

## LAKES PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2016 in the Library, Kelsick Road, Ambleside at 6.30pm

PRESENT: Cllr Mrs 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, Mrs V Rees, P. Simpson, Mrs A. Sowerbutts, P. Truelove, P.A. Thompson and Mrs D. Wood

IN ATTENDANCE: None

APOLOGIES: Cllr R. Moody

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

### 80 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Council on 5<sup>th</sup> October 2016 in the Library, Kelsick Road, Ambleside and the Plans Meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> October were approved as a correct record.

### 81 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST/DISPENSATIONS

- ◆ Cllr Martin declared an interest in Finance and in the Agenda item relating Planning 7/2016/5674.
- ◆ There were no declarations of interest or requests for a Dispensation.

### 82 ITEMS OF INFORMATION FROM MINUTE 80

None

### 83 POLICE REPORT

Police not present and a report received by email from PCSO Laura Jackson was circulated to Members.

### 84 REPORTS

- a. Councillor Mrs Sparrow reported on the Lake Administration Committee meeting that she had attended with Cllrs Johnson and Thompson. There was little to report other than monies owed had reduced dramatically.
- b. Cllr Mr Martin had attended an Emergency Action Planning Group meeting that is trying to implement the agreed Plan. A leader is required to drive the implementation. This is work in progress.
- c. There were no other reports

### 85 FINANCE

- a. RESOLVED - Councillor Mrs Waterhouse moved the Minutes of the Finance/Outside Projects sub-committee held on 31st October 2016 that included Orders for payment together with additional invoices since the Meeting in the sum of £11130.62. 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 grants to the Great North Air Ambulance (£600) and Grasmere Players Youth Workshop (£400) These were AGREED.
- c. Members considered the Draft Budget report from the RFO and agreed a recommendation of the Finance Committee for a 1% rise in the Precept for 2017/18. This will be brought to the December Meeting for a final decision.
- d. Purchase of Poppy Wreaths. Councillors agreed to purchase 3 wreaths. Cllr Mrs Footit will organise the Grasmere wreath.
- e. The Clerk reported on the serious effect vandalism is having on our toilet operations. He asked the Council to consider allowing him to obtain quotes for professionally installed CCTV to cover Moss Parrock, Rydal Road, Mechanics and Low Fold public conveniences.  
RESOLVED To agree that the Clerk seek quotations and bring them to a future Meeting of the Council.

The Chairman ADJOURNED the Meeting for the public to speak. One person spoke on the open day at Armit Museum, the street lighting at Castlefield and her objections to Planning Application 7/2016/5674. One person spoke on the Planning Application 7/2016/5674 raising various objections. Another person spoke on Planning Application 7/2016/5662 raising various concerns. There were no other representations. The Meeting was RECONVENED

## 86 PLANS FOR CONSIDERATION

- 1. 7/2016/5662 Littlegarth, Kirkstone Road, Ambleside  
Extension and alterations – Refusal on the grounds that this is a modern building glazed in the conservation area. It is inappropriate and unneighbourly.
- 2. 7/2016/5671 The Retreat, King Street, Ambleside  
Use of owner accommodation to guest house without complying with condition number 3 on planning permission 7/2008/5440 to enable use as either residential holiday letting accommodation or as part of the guest house. – No Comment
- 3. 7/2016/5674 Land Compston Street/St Marys Lane, Ambleside  
1. Retention of 6 flats (Old Norse). 2. Retention of 4 dwellinghouses (Coachmans Terrace). 3. Retention of 2 flats and A1/B2 commercial unit (Coachmans Yard). 4. Proposed 19 bed hostel (student/local worker) over

ground floor mixed use A1/A3/A5 commercial unit 150m2  
- Refusal on the grounds that this is massive overdevelopment in the centre of the Ambleside Conservation area. The height of the hostel proposed is clearly an unneighbourly development and is out of character for the area. Neighbouring properties will suffer a loss of light and amenity. When the original plans were approved the neighbours were expecting that the development would be built in accordance with the planning approval. This new application is not what they would have expected to see. This is a big change from the original permission, there is no parking provision in an area with real parking problems, the bins proposed are unsightly in a conservation area and there is no lighting proposed. There is no stone facing, only rendering. To place a hostel for that number of people, and the clientele envisaged in a residential area, can only cause problems for the future. Some of the existing build may be acceptable but as this is a deliberate major departure from the original planning approval, the Council recommend the Development Control Committee visit the site prior to making any decision.

4. 7/2016/5681 Ambleside Salutation Hotel, Ambleside  
Amend condition no 2 on approval 7/2014/5171 to enable the retail unit on the ground floor to be replaced with four guest rooms. – No Objections
5. 7/2016/5683 Stone Bank, Chapel Stile, Ambleside  
Variation of conditions 2 and 3 of planning application 7/2016/5387 – replacement of existing lean-to with a modest 2 storey extension. Internal modifications to improve layout and increase habitable space. Ground floor windows are to be replaced with French doors on the south elevation. Addition of veranda. – No Comment
6. 7/2016/5703 Dunaluinn, Kirkstone Road, Ambleside  
House alterations and upgrading including additional storey at first floor level, demolition and rebuilding of existing single storey side extension as two storeys and new freestanding garage. – Approval on the grounds that the building is hidden away and will have minimal impact.
7. 7/2016/5716 Queens Cottage, The Slack, Ambleside  
Proposed dormer window – No Objections
8. 7/2016/5718 Land above Longside, Great Langdale  
EE telecommunications apparatus, ancillary equipment cabinets, fenced compound and 212 metres of new access track.- The Council recommend a site visit by the

Development Control Committee prior to any decision being made as this site is on the open fell side and clearly visible in the landscape setting.

## 87 MATTERS OF INFORMATION

### A. From the Chairman – None

B From the Clerk - Agendas and Minutes from Windermere Town Council, Coniston PC, Clerks and Councils Direct November 2016. Fingerposts for the Armit Museum are being ordered and will be added to the existing Fingerposts in Ambleside.

C From Members – Cllr Mrs Sparrow reminded Members of the Christmas lights switchon 19<sup>th</sup> November. The Park toilets will be open on that day. White Platts will also be open and she thanked the operators of the site for their cooperation.

Cllr Johnson informed Members of recent planning guidance relating to extensions of 3 metres and less in National Parks that did not require any permission or even neighbours being informed.

Cllr Mrs Footit spoke on Street Lighting in Grasmere.

Cllr Mrs Sowerbutts spoke on a street light being out on Compston road near the Smallwood Hotel

Cllr Johnson commented on the inadequacy of the new LED street lighting.

D. From District Councillors – Nothing.

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

## 88. POLICE RESOURCES IN LAKES PARISH

The meeting between Windermere TC and Lakes Parish Council had been cancelled at short notice as they were too busy.

RESOLVED That the Clerk write and invite the Police and Crime Commissioner to a future meeting of the Council to discuss this issue.

## 89. TROUTBECK SNOWPLOUGH AND GRITTER

Due to a misunderstanding the meeting between the County Council, Cllr Simpson and the Clerk had been postponed. It is being rearranged for the week commencing 7 November.

RESOLVED To defer this to the next Meeting.

## 90. BT TELEPHONE BOXES IN THE PARISH

The Clerk had circulated a list of Telephone boxes under threat of removal in the Parish.

RESOLVED To seek the retention of the Elterwater, Chapel Stile, Rydal and Grasmere (Swan Hotel) boxes. The Clerk will make the necessary representations.

## 91. ELECTORAL REVIEW OF SOUTH LAKELAND – FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS

The Clerk had circulated information. Members observed that the final recommendations for Windermere were commonsense.

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92. KELSICK EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

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

RESOLVED To re-nominate Mr Blackburn as requested.

93. TREE WORKS

T/2016/0156 –Rydal Mount, Rydal – works to various trees

T/2016/0169 – 33, Castlefield Ambleside – reduce 1 oak by 30%T/2016/0128

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94 PLANNING DECISIONS/WITHDRAWN/APPEAL APPLICATIONS

None received

The Meeting closed at 7.50pm