

LAKES PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on 8th June 2016 in the Library, Kelsick Road, Ambleside at 6.30pm

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

IN ATTENDANCE: None

APOLOGIES: Cllrs Mrs J. Birkett, M. Bosson, Mrs E Footit, R. Moody, P.Simpson, P.Truelove and County Cllr Mrs H.Halliday

ALSO: M. A. Johnson, J Renouf, and 6 members of the public

21 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Council on 11th May and the Plans Meeting on 25th May 2016 held in the Library, Kelsick Road, Ambleside were approved as a correct record.

22 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST/DISPENSATIONS

- ◆ Cllrs Martin and Thompson declared interests in Orders for Payment
- ◆ Cllr Mrs Rees declared an interest in all Planning as a newly appointed Member of the LDNPA Development Control Committee.
- ◆ There were no declarations of interest or requests for a Dispensation.

23 ITEMS OF INFORMATION FROM MINUTE 21

None

24 POLICE REPORT

Police not present and no report or apologies received.

25 REPORTS

- a. The Clerk reported on the decision of Windermere Town Council not to proceed with the proposed partnership with Lakes PC/AgeUK South Lakeland to allow the appointment of an additional Caseworker for the elderly in the two parishes.
- b. Cllr Mrs Sparrow reported on a good meeting with SLDC in Rothay Park to discuss the resiting of the play area. Funding was available and a map was circulated showing the proposed new location below the Church in the Park. One stipulation from the Parish Council is that the area must be fenced. Councillors recommended approval of the relocation subject to final plans being provided.
- c. The Chairman reported on a LDNPA Development Control Committee pre planning site visit for the proposed new hotel on the site of the old Kelsick Grammar School. She had been invited at short notice. Issues raised included the road access that was being reconsidered by Highways and planning gain for a footpath in Stock Ghyll Park.

d. There were no other reports

26 FINANCE

- a. RESOLVED - Councillor Thompson moved the Minutes of the Finance/Outside Projects sub-committee held on 6th June 2016 that included Orders for payment together with additional invoices since the Meeting in the sum of £21006.91p. The bank statement was circulated showing the current account balance. Additional cheques and the Bank Reconciliation were also circulated for members to view. The Clerk answered Members queries on the additional orders for payment. These were AGREED.
- b. Members also agreed the recommendations for Council approval contained with the Minutes of the Finance Committee including a donation of £500 to Rydal Village Society for flood relief at the Millennium Garden and also agreed the grant of £89.93 for the Rotary Schools kids quiz that will be held on July 13th at 6.30pm.
- c. Members also considered the recommendations for the Council Reserves and also the continuing Projects listed in the Finance Committee Minutes. These were AGREED.

The Chairman ADJOURNED the Meeting to allow the public to speak. One person spoke at length on the Planning Application listed under Tarn Foot Loughrigg. He explained that four individual parties were affected by this application that was being made by a property developer who lived in Gloucestershire. The actual site to be developed was quarter of a mile away from Tarn Foot Farm and completely divorced from the camping operation at that location. There had been a previous planning application for the site and also enforcement that was upheld by an Inspector on appeal. The application was listed as farm diversification but the land and pods are owned not by the farmer but by the developer. A serious issue highlighted is the proximity of the development to private water supplies of the nearby cottages. Also the impact of 20 people camping on hill top land with their barbeques campfires noise etc. This is a tranquil wooded area and there is no water or electricity supply for the facilities quoted in the application. Undoubtedly this means generators disturbing the tranquillity along with the numbers of people using the facility. He felt that the application should be refused on the grounds that it is a complete sham in relation to the stated farm diversification. It will be an unneighbourly development in an area of outstanding natural beauty. It will require the creation of a car park where none is present at the moment. One other person highlighted the potential for contamination of her private water supply through spillage or seepage from the site that would be disastrous for local residents. The Meeting was then RECONVENED.

27 PLANS FOR CONSIDERATION

1. 7/2016/5225 Beck Cottage, Meadow Brow Grasmere
Demolition of existing cottage and construct new 4 bedroom 2 storey - No Objection

2. 7/2016/5261 Black Moss Tarn Neaum Crag Loughrigg
Amend condition to allow occupancy to Jan 4th in any year – No Objection
3. 7/2016/5293 3 High Fisherbeck Ambleside
Detached garage – No Objection
4. 7/2016/5333 Tarn Foot Farm, Loughrigg
Erection of 5 camping pods and replacement of an existing opensided shelter with a new timber building to provide amenities for camping pod users – **Refusal** on the grounds that this is an unneighbourly development on an elevated hillside at Ellers Brow which is land of outstanding natural beauty near to residential properties. There is protection afforded to nationally designated areas such as this by LDNPA, where the conservation of the natural beauty of the landscape and countryside should be given great weight in determining this application. The possibility of noise, fire risk and the contamination of private water supplies to these properties is high, particularly when the pods are fully occupied. The grounds used for farm diversification cannot apply to this application as the land and pods proposed are owned by a property developer and not the farmer. The statement from GVA Grimley says that this is to provide amenities for camping pod users at Tarn Foot Farm. The proposed development is at least a quarter of a mile away from Tarn Foot Farm, a car park to accommodate at least ten vehicles (pod users and their guests) will have to be created as the application is completely divorced from operations at that location. A further ground for refusal is that, given the above, the planning statement together with supporting documentation does not demonstrate that the application complies with local planning policy guidance nor does it comply with the National Planning Policy Framework. If the recommendation is not for refusal then the Parish Council would ask that the Development Control Committee visit the site prior to any decision being made.
5. 7/2016/5338 2 Hollens Cottage, Grasmere
Extension and alteration including replacement of existing substandard extension (resubmission 7/2016/5102) – No Comment
6. 7/2016/5341 Spar Stores, Compston Road, Ambleside
Replacing like for like fascia – No Objections

7. 7/2016/5351 Smithy Yard, Lane Ends, Elterwater
Change from garage up and over metal doors to timber
infill panels with windows and personnel door – No
Objections

28 MATTERS OF INFORMATION

- A. From the Chairman – she had attended a lunch at Thirlspot to
celebrate the reopening of the A591.
B From the Clerk - Windermere Town Council Meeting 8 June.
C From Members – Nothing to report
D From District Councillors – Nothing to report
E From County Councillor – Apologies.

29 PLANNING DECISIONS/WITHDRAWN/APPEAL APPLICATIONS
None received

The Meeting closed at 7.35pm