

LAKES PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on 7th December 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, Mrs E Footit, B. Hewitt, L. Johnson, N.C. Martin, K. McCarten, R. Moody, P. Simpson, Mrs A. Sowerbutts, P.A.Thompson and Mrs D. Wood

IN ATTENDANCE: None

APOLOGIES: Cllr P.Truelove and the Police

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

95 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Council on 2nd November 2016 in the Library, Kelsick Road, Ambleside and the Plans Meeting on 23rd November were approved as a correct record.

96 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST/DISPENSATIONS

- ◆ Cllr Martin declared an interest in Finance. Cllr Mrs Birkett declared a personal and prejudicial interest in Planning 7/2016/5818 (Greenhowe Caravan park) and took no part in the debate or vote.
- ◆ There were no declarations of interest or requests for a Dispensation.

97 ITEMS OF INFORMATION FROM MINUTE 95

None

98 POLICE REPORT

Police not present. The Clerk tabled a report received from PCSO Jackson that highlighted the 12 Ambleside crime reports and the 2 Grasmere and Langdale crime reports. She also gave information on Operation Snowberry that has just started targeting shoplifting on the run up to Christmas. She said Ambleside Christmas lights switch on had been a great success. The Police desk will be at Grasmere Garden Centre on 8/12/16 from 11am to midday. She highlighted issues with rural thefts and stressed the need to lock sheds and barns, windows and doors. She urged everyone to ring the Police if they see any suspicious activity.

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99 REPORTS

- a. Meeting with an officer of Cumbria County Council re Troutbeck gritting operations 23 November - Cllr Simpson and the Clerk reported on this meeting that had resolved certain issues. 20 tonnes of road salt will be provided by the County Council to the SLDC Ecclerigg depot where with the cooperation of the District Council it will be stored for emergency use. Cllr Simpson may have to undertake a 'winter gritting acquaint course' prior to gritting the Troutbeck routes. He is no longer on the list of

approved contractors for the County Council and further investigation has been taken on the Alston agreement for snow clearing by a local farmer. As a result of this a new agreement may be offered for the Troutbeck snowploughing on behalf of the County Council. Further details when received.

- b. CALC AGM 12 November – Cllrs Johnson and Thompson reported on this meeting. A speaker from DCLG had been present and was asked a question by Cllr Thompson on Business rates applicable to public toilets provided by Parish Councils.
- c. Meeting with LDNPA 22nd November – Cllr Mrs Sparrow reported on this friendly meeting that had been held to discuss the University planning experience from initiation in 2010 to completion in 2016.
- d. Meeting with SLDC 2nd December – Cllrs Thompson and Mrs Sparrow reported on this meeting. Main focus had been planting at Waterhead. A further report will be brought to Finance Committee and the Council. There will also be a presentation to Council on 11 January with the proposals for the new play area in Rothay Park.
- e. Cllr Mrs Sowerbutts reported on a Castle Field/Greenbank residents meeting with the University that had discussed the operation of the north entrance. This is working well.
- f. Cllr Martin had attended a meeting of the Ambleside Emergency Planing Group. They now had a leader and progress is being made. He invited a representative from the Rydal Village Society to attend future meetings.
- g. Cllr Johnson had attended a LDNPA Partnership meeting in his role as CALC representative. It had been an interesting morning at a hill farm near Thirlmere and in the afternoon the work of Lakes PC had been highlighted in documentation considered under 'prosperous economy'.
- h. Cllr Johnson had attended a 'Task and Finish' meeting of the Lake Admin Committee. It will consider outcomes in June 2017. He commended the new SLDC Solicitor for her work.
- i. There were no other reports

100 FINANCE

- a. RESOLVED - Councillor Thompson moved the Minutes of the Finance/Outside Projects sub-committee held on 5th December 2016 that included Orders for payment together with additional invoices since the Meeting in the sum of £22581.06. 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 Pensions auto enrolment, gritting in Troutbeck and the estimate for the Rydal Heritage Board. These were AGREED.
- c. Members considered a request for funding from the Langdale Under 5s RESOLVED to donate £300. (£100

from each of the Langdales Councillors personal budget allowance).

- d. Members considered the Budget report from the Clerk/ RFO and Finance Officer. RESOLVED To agree the recommendation of the Finance Committee for a 1% rise in the Precept for 2017/18 and adopt the Budget proposed for 2017/18.
- e. Roman Centurion at Waterhead. The Clerk had on display a drawing of the proposed statue at Waterhead. This is of a Roman Centurion with his War Dog realistic to the years AD70 to AD300 when Galava would have been occupied. The Clerk now seeks permission from the Council to proceed to the next stage of the project that would involve full consultation with the necessary interested bodies including SLDC, LDNPA, English Heritage, Cumbria Tourism, the National Trust, Ambleside Civic Trust, local hotels and businesses. RESOLVED to agree to the next stage of the project.

The Chairman ADJOURNED the Meeting for the public to speak. One member of the public spoke on the planning application relating to Greenhowe Farm, Great Langdale. There were no other representations. The Meeting was RECONVENED

101 PLANS FOR CONSIDERATION

- 1. 7/2016/5655 Wearings Book Shop, Lake Road, Ambleside
Separation of one commercial A1 unit into two class A1 units – No Objection
- 2. 7/2016/5762 The Steading, Bridge Lane, Troutbeck
To create an arena to exercise horses and for winter turnout – No Objection
- 3. 7/2016/5782 Rowan Bridge, Broadgate, Grasmere
Replacement of existing private bridge over the River Rothay servicing fields and existing dwellings.
Replacement involves the incorporation of a new steel supporting structure and new bridge deck. Existing abutments and parapets are to be reused after minor refurbishment – Approval on the grounds that it is much needed.
- 4. 7/2016/5789 The Samling Hotel, Ambleside
Construction of a bin store. – No Objection
- 5. 7/2016/5796 The Samling Hotel, Ambleside
Removal of condition no 4 on planning approval 7/2016/5450 – fenestration and rooflight details – No Objection
- 6. 7/2016/5797 The Samling Hotel, Ambleside

Remove conditions 5 6 and 7 of approval 7/2016/5124 which relate to noise conditions in relation to the condensers and plant room. – No Objection

7. 7/2016/5818 Greenhowe Caravan Park, Great Langdale Engineering operations (part retrospective) to stabilise bank and re-profile bed of beck so as to enable siting of authorised caravan – Refusal on the grounds that this is an unneighbourly development being carried out in contravention of existing enforcement orders. The Council strongly recommend that the Development Control Committee visit the site prior to make any decision.

102 MATTERS OF INFORMATION

- A. From the Chairman – The Chairman had attended the Parish in Bloom presentation. It had been an enjoyable evening.
- B From the Clerk - Agendas and Minutes from Windermere Town Council, Coniston PC, Lakes Line Agenda and Minutes, The Clerk December 2016. The Clerk is on leave from Monday 12th December to Wednesday 21st December inclusive
- C From Members – Cllr Mrs Birkett commended an Officer from SLDC on his work in helping resolve the litter bin issues in Chapel Stile. Cllr Mrs Footit has been working to achieve an 'Access only' order for Pye lane at Grasmere. Cllr Thompson and the Clerk attended the Grasmere Fellowship and gave a slide presentation on the work of Lakes Parish Council. Cllr Sparrow spoke on representations received from a member of the public in her ward regarding the removal of a depth gauge from the A593 at Rothay Bridge. She is making further enquiries through the County Councillor.
- D. From District Councillors – None present
- E. From County Councillor – Not present

103. PROPOSAL TO FEDERATE LANGDALE C OF E SCHOOL

Members had received information on this project.

RESOLVED No Objections to this proposal and the Clerk will fill in the required form accordingly.

104. TREE WORKS

T/2016/0179 – Birkhead, Troutbeck – fell Ash, Douglas Fir and Holly

T/2016/0182 – Loweswater. Neaum Crag – coppice 3 multi stemmed Hazel

T/2016/0183 – University of Cumbria – Fell 1 Scots pine 1 beech

T/2016/0191 – 10 Stockghyll Brow Ambleside – Fell 1 Sycamore

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The Meeting closed at 7.59pm