

## LAKES PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on 7 April 2010 in the Library, Kelsick Road, Ambleside at 7.30pm

PRESENT: Cllr L Johnson (In the Chair), Mrs F.M. Sparrow, W. H Allen, E.S. Bradshaw, Ms M.M. Colquhoun, Mrs E. Footit, N.C. Martin, M. Parsons, Mrs V Rees, Mrs A. Sowerbutts, P.A.Thompson

APOLOGIES: Mrs S. Ogden, J.R. Westmoreland, Mrs E. Wilson, County Cllr Earnshaw. District Cllr Vatcher and the Police

IN ATTENDANCE: None

ALSO: M. A. Johnson, 5 members of the public and the Press

### 169 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 10<sup>TH</sup> March 2010 and the Plans Meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> March 2010 in the Library, Ambleside were approved as a correct record with the following insertion in Minute Number 168 of the Minutes of 10<sup>th</sup> March 2010 **'The Clerk then advised the Chairman that his powers now included calling the Police to have the Councillor ejected from the Meeting or adjourning the Meeting until the Councillor left the room. With there appearing to be no prospect of the Councillor voluntarily leaving the room'....the Chairman etc...** With this amendment the Chairman signed the Minutes of both Meetings.

### 170 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- ◆ Cllr Mrs Rees declared an interest in all Planning with some recent qualification.
- ◆ Cllr Martin declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the Finance item relating to J F Martin. He also declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the Planning Application relating to The Hill, Birch Road, Ambleside. He left the Meeting for that item.
- ◆ Cllr Bradshaw declared a personal and prejudicial interest in Agenda item 13 Tree Works and left the Meeting for that item.
- ◆ There were no further declarations of interest

### 171. ITEMS OF INFORMATION FROM MINUTE 169.

None.

### 172 POLICE REPORT

The Police were not present due to PC Buxton being on holiday and other Officers caught up in operational duties. Apologies have now been received from Sgt Stephens.

### 173. REPORTS

- a. The Chairman reported on the recent Neighbourhood Forum that had taken place in Langdale. It had been an interesting and well attended meeting.
- b. Cllr Bradshaw reported on recent Allotments meetings. It was hoped that SLDT would front the legal negotiations and over 50 people had now indicated an interest.
- c. Cllr Bradshaw gave a comprehensive report on the LDNPA Development Control Committee meeting earlier in the day when the application for a new School at Grasmere had been considered. He reported that the application had been refused by 7 votes to 4.

#### 174 FINANCE

- a. RESOLVED to confirm approval the orders for payment submitted to the meeting totalling £9842.70
- b. RESOLVED - To agree a donation to Ambleside Cricket Club in the sum of £500.
- c. RESOLVED – To agree a donation towards the upkeep of the burial ground at Chapel Stile in the sum of £250.
- d. To consider the purchase of a Gritter – deferred pending LAOP discussions and the response to the recent consultation paper on gritting.

The Chairman ADJOURNED the Meeting to allow members of the public to speak. One member spoke on the planning application for 3 Riverside Cottages, Under Loughrigg and another on the planning application at the National Trust car park at Elterwater. The Meeting was then RECONVENED

#### 175 PLANS FOR CONSIDERATION

1. 7/10/5001 3 Riverside Cottages Under Loughrigg, Ambleside  
Extension to the rear of the property. – **Refuse on the grounds that the plans submitted are not to scale and are inaccurate for the purposes of determining the application. The proposals as shown represent an unacceptable massing, over-intensive development that is unneighbourly in the extreme. The cottage is also on the flood plain.**
2. 7/10/5095 Youth Hostels Assn. Mereside Waterhead, Ambleside  
Form a small extension to the rear of the property building of an existing single storey structure linked to the main building.- **No Objections, however this appears to be a retrospective application.**
3. 7/10/5107 Wood Farm, Ecclerigg, Windermere  
Extension to farmhouse to provide a family living/dining/kitchen area with master bedroom above.- **No Objections however the windows don't match in this Grade 2 listed building.**
4. 7/10/5115 The Hill, Birch Road, Ambleside  
Creation of off-street parking bay and bin store in existing front garden of residential property.- **No Objections**
5. 7/10/5126 National Trust Car Park Elterwater Village.  
Underground 700 cubic metre detention tank, valve chamber, screen chamber, outfall and associated pipework. The proposed above ground development will be in a control building, some modifications to the car park, alignment of an existing dry stone wall, a new fence and landscaping across the site. The existing pumping station located in the car park will be abandoned and removed.- **No Objections however there is an urgent need to consult with local people before the commencement of work. Due to parking problems in the village that will occur because of this work, it is essential that an alternative car park is in operation before**

**work begins. South Lakeland District Council should be requested to lift parking restrictions in the village for the duration of the project. It is recommended that the start of the project does not begin until after the main summer tourist season.**

6. 7/10/5148 Langdale Leisure Ltd. Great Langdale.  
Construction of detached bedroom extension to Langdale Hotel comprising 16 no bedrooms and integral car park. – **A site visit had taken place on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> April. Members agreed to APPROVE this application on the grounds of the continued commercial viability of this important site within Lakes Parish. The proposals presented are in harmony with the surrounding area and although there will be increased traffic during construction this is not seen as more than a short to medium term issue within the Langdale Valley. The Clerk will write and thank the Estate for its informative help at the site meeting.**

#### 176 MATTERS OF INFORMATION

- A. From the Chairman  
The Chairman had circulated a list of his engagements over the previous month. He highlighted the opening of White Platts on Good Friday and Sundays during the afternoon, this being as a direct result of work done by Lakes Parish Council. He had also been instrumental in getting the childrens play area in Rothay Park open for Easter.
- B. From the Clerk
- 1 Windermere Town Council – Agenda 12<sup>TH</sup> April 2010
  - 2 Lakes Line Bulletin – Spring 2010
  - 3 SLDC Standards Committee – April 13<sup>th</sup> 2010
  - 4 Memorial Seat – top of Compston Road
  - 5 Parish Meeting 12 May 2010 at 7pm in the Kelsick Centre.
- C From Members
- a. Cllr Mrs Rees welcomed the new signage at Red Bank road Grasmere.
  - b. Cllr Thompson informed Members of a problem at Miller Field.
  - c. Cllr Thompson informed Members of a problem with a bus shelter at Waterhead that had been drawn to his attention by the window cleaners.
  - d. Cllr Mrs Ogden reported on progress with the work proposed at the War Memorial in Ambleside near the Church.
  - e. Cllr Martin reported that the seats around the bowling green in White Platts are in poor condition.
- D. From the District Councillor – Mrs Rees had nothing to report.
- E. From the County Councillor – Cllr Earnshaw had tendered his apologies.

#### 177 VACANCY GRASMERE WARD.

The Clerk informed Members that no election had been called and the Council could now fill the Vacancy by co-option. The vacancy had been recently advertised in the Parish magazine. Members felt that they should wait until the magazine had been out for a while before co-opting to give all interested persons the chance to apply. RESOLVED To invite the only applicant for the post to attend the next Meeting of the Council when the vacancy will be filled.

#### 178 WINTER MAINTENANCE

The Clerk had circulated information by email on this and Members were asked for their local knowledge on grit bins within the Parish

RESOLVED – Members would investigate and check the grit bins within their Wards. They will then pass all information to the Clerk who will co-ordinate Council's response.

#### 179 LDNPA – PLANNING SEMINARS AND TOURS

The Clerk had circulated information on this.

RESOLVED That Councillors wishing to attend either the Seminars or the Tours should give their name to the Clerk and he will submit them to the Park Authority. Two names are requested for each, however the Clerk will submit up to four names depending on interest.

#### 180. TREE WORKS.

T/10/0017 – The Rock Shop, North Road, Ambleside – fell one horsechestnut, two lime and one ash. Retail one sycamore.

RESOLVED – To recommend refusal of this application due to the fact that these trees are part of only six important and significant trees in central Ambleside. They should be retained if at all possible. Prior to any work an independent view of the condition of these trees should be sought by the Park Authority.

#### 181. PLANNING DECISIONS

##### Approvals

7/05/5698 – Wesleyan Chapel Rydal Road Ambleside – extension to house of multiple occupation to provide two additional accommodation units.

7/09/5466 – The Chalet Elterwater – removal of planning condition retail sales and use of lower floor.

7/09/5727 – Hayes Garden World – proposed laying out of car park 39 extra spaces.

7/09/5738 – 5 Park Street Ambleside – alterations and dormer window.

7/09/5755 – K2 Zone Old Boys School Ambleside – two tier decking with railings and steps.

7/09/5766 – Regent Hotel Waterhead – extension to front entrance.

7/10/5027 – 2 Market Cross Ambleside – 1 fascia sign and 1 hanging sign.

7/10/5041 – Craglands Knitwear Grasmere – 2 non illuminated fascia signs and 1 hanging sign.

##### Refusals

7/09/5767 – The Wyke Grasmere – part demolition/part rebuilding on larger footprint and reroof.

7/10/5020 – Yew Trees, Grasmere – extension to existing domestic dwelling.

The Meeting closed at 9.15pm