

## LAKES PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> September 2016 in the Library, Kelsick Road, Ambleside at 6.30pm

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Cllr Heidi Halliday

APOLOGIES: Cllrs Mrs F.M. Sparrow, L. Johnson, R. Moody and Mrs D. Wood. Jane Renouf

ALSO: M. A. Johnson and 4 members of the public

### 50 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Council on 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2016 in the Library, Kelsick Road, Ambleside were approved as a correct record.

### 51 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST/DISPENSATIONS

- ◆ There were no declarations of interest or requests for a Dispensation.

### 52 ITEMS OF INFORMATION FROM MINUTE 50

None

### 53 POLICE REPORT

PCSO Laura Jackson reported on crimes and incidents within the Parish over the past 3 months. Calls for service had been huge. Crimes in Ambleside totalled 72 including 13 criminal damage, 14 burglaries, 15 assaults, 6 shoplifting, 4 public order offences, 5 drugs related (with 2 charged), 10 theft, 2 sexual crimes and one arson. In Grasmere and Langdale there had been 24 crimes including 6 theft, 1 shoplifting, 1 burglary, 1 assault, 2 criminal damage, 1 arson and 12 relating to a historic sex incident. She asked that the public keep an eye open at the old Kelsick Grammar School where damage has been caused and rough sleepers have entered the building. She will also be speaking to the new University intake of approx. 270 about their future conduct in Ambleside and the surrounding area.

There will be a Police Desk in Grasmere Garden Centre on 13 October from 11 to 12 noon; Hayes Garden Centre on November 10<sup>th</sup> same times and then Grasmere Garden Centre again on December 8<sup>th</sup> same times. All welcome. PCSO Jackson answered Members questions and said it was a pleasure to be back at a meeting of Lakes Parish. The Chairman thanked her for her attendance.

### 54 REPORTS

- a. Cllr Truelove reported on the Public Inquiry into the Planning Applications Appeal by Lowther Estates relating to White Moss Common between Rydal and Grasmere. He was pleased to report that the Inspector

appointed has dismissed the Appeal. He outlined the procedures involved in this informal setting which he welcomed. Cllr Mrs Rees had also been there as a representative of Grasmere Village Hall and was very pleased with the result. She commended the work of Cllrs Mrs Sparrow and Truelove.

- b. The Chairman had attended a pre planning meeting of LDNPA Development Control Committee at Waterhead Marine. Their representatives are coming to do a presentation to the Council at the Plans meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> September.
- c. Cllr Martin reported on an excellent day in Kendal as a representative of the Parish Council at the Tour de Britain event.
- d. There were no other reports

## 55 FINANCE

- a. RESOLVED - Councillor Thompson presented the Minutes of the Finance/Outside Projects sub-committee held on 5<sup>th</sup> September 2016 that included Orders for payment together with additional invoices since the Meeting in the sum of £19267.12. 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. There were no recommendations for Council approval contained with the Minutes of the Finance Committee. These were AGREED.
- c. To receive Notice of Closure of the 2015/2016 Audit and note that there are no matters arising from our unqualified audit report. – Members agreed to receive the information
- d. Report to Council on matters concerning the NALC/SLCC Salary agreement for Clerks and Pension Gratuity. (To be taken in Part 2)
- e. To consider allocating £1500 towards an application to the Arts Council to fund a project for the provision of a Roman Centurion sculpture on a plinth at the Wateredge Hotel end of Waterhead promenade (see attached information and email of actual work sent out) - Members agreed to allocate £1500 in the budget towards the project and authorised the Clerk to undertake an initial feasibility study in conjunction with the Sculptor David Woodward. Members will receive further information/a presentation prior to a final decision to proceed.

The Chairman ADJOURNED the Meeting to allow the public to speak. On person spoke on Greenbank Residents association issues and also the Armitt. She supported the planning application 7/2016/5516 Wesleyan Chapel at Ambleside and is concerned about abuse from cyclists using Stoney Lane while walking her dog. Another member of the public spoke on abuse of parking at Low Gale where inconsiderate people are causing problems for bin wagons resulting in the upper reaches of the Gale not having their bins emptied. The PCSO had attended one incident and did not consider that it was sufficient to cause Police involvement.

Another person was concerned about the safety of pedestrians in that location. The Council were asked to support any moves for a Traffic Order in this area. The Meeting was then RECONVENED

## 56 PLANS FOR CONSIDERATION

1. 7/2016/5504 Longtail Cottage, Ambleside Road, Troutbeck Bridge  
Replacement dwelling, boat house, barn for ancillary accommodation, dredging, landscaping and access. – No Objections
2. 7/6/5502/5535 Loughrigg Brow, Under Loughrigg  
Replacement of 2 No. flagpole-style antenna with 1 No. upgraded flagpole structure replace equipment cabinet with 2 upgraded cabinets plus associated ancillary development. – No Objections
3. 7/2016/5516 Old Wesleyan Chapel, Rydal Road, Ambleside  
Siting of mobile home with associated timber decking for a temporary period of up to 12 months (retrospective) - No Objections
4. 7/2016/5518 Banking of Easedale Beck, Grasmere  
Repair to damaged river bank – No Objections
5. 7/2016/5530 Rothay Garden Hotel, Broadgate, Grasmere  
Remedial works to existing roof – No Objections
6. 7/2016/5566 The Samling, Ambleside Road, Windermere  
Construction of additional row of vehicular parking spaces to car park for valet car parking – No Objections

## 57 MATTERS OF INFORMATION

- A. From the Chairman – The Chairman had nothing to report.
- B From the Clerk - Agendas and Minutes from Windermere Town Council; The Clerk September 2016; Clerks and Councils Direct September 2016; LLRUG Agenda and Minutes.
- C From Members – Cllr Mrs Birkett had arranged in conjunction with the County Councillor for white lining near the Langdale Timeshare where indiscriminate parking was causing problems. She had also had success in persuading SLDC to empty bins at Chapel Stile.
- D From District Councillors – Cllr Mrs Rees had nothing to report
- E From County Councillor – Cllr Mrs Halliday reported on reminding people of the closure of the consultation on new Play area and equipment in Rothay Park. She had mostly been dealing with road issues including Red Bank road, Caravan parking on Under Loughrigg, Stonecroft and the reinstatement of tired white lining throughout Ambleside. She answered questions from Members.

58. CALC EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS

Cllr Johnson had passed information provided at the Parish Council to LDNPA  
RESOLVED – To nominate Cllr Johnson to the CALC Executive. Cllrs Mrs Waterhouse and Simpson signed the nomination form.

59. GRASSCUTTING AT SKELWITH BRIDGE

Cllr Thompson reported on this issue where it was a mess and needed cutting  
RESOLVED Cllr Mrs Halliday will deal with this.

60. STONEY LANE

Cllr Thompson wanted clarification of the approved usage of Stoney Lane.  
RESOLVED Cllr Mrs Halliday will deal with arranging signage to indicate appropriate use of the Lane.

61. FLOODING, WANSELL ROAD AMBLESIDE

Cllr Thompson raised this issue and stated that blocked drains are causing an actual river to flow down at the bottom of Wansfell Road in heavy rain.  
RESOLVED Cllr Mrs Halliday will deal with this issue.

62. WEEDS ON KING STREET CAR PARK

Cllr Thompson complained about the proliferation of weeds on this car park and in other areas of the Parish  
RESOLVED Cllr Mrs Halliday will deal with this issue

63. TREE WORKS

The Clerk reported that the 3 large trees have been felled at Stockghyll by the Highways Authority on the request of the Landowner as they were causing a potential hazard. No permissions were required  
T/2016/0112 – Ellerside, Ellerigg Road, Ambleside – T25 Cypress – fell because of decay cavity in the base of the tree extending up the trunk and the possible issues if the tree failed due to its proximity to the neighbouring houses in Kirkfield Rise. Also to allow more light enabling new planting to develop. T26 Cypress – fell this multi stemmed tree with all stems heavily leaning again due to proximity of the tree to nearby houses and the increased risk of failure if this is left standing after T25 has been removed. Benefit to the local environment of increased light and better development of new plants

RECEIVED

64 PLANNING DECISIONS/WITHDRAWN/APPEAL APPLICATIONS

Approvals

7/15/5510 Land to west of Neaum Hurst Cottages Skelwith Bridge – construction of four new affordable houses, change of use of land from agricultural to residential

7/16/5261 – Black Moss Tarn, Neaum Crag – Vary condition to allow occupancy to 4 Jan

7/16/5345 – Netherby, Wansfell Road, Ambleside –raise level of wall and steps/provide flagging

7/16/5355 – 4 Church Street Ambleside – general refurbishment work and minor alterations etc

7/16/5361 – The Sheiling, Grasmere – alterations and extensions.

7/16/5358 – Hope Cottage, Ellerigg Road, Ambleside – 7/15/5510 – Land to west of Neaum Hurst Cottages, Skelwith Bridge – construction of four new replacement balcony

7/16/5364 – The Lea, Grasmere – Amend planning approval re sewage treatment and location.

7/16/5388 – Goody Raise, Easedale Road Grasmere – alterations and replacement extension

7/16/5389 – Telecommunications site High Close Grasmere – removal and replacement of antenna, new dishes and equipment cabinets.

7/16/5409 – 3 – 10 Oaklands, Millans Park, Ambleside – replacement of windows with upvc

#### Refusals

7/16/5293 – 3 High Fisherbeck, Blue Hill Road, Ambleside – detached garage

7/16/5317 – Ferndale Lodge, Lake Road, Ambleside – demolition of annex and new local needs dwelling house.

The Chairman moved PART TWO

Report to Council on matters concerning the NALC/SLCC Salary agreement for Clerks and Pension Gratuity.

Members considered the report of the Clerk circulated with the Agenda. The Clerk explained the background to the report which had two elements to it.

RESOLVED To agree to the report, allocate the Salary of the Clerk to LC3 Scale Point 51 (28 hours pro rata) and backdate its recommendations to April 1<sup>st</sup> 2016. To agree that the Clerk move from the present annual salary scheme to a final salary scheme in relation to his Pension gratuity agreed and as laid out in the letter of authorisation from HM Customs and Revenue.

The Meeting closed at 7.59pm