

## LAKES PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> May 2016 in the Library, Kelsick Road, Ambleside at 6.25pm

PRESENT: Cllr L Waterhouse (In the Chair), Mrs F.M. Sparrow, Mrs J. Birkett, M. Bosson, Mrs E. Footit, B. Hewitt, L. Johnson, N.C. Martin, K McCarten, R. Moody, Mrs V Rees, Mrs A. Sowerbutts, P.Truelove, P.A.Thompson and Mrs D. Wood.

IN ATTENDANCE: None

APOLOGIES: P. Simpson, County Cllr H Halliday

ALSO: M.Johnson, J Renouf, C Hutchby and 2 members of the public

### 1 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Cllr Louise Waterhouse was nominated as Chairman by Cllr Mrs Sparrow and seconded by Cllr McCarten. There being no other nominations, Cllr Louise Waterhouse was duly elected by Councillors present.

### 2 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr Simpson.

### 3 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the following meetings were approved:

- Council meeting held on 6th April 2016.

### 4 ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN

Cllr Fiona Sparrow was nominated by Cllr Thompson and seconded by Cllr McCarten. There being no other nominations Cllr Mrs Sparrow was duly elected.

### 5 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

Cllr Martin declared an interest in Finance as recipient of payment in the Orders for Payment list and Cllr Hewitt declared a personal and prejudicial interest on the agenda item relating to Ambleside Together.

There were no other declarations of interest or requests for dispensations.

### 6 MATTERS OF INFORMATION FROM AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 3

None

### 7 NOTIFICATION OF ANY MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL in receipt of a gift or hospitality over the value of £10, or of 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 declaration are available from the Clerk on request.

No such declarations were made.

### 8 AUTHORISATION OF MONETARY TRANSACTIONS

#### (i) Barclays Bank

To approve signatories to cheques – currently Cllrs L Waterhouse, Johnson, Martin & Sparrow.

Approved.

#### (ii) National Savings Bank To approve signatories to Withdrawals – currently Cllrs Johnson, Sparrow & Martin. - Approved.

9 CHAIRMAN'S ALLOWANCE FOR 2016/17

This was approved at the rate of £750pa.

10 APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES

The following appointments were agreed:

- i. CALC – South Lakeland Committee: Cllrs L Johnson and B Hewitt
- ii. Lake Windermere Administration Group: Cllrs Johnson, Thompson and Sparrow.
- iii. Ambleside Community Christmas Lights: Cllr F Sparrow.
- iv. Kelsick Educational Foundation – Cllrs L Johnson and N Martin.
- v. Windermere Endowed Schools – Cllr N Martin
- vi. Goodly Dale Cottage Homes - vacant
- vii. Cumbria Rural CAB – Cllr L Waterhouse.
- viii. Chairman of the Affordable Housing Task Group – Cllr Mrs V Rees
- ix. Chairman of the Youth Task Group – Cllr F Sparrow
- x. Finance & Outside Projects sub-committee – Cllr PA Thompson (Chairman), Cllrs L Johnson, N Martin, B. Hewitt and the Chairman or Vice-Chairman of the Council (ex officio). All Council members are invited to attend as observers.
- xi. Chairman of the Older Person's Task Group – Cllr Mrs E Footit
- xii. Lakes Line User Group – Cllr Paul Truelove
- xiii. Lakes/Windermere Working Group – Cllrs Johnson and Bosson.

11 REPORTS

- a. Cllr Truelove reported on the launch of the Dunmail multi user track on 28<sup>th</sup> April that is now part of the national cycleway.
- b. Cllr Johnson reported on the latest LDNPA Parish forum that he had chaired on behalf of CALC. Attendance is good from the West, seldom from the South and never from adjoining Councils.

12. FINANCE

- a. RESOLVED - to agree the minutes of the Finance & Outside Projects sub-committee, held on 9<sup>th</sup> May 2016 and confirm approval of the orders for payment.
- b. RESOLVED to agree to donate £3000 to Ambleside Together towards the setting up of two websites to promote local events and encourage visitors to return to the area. To agree the quotation of £1296.98 for two Flagpoles for White Platts. To agree the final bill for the Ladies toilets at White Platts in the sum of £12463.21.
- c. RESOLVED – to affirm the Annual Governance Statement for 2015/16.
- d. RESOLVED – to receive and agree the Annual Accounts for 2015/16. Members wished to record thanks to the Finance Officer for the high standard of work on the Accounts.
- e. RESOLVED – to accept the Internal Audit report for 2015/16, as distributed and to confirm the findings of the review of the effectiveness of Internal Audit, as reported for 2015/16.
- f. RESOLVED – to re-appoint Mrs Lees as Internal Auditor for 2016/17.
- g. RESOLVED – that the updated Risk Register was discussed, reviewed and agreed.

The Chairman adjourned the Meeting to allow the public to speak. One person spoke on the University response to parking issues at Greenbank/ Castle Field. She also raised issues regarding a planning application for Lesketh Howe to be considered

later in the agenda. One person from Ambleside Together thanked the Council for their donation and assured Members that links to local sites will be heavily promoted. The Meeting was reconvened.

### 13 PLANS FOR CONSIDERATION

1. 7/2016/5850 Carr Howe, Belle Vue Lane, Ambleside  
Single storey extension and porch together with alterations to fenestration and patio. – No Objections
2. 7/2016/5232 18 Gale Park, Ambleside  
Rear extension to house - No Objections
3. 7/2016/5233 1 High Fisherbeck, Blue Hill Road, Ambleside  
Enclose existing patio area; install toilet and washbasin at north end of patio area; open up existing space under patio area – No Objections
4. 7/2016/5236 Lesketh How, Rydal Road, Ambleside  
Alterations and extension to Lesketh How to reconfigure and extend the existing 6 apartments to create 6 two storey dwellings including demolition of outbuildings and extensions, removal of selected trees and general site works – Refusal on the grounds of inadequate access with an entrance not wide enough for entry and exit at the same time. Additionally there is concern about the possibility of the existing occupants being made homeless and clarification of LDNPA Policy on this is needed.
5. 7/2016/5243 Carr Howes, Elterwater  
Proposed entrance drive and associated tree protection  
three velux windows in existing slate pitched kitchen roof. – No Objections

### 14 MATTERS OF INFORMATION

- A. From the Chairman – The Chairman nothing to report.
- B. From the Clerk – Minutes and Agenda Coniston Parish Council 16<sup>th</sup> May 2016.  
The developers of the old Kelsick Grammar School will attend the next Plans meeting of the Council on 25<sup>th</sup> May.
- C From Members
  - a. Cllr Mrs Sparrow informed the Council of the next Rotary kids quiz involving local Schools that was supported by Lakes PC last year. She will be asking the Council to support it again this year and fund it from the Youth Task Group budget.
  - b. Cllr Truelove asked for clarification on a recent press article relating to ANPR at Waterhead. The Clerk was on holiday when approached by the reporter and there had been a misunderstanding on CCTV v ANPR.
  - c. Cllr Mrs Rees spoke about a business partnership between Keswick and Grasmere communities. Celebrations were jointly planned with the venue at the Kings Head Thirlspot.
  - d. Cllr Johnson said there will be a meeting called by SLDC in Rothay Park on 6<sup>th</sup> June to discuss the relocation of the play area.
- D. From District Councillors - Nothing
- E. From the County Councillor – None attending

### 15 GRASMERE BROADGATE PARK PLAY AREA

Cllr Mrs Footit complained about the condition of the Park and suggested that the Parish Council might like to take it over. Cllr Mrs Rees, in her capacity as District Cllr offered a further meeting to try to sort matters out.

RESOLVED To defer this to allow the meeting to take place.

### 16 COLLEGE STREET GRASMERE

Cllr Mrs Footit asked if the entry to the toilets could be relocated to enable better access. The Clerk explained the current Management agreement with SLDC and the location of the strip of land owned by the National Trust that precluded any relocation of the entrance.

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#### 17. WATERHEAD

Cllrs Thompson and Johnson reported on the recent upgrade and improvement works at Waterhead. Cllr Thompson said he was very disappointed with the carbuncle in the promenade, that the blocking is very pretty but not easy to walk on and the stone work leaves much to be desired. He felt that the stonewalling was an insult to stonewallers. Cllr Johnson said that the fingerposts, panorama board and final seating would all be installed within the next two weeks. Cllr Martin said it was a big improvement but that the stone wallers just didn't know what they were doing. The workmanship is appalling.

RESOLVED To write to SLDC and express the concerns of the Council.

#### 18 INHABITED BRIDGES – NETWORK MEMBERSHIP

The Clerk had circulated a letter from the Mayors of Landerneau and Sommieres asking if the Council are interested in joining a European group relating to inhabited bridges and communities.

RESOLVED To receive the letter.

#### 19 TREE WORKS

- a. T/16/0049 – Salutation Hotel Ambleside – Reduce overhanging branches
- b. T/16/0053 – Wetherlam, Bridge Lane Troutbeck – fell Horse chestnut.  
– No Observations

#### 20 PLANNING DECISIONS

##### Approvals

- 7/16/5104 – 10 Loughrigg Meadow Ambleside – erection of domestic garage
- 7/16/5106 – Wanslea Guest House Ambleside – replace sash windows and door
- 7/16/5011 – 3 Rydal View Ambleside – new stone faced slate porch
- 7/16/5119 – 1 Oak Bank Elterwater – Bassoonery garaging and store etc.
- 7/16/5125 – Meadowcroft Troutbeck – rear extension to barn convert garage etc
- 7/16/5144 – Market Hall Tower Ambleside – replace 3 antennas with 3 new etc.
- 7/16/5162 – Pine Rigg Ambleside – vary condition relating to amended design.
- 7/16/5209 – Carr Howes Elterwater – Demolition of house and outbuildings – prior approval not required and development can proceed.

Notice of Appeal against enforcement at Land north of Broadoaks, Bridge Lane Troutbeck – enforcement to be dealt with by an Inspector appointed. –

Engineering operations to form a hardstanding and excavations to form a path.

The Meeting closed at 8.23pm