

## LAKES PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> January 2017 in the Library, Kelsick Road, Ambleside at 6.30pm

PRESENT: Cllr Mrs F.M. Sparrow (In the Chair), Mrs J. Birkett, Mrs E Footit, B. Hewitt, L. Johnson, K. McCarten, Mrs V. Rees, Mrs A. Sowerbutts, P.A.Thompson, P.Truelove and Mrs D. Wood

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs D. Clarke SLDC

APOLOGIES: Cllrs Mrs L. Waterhouse, N.C. Martin, R. Moody, P. Simpson

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

Prior to the commencement of the Meeting a presentation on proposals for the new play area in Rothay Park was given by Officers from SLDC.

### 105 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Council on 7<sup>th</sup> December 2016 in the Library, Kelsick Road, Ambleside were approved as a correct record.

### 106 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST/DISPENSATIONS

- ◆ Cllr Hewitt declared a personal and prejudicial interest in Planning Application 7/2016/5857 Regent Hotel, Waterhead and took no part in the debate or decision.
- ◆ There were no declarations of interest or requests for a Dispensation.

### 107 ITEMS OF INFORMATION FROM MINUTE 105

The Clerk updated Members on discussions with Cumbria County Council on gritting and snow ploughing at Troutbeck.

### 108 POLICE REPORT

A Police crime report from Sgt Nolan was outlined for Members information. There had been 19 crimes during the period 7/12 to 11/01 comprising 2 assaults, 6 thefts, 1 drug, 3 shoplifting (all arrested) 5 criminal damage, 1 Burglary and 1 attempted Robbery. In Grasmere/Langdale there had been 2 criminal damage, 2 assaults and 1 harassment. Generally it had been a quiet festive period especially relating to licensed premises. The attempted Robbery in Church Street is still under investigation. Operation Snowberry is still running and this is aimed at preventing shoplifting. There have been a number of rural crime thefts from rural farms with quad bikes and farm tools being stolen, mainly by them not being secured. Sgt Nolan asked that members of the public help them by securing all valuables.

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## 109 REPORTS

- a. Cllr Johnson tabled a report on the Lake District National Park Partnership explaining how 25 partner organisations work together for the benefit of the National Park and Communities within the Park, building consensus where possible to address difficult issues by finding or creating common ground and developing solutions that are acceptable to all parties.
- b. There were no other reports

The Chairman ADJOURNED the Meeting for the public to speak. One member of the public spoke on issues and successes relating to the Greenbank/Castlefield Residents Association. She also gave information on a Treasures of the Armit day to which Councillors are invited. There were no other representations. The Meeting was RECONVENED

## 110 FINANCE

- a. RESOLVED - Councillor Thompson moved the Minutes of the Finance/Outside Projects sub-committee held on 9<sup>th</sup> January 2017 that included Orders for payment together with additional invoices since the Meeting in the sum of £33830.39. 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. Cllr Mrs Rees commended the Clerk and the Finance Officer for their high standard of accounting work which she said, in her experience, is above and beyond the norm for Parish Councils.
- b. Members also considered the recommendations for Council approval contained with the Minutes of the Finance Committee including funding for planting at Waterhead in partnership with Hayes Garden World. These were AGREED.

## 111 PLANS FOR CONSIDERATION

1. 7/2016/5798 51 Greenbank Road, Ambleside  
Single storey extension to side of house – No Objections
2. 7/2016/5823 Ambleside Wastewater Works, Rothay Holme, Ambleside  
Construction of 1 no. motor control centre kiosk – No Objections
3. 7/2016/5825 Ambleside Park Hotel, Borrans Road, Ambleside  
Extension to current patio to create extra seating and wheelchair ramp – No Objections
4. 7/2016/5832 Town End Boat House, Town End Grasmere

Creation of vehicular access, lower field walls to improve visibility splays and install drop kerb – Refusal on the grounds of insufficient information relating to the four foot drop on the lakeside and the required retaining wall that would be needed and should be of local stone or slate in this particularly sensitive area.

5. 7/2016/5838 The Samling Hotel, Ambleside  
2 Freestanding entrance signs – No Objections (already in place)
6. 7/2016/5868 Salutation Hotel, Ambleside  
Single storey extension to provide staff accommodation (resubmission of 7/2015/5639) – No Objections
7. 7/2016/5837 Rose Mount Cottage, Troutbeck  
New car parking space – Refusal on the grounds that this second home property already has adequate parking space. The highway below is the original route into Troutbeck village and is maintained by Cumbria County Council who need to be consulted on this proposal.
8. 7/2016/5852 Fish and Chips, Waterhead  
External and internal refurbishment including alterations to stepped access, external balustrading and retractable awning/roof/supporting structure to external eating garden – Approval as this will tidy up the site.
9. 7/2016/5854 Existing Boat Hire Ticket Office Waterhead  
Alterations to widen entrance door to bifold doors to existing Office – No Objections
10. 7/2016/5857 Regent Hotel, Waterhead  
2 Storey extension to form four guest bedrooms – No Objections
11. 7/2016/5884 Zeffirellis Cinema, Compston Road, Ambleside  
Extension to cinema restaurant and bar – No Objections

## 112 MATTERS OF INFORMATION

- A. From the Chairman – The Chairman had nothing to report
- B From the Clerk - Agendas and Minutes from Windermere Town Council January, Coniston PC January, Lakes Line Agenda and Minutes, The Clerk January 2016. Clerks and Councils Direct January.
- C From Members – Cllr Johnson gave information on the National Trust field adjacent to the Log House where children had been walking on the wall. Cllr McCarten spoke on the planning required for the Rydal Heritage Board. The Clerk is trying for permitted

development to save substantial planning costs. Cllr Truelove has made a Freedom of Information request on the cost of the road works near Dove Cottage in Grasmere. Cllr Mrs Rees spoke on locally important projects in Grasmere. Another meeting has been arranged to discuss the proposed improvements to the play area in Broadmeadow Park. The Village Hall needs heating improvements and the cost is estimated at £60k. Cllr Mrs Sowerbutts complained about the traffic lights in Windermere Parish on the A591 not being staffed a peak hours. Cllr Mrs Birkett reported that the bin on the bus shelter in Chapel Stile has been given to the school and that two new bins are now being emptied by SLDC.

D. From District Councillors – Cllr Mrs Rees is concerned about the possible removal of the Post Box in the middle of the village and asked that this be placed on the next Agenda for discussion.

E. From County Councillor – Not present

#### 113. PROPOSALS TO REMOVE BT PAYPHONES FROM SOUTH LAKELAND

The Clerk had objected to the original proposals relating to Lakes Parish and these objections have been supported by SLDC with representations made to BT  
RESOLVED To continue to object to the removal of payphones in areas of the Parish with little or no mobile signal except where usage shows they cannot be sustained.

#### 114. TREE WORKS

Members noted the making of a TPO on a mature beech tree at Butharlyn How in Grasmere

The Clerk has circulated information of Tree works received after the agenda had been published direct to local members for their comments.

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#### 115. PLANNING DECISIONS/APPEALS

Members noted that the Appeal Hearing for Mr G Brindle, Former Radio House, Church Street, Ambleside will be held on 17<sup>th</sup> January 2017 in Ambleside Parish Centre commencing at 10am.

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The Meeting closed at 7.55pm