

LAKES PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on 5th October 2016 in the Library, Kelsick Road, Ambleside at 6.30pm

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

IN ATTENDANCE: None

APOLOGIES: Cllrs Mrs L. Waterhouse, Mrs J. Birkett, K. McCarten P. Simpson.

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

65 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Council on 7th September 2016 in the Library, Kelsick Road, Ambleside and the Plans Meeting on 21st September were approved as a correct record.

66 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST/DISPENSATIONS

- ◆ Cllr Martin declared an interest in Finance and in the Agenda item relating to his nomination to the Kelsick Educational Foundation.
- ◆ Cllr Mrs Rees declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the Planning item relating to Lake View Farm, Grasmere
- ◆ There were no declarations of interest or requests for a Dispensation.

67 ITEMS OF INFORMATION FROM MINUTE 65

None

68 POLICE REPORT

Police not present and a report received by email was circulated to Members.

69 REPORTS

- a. Councillor Mrs Sparrow reported on the recent meeting of the Ambleside Christmas Lights Committee. The annual Lights event has now grown and in order to continue beyond 2016 will need a professional Events organiser to deal with the myriad of legal issues that need to be resolved prior to the annual event. She asked that the Parish Council consider an increase in their annual grant to help to fund the employment of such an organiser. This will be considered at the Budget setting in November. She also indicated that she will stand down as the representative of the Council on the Lights Committee as she is somewhat conflicted in her responsibilities.
- b. Cllr Mrs Sparrow reported on the Migrant Workers Group.
- c. Cllr Johnson reported on the Ambleside College Liaison Group. As at 1 September there were 172 residential places with 71 new on the Rydal Road development. There is a hotline for problems 015394 30274.

- d. Cllr Johnson reported on the Lake District National Park partnership that had held its 10th anniversary conference AGM at Low Wood Hotel.
- e. Cllr Mrs Sowerbutts had attended the Parish Centre 10th anniversary event where Tim Farron MP was present. It had been a good meeting.
- f. There were no other reports

70 FINANCE

- a. RESOLVED - Councillor Thompson moved the Minutes of the Finance/Outside Projects sub-committee held on 3rd October 2016 that included Orders for payment together with additional invoices since the Meeting in the sum of £22845.50. 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 considered the recommendations for Council approval contained with the Minutes of the Finance Committee including the formalisation of the contract of employment for the Finance Officer; a pay increase of 50p an hour for the Parish Handyman and the Draft specification for Ambleside toilet cleaning contract. These were AGREED.

The Chairman ADJOURNED the Meeting for the public to speak. One person spoke on the Planning Application relating to Lake View Farm at Grasmere. There were no other representations. The Meeting was RECONVENED

71 PLANS FOR CONSIDERATION

- 1. 7/2016/5521 Lake View Farm, Lake View Drive, Grasmere
Conversion of existing derelict stone barn to provide 5 bedroom annexe to Lake View Guest House – Refusal on the grounds of inadequate information and flooding. The information provided is not sufficiently up to date with flooding issues in that location. The access under pressure does not have capacity as there is no opportunity for additional parking on the drive.
- 2. 7/2016/5612 The Lakelands, Lower Gale, Ambleside
Replacement of existing patent glazed roof coverings, glazed screen and timber louvre – No Objections
- 3. 7/2016/5636 The Stables, Borrans Road, Ambleside
Two storey extension – No Objections

72 MATTERS OF INFORMATION

- A. From the Vice Chairman – None

B From the Clerk - Agendas and Minutes from Windermere Town Council, Coniston PC, LLRUG Agenda and Minutes. Work being undertaken on Stock Beck below the road bridge to the Rydal road car park and beyond. CALC AGM – Cllrs Johnson and Thompson to attend.

C From Members – Cllr Johnson said that the Environment Agency has 167 bridge flood schemes with 66% completed and 88% of the bridges sorted.

Mrs Footit said the Badger Bridge at Rydal was complete. There was unauthorised signage to the Langrigg Guest House at Grasmere being dealt with. She felt that, because of the work that he does, the Council should make a contribution towards the electric bike Cllr Thompson had purchased. The Clerk will place this on the next Finance Committee agenda.

Cllr Thompson said that the weeds around Mechanics had been removed but the rest of the village still needed attention. He also updated the Council on Waterhead issues previously raised.

D. From District Councillors – Nothing.

E. From County Councillor – Cllr Mrs Halliday not present.

73. POLICE RESOURCES IN LAKES PARISH

This had been placed on the Agenda at the request of Members. The Clerk circulated correspondence between Windermere TC and the PCC

RESOLVED To agree a joint meeting of the Windermere/Lakes working group to discuss this issue of mutual concern.

74. STEPPING STONES

Cllr Mrs Sparrow had circulated correspondence between herself and the National Park on the reinstatement of the Stepping Stones at Rydal.

RESOLVED That the Clerk write to the National Park asking that they include the reinstatement of these unique stones in the programme for next year. That they be congratulated on the reinstatement of the Dipper Bridge near the Badger Bar at Rydal.

75. DRAFT MEETING DATES 2017

The Clerk had circulated a draft list of meeting dates for 2017. Being produced so far ahead, these are always subject to change if circumstances demand.

RESOLVED To agree to the dates proposed.

76. A591 TRAFFIC LIGHTS

Cllr Mrs Sowerbutts was concerned at the huge traffic build ups near Low Wood during recent weeks. Cllr Moody also expressed his concern. The Clerk explained the protocol for these lights and had dealt with the issue from afar once he had become aware of it. Lights in this location should be manually changed and be staffed during working hours to alleviate traffic build up. The operators should always allow a 'long run' to clear queues. The County Highways department will look closely at future lights to ensure this protocol is maintained.

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77. KELSICK EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

The Clerk to the Foundation had written to the Council requesting that Cllr Martin be re-nominated for a further four years as one of the representatives of Lakes PC on the Charity.

RESOLVED To re-nominate Cllr Martin as requested.

78. TREE WORKS

T/2016/0128 –Kirkstone Foot Holiday Apartments, Kirkstone Road Ambleside
– Fell 1 multi-stemmed conifer; crown raise 1 sycamore and crown clean 1 weeping ash

T/2016/0130 – Glendale, Lake Road Ambleside – Fell 1 Silver Birch, prune 1 Rowan and 1 Beech

T/2016/0131 – Rothay Park, Vicarage Road Ambleside – Fell 2 x oak, 2 x sycamore, 2 x elm, 3 x ash, rhododendron shrub. Crown lift 1 hornbeam, 1 ash, mixed broadleaved trees. Coppice mixed broadleaved trees

T/2016/0134 – The Rock Shop, North Road, Ambleside – removal of Sycamore and Elm along riverbank

RESOLVED That the Clerk request further information of the work in Rothay Park prior to any comment.

79 PLANNING DECISIONS/WITHDRAWN/APPEAL APPLICATIONS

None received

The Meeting closed at 7.42pm