th May 2010 in The Library, Ambleside at 7.30pm

PRESENT: Cllrs. L. Johnson (In the Chair), E.S. Bradshaw,
Ms M.M. Colquhoun, Mrs E Footit, N. Martin, Mrs S. Ogden,
M Parsons, Mrs V. Rees, Mrs F.M. Sparrow, P.A. Thompson
and P. Truelove.

APOLOGIES: Cllrs, Mrs A Sowerbutts, Mrs E. Wilson, J.R. Westmoreland

IN ATTENDANCE: None

ALSO: M. A. Johnson, Insp O'Hare, Sgt Sephens, PCSO Laura
Jackson, the Press and three members of the public

1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

On the Motion of Councillor Mrs Rees and seconded by Councillor Mrs Ogden, Councillor Johnson was nominated for the Chairman of Lakes Parish Council. There being no other nominations, Councillor Johnson was elected Chairman for the ensuing municipal year. The Chairman signed his Declaration of Acceptance of Office and thanked Members for their confidence in his Chairmanship.

Councillor Johnson IN THE CHAIR

2. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Council Meetings held on 7th April 2010 and the Plans Meeting held on 21st April 2010 at The Library, Ambleside were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman accordingly.

3 ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN

On the Motion of Councillor Johnson and seconded by Councillor Mrs Footit, there being no other nominations, it was RESOLVED that Councillor Mrs Sparrow be elected Vice Chairman for the ensuing municipal year.

4. NOTIFICATION BY ANY MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL

Receipt of a gift or hospitality over the value of £25 or of any changes to registered financial and other interests. To remind Members of the provisions of the Local Government Act 2000 in connection with gifts and hospitality and registered interests. Forms for such a declaration are available from the Clerk on request. Re-elected Members do not need to complete a new declaration if nothing has changed since their original submission, however they do need to affirm in a letter that their interests have not changed.

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5. APOLOGIES

Apologies were as recorded above.

6. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- ◆ Councillor Mrs Sparrow declared a personal and prejudicial interest in Agenda item Finance relating to the donation to Ambleside Christmas Lights, the donation to Ambleside Community Group and the Planning item relating to Doi Intanon Restaurant. Cllr Mrs Rees declared an Interest in all Planning matters. Cllr Martin declared a personal interest in the Planning item relating to Plane Tree House Ambleside. Cllr Mrs Ogden declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the Finance Item relating to Ambleside Community Group. Cllr Bradshaw declared a personal interest in the agenda item relating to Ambleside Christmas Lights. There were no other declarations of interest.

7. AUTHORISATION OF MONETARY TRANSACTION

- (i) Barclays Bank- Members agreed that the following Councillors would be as signatories to cheques; Councillors Bradshaw, Sparrow, Johnson and Martin. It was also agreed that for administrative purposes the Clerk should be added to the Account to receive Bank Statements and request balances only.
- (ii) National Savings Bank- Members agreed the following Councillors would be signatories to the Account; Councillors Johnson, Bradshaw, Martin and Mrs Sparrow.

8. TO APPROVE THE CHAIRMANS ALLOWANCE FOR 2010/11

On the Motion of Councillor Mrs Sparrow and seconded by Councillor Mrs Footit, it was RESOLVED that the Chairman's allowance for 2010/11 be set at £775.

9. TO MAKE APPOINTMENTS TO THE FOLLOWING BODIES

1. CALC – South Lakeland Committee (1 year) Members agreed to re- appoint Councillors Johnson and Mrs Sparrow.
2. Lake Windermere Committee (1 year) Members agreed to re- appoint Councillors Johnson, Martin and Bradshaw.
3. Ambleside Community Christmas Lights Committee (1 year) – Cllr Mrs Sparrow.
4. Troutbeck Charities (4 years) – Miss Wendy Black of High Fold, Troutbeck Mr J C Wharton and the Rev D Wilmot with one nomination to be confirmed who would continue in post until the expiry of their 4 year term.
5. Kelsick Educational Foundation – It was Moved by Cllr Mrs Sparrow and seconded by Cllr Martin that Cllr Johnson replace Cllr Mrs Braithwaite as the nominee of the Council. An amendment was Moved by Cllr Ms Colquhoun and seconded by Cllr Bradshaw that Cllr Mrs Sowerbutts replace Cllr Mrs Braithwaite as the nominee of the Council. A vote was then taken and Cllr Johnson received 5 votes and Cllr Mrs Sowerbutts 3 votes. The nominee in addition to Cllr Martin will be Cllr Johnson.
6. Lakes Line Action Group – Councillor Mrs Sparrow to serve as the appointed representative of Lakes Parish Council.
7. Parish Plan Task Groups – The following appointments were made:- Councillor Mrs Rees as Chairman of the Affordable Housing Group; Cllr Mrs Sparrow as Chairman of the Youth Task Group and a vacancy for the Chairman of the Environment Task Group to be considered at the next Meeting of the Council..

10. NOTICE OF MOTION

None submitted.

11 POLICE REPORT

Insp O'Hare reported on one item of immediate interest to the Parish. PCSO Jackson reported on general matters of interest within Lakes Parish. She gave an update on recent crime figures and answered Members questions. The Chairman thanked the Officers for their attendance.

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12. REPORTS

- (i) CALC Meeting of Parish Councils in the Lake District – Keswick 19th April – The Chairman reported on this well attended Meeting. Cllr's Sparrow and Parsons had also attended and updated Members.
- (ii) The Chairman had attended a LDNPA site visit at Wray Castle.
- (iii) The Chairman had attended a CALC Executive Committee at Penrith that had also been attended by the new Chief Officer of CALC David Claxton.
- (iv) Cllr Sparrow reported on the opening day of Ambleside Cricket Club.

The Chairman adjourned the Meeting to allow members of the public to speak. One person raised the missing 30mph road signs at Waterhead on to Windermere.

Another issue was the Slack being used as a cut through where more visible signage was needed. There were no other issues raised.

The Meeting was reconvened

13. FINANCE

- (i) RESOLVED to confirm approval the orders for payment submitted to the meeting totalling £5901.76p
- (ii) The Clerk had circulated Draft Accounts for the year 2009/10 and Members were now asked to consider these Accounts. The Clerk answered queries from Members and formally asked them to approve the Accounts for 2009/10. He informed Members that the Annual Internal Audit had been successfully completed without any issues to be drawn to the attention of the Council. Members were also asked to consider Section 2 of the Audit form that was the Governance Statement of Assurance.
 - RESOLVED – That the Lakes Parish Council formally approve the Accounts for 2009/10. They are satisfied that all of the sections applicable on the Annual Governance Audit Statement of Assurance be answered in the affirmative and that the Chairman signs the Statement of Accounts on the Annual return.
- (iii) Members were asked to confirm their decision to award a grant of £2000 to the Ambleside Community Christmas Lights.
 - RESOLVED – To confirm the donation of £2000 to the Ambleside Community Christmas Lights.
- (iv) Members considered a report from the Clerk and Reviewed the effectiveness of the Internal Audit Service. RESOLVED To reappoint Mrs Lees as Internal Auditor and express satisfaction on her standard of work.
- (v) Members considered a report from the Clerk and Reviewed the Risk Register of the Council. RESOLVED To agree the Risk Register and maintain the register as it is at present and review it on a regular basis.
- (vi) Members agreed to subscribe to the Cumbria Playing Fields Association for the year 2010/11 in the sum of £41.

- (vii) Members agreed to donate the sum of £200 towards the Ambleside Community Group it being the balance of donated funds for the Up the Wall project during the financial year 2009/10.
- (viii) Members agreed to confirm the annual incremental increase in the Salary of the Clerk to Scale Point 35.

14. PLANS FOR CONSIDERATION

1. 7/09/5633 Loughrigg Brow, Under Loughrigg, Ambleside
Re-roofing with insulated courier battened slate system: including replace all leadwork and dismantle and rebuild all chimneys on a like for like basis – **No Objections**
2. 7/10/5173 White Cross Bay Leisure Park, Ambleside Road, Troutbeck
Amend condition 4 on 2003 planning permission to allow for use of land for static caravans.- **No Objections**
3. 7/10/5189 Doi Inthanon Restaurant Market Hall, Ambleside
Move extract flue from side to rear of building, insert air intake adjacent.- **No Objections**
4. 7/10/5200 Ambleside C of E Primary School, Vicarage Road Ambleside
Proposed extension to front entrance to provide secure entry. Extension to existing car park to form designated disabled and delivery spaces away from pedestrian route.- **No Objections**
5. 7/10/5208 Plane Tree House, Rydal Road, Ambleside
Change of use from student accommodation to annexed guesthouse for the Apple Pie Eating House and Bakery – **No Objections subject to additional traffic generation being considered and the original garden replaced and not used for parking.**
6. 7/10/5214 Waterside Hotel Grasmere
Removal of car parking from front (south) of hotel and formation of new car park to a new area north of hotel, landscaping of front to form garden and revised landscaping to northern areas.- **Refuse on the grounds that this will encroach on to an area of open green space not in the footprint of the original plans. It is adjacent to two cottages and may therefore constitute an unneighbourly development.**

15 MATTERS OF INFORMATION

- A. From the Chairman
The Chairman's Annual Report is printed in the Annual Report of the Council.
The Chairman also gave the Clerk information on the Red Bottoms bus stop proposals
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- B. From the Clerk
 - 1 Windermere Town Council – Agenda 26th April 2010
 - 2 Windermere Town Council – Agenda 5th May 2010
 - 3 Lakes Line Agenda – Monday 10th May 2010
 - 4 Friends of the Lake District Annual Review 2009
 - 5 Clerks and Councils Direct – May 2010
 - 6 Cumbria Minerals and Waste Development Framework – Summary of proposals and site allocation policies – April 2010

- 7 Annual Parish Meeting 12 May 2010 7pm at the Kelsick Centre.
 - 8 Clerk on holiday from 18th May to 2nd June inclusive. Parish Office closed.
- C From Members
1. Cllr Mrs Sparrow raised the condition of walls and roads near Halfway House. This will be placed on the Agenda for the next meeting.
 2. Cllr Martin highlighted dangerous paving stones at the market place. The Highway Steward will be asked to have a look.
 3. Cllr Mrs Footit spoke on the removal of litter bins from LDNPA car parks. This will be placed on the next agenda.
 4. Cllr Mrs Rees spoke on the garish colours on the old Jumpers building in Grasmere.
- D From District Councillors
Nothing.
From the County Councillor
Not present

16. NOTIFICATION OF VACANCIES – TROUTBECK AND LANGDALES WARD

The Clerk had received a letter of resignation from Cllr Allen and had circulated a letter from a person interested in the Langdales Vacancy.

RESOLVED – That the Clerk write to thank Cllr Allen for his 28 years of service to the Council and the people of Troutbeck. A get-together will be arranged where the Council can thank Cllr Allen personally. It was also agreed to defer both Vacancies and advertise them in the next Parish Newsletter. The Langdales Vacancy will be filled at the July 14th Meeting.

17 LDNPA LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK – CONSULTATION DOCUMENT

The Clerk had circulated information on this and Members were asked for their views
RESOLVED That Members attend the local exhibitions and that a Task Group consisting of Cllrs Ms Colquhoun, Mrs Sparrow, Mrs Rees and Truelove meet afterwards to formulate the response of the Council provided that the deadline of 1st June can be extended.

18. PLANNING APPEALS /AMENDMENTS/WITHDRAWN APPLICATIONS

7/2009/5760 – Wray Castle – change of use from training centre to Hotel – this application is withdrawn.

E/2009/0146 - Enforcement Notice Former bus depot The Slack Ambleside –
Notice of appeal against the enforcement notice

19. PLANNING DECISIONS TAKEN BY THE LDNPA

None received.

The Meeting closed at 9.28pm