

LAKES PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on 1 March 2017 in the Library, Kelsick Road, Ambleside at 6.30pm

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

IN ATTENDANCE: None

APOLOGIES: Cllrs Mrs E Footit, P. Simpson and the Police

ALSO: M. A. Johnson, J Renouf and 1 member of the public

128 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Council on 1st February and the Plans Meeting held on 15th February 2017 in the Library, Kelsick Road, Ambleside were approved as a correct record.

129 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST/DISPENSATIONS

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

130 ITEMS OF INFORMATION FROM MINUTE 128

None

131 POLICE REPORT

A Police crime report tabled by PCSO Jackson was circulated for Members information.

Ambleside

4 x Criminal Damage, 2 x Burglaries – 1 x Student flat & 1 x Shed
3 x Assault 4 x Shoplifting, 3 x Theft – 1 x Cheapside Toilets 1 x male arrested. 1 x Theft of Vehicle – Same male arrested as above
4x Anti-social behaviour incidents – 1 x Students, 1 x neighbours, 1x domestic, 1 x youths

Grasmere

1 x Theft of cycle, 4 x Assaults – 3 x Domestic, 1 x Neighbours
4 x Theft from motor vehicles – 2 x persons arrested
2 x Burglaries, 3 x Anti-Social behaviour incidents – 1 x Staff, 1 x drunken male, 1 x ex member of staff from Hotel.

Incidents of note include

Theft from motor vehicles on Broadgate Orchard where vehicles had been entered and items taken. Kendal also had a number of reports 6 in total. One of the incidents in Kendal the victim actually witnessed the offenders break into their van, which then passed details to the police. The offenders were later stopped with a vehicle full of stolen property, some of which were from Grasmere. Both charged to court. Offenders were from the North East. Commercial burglaries in Grasmere. Officers attended one due to alarm activation and then later on found another broken into. Enquiries are still

ongoing with both crimes. Police are asking members of the public if anyone saw anybody acting suspicious in the area at the time.

On 23rd Feb a report was received from a member of the public regarding a male who was seen to be breaking into the toilets on Cheapside, Officers arrived at seen to the building looking secure, on further investigation the officer heard some noises from within, he pushed the door open to find a male with a sledgehammer trying to break into the cash box. Male was arrested and taken to Kendal custody where he was charged to court, he was also charged with another theft from toilets in Windermere and also a vehicle which was taken without owners consent.

Operation Speedway is currently running across South Cumbria which is to target car thefts and burglaries in the rural areas. There are dedicated officers for this operation during the hours of darkness patrolling the hotspot areas and stop checking likely vehicles and persons.

Damage to vehicles Under Loughrigg - This is still ongoing; no further crimes reported, high visibility patrols have been targeting the area. The road has been cleaned so the yellow lines are visible and also abandoned vehicles have been removed to try and distract people parking illegally.

PCSO Jackson has been part of an off-roading operation which saw BBC Look North West come out on patrol with members of the community, Police and also local organisations. This was to target the use of motor cycles and vehicles using illegal routes within the Lake District. The areas covered were Langdale, Tilberthwaite, Hodge Close, Coniston and Torver. These areas are the key areas where there are reports of damage to the countryside and also nuisance vehicles. The operation proved very successful.

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132 REPORTS

a. Cllr Mrs Sparrow reported on a LDNPA Development Control site visit at land adjacent to Benfield at Grasmere where 11 houses for affordable rent are planned.

b. Cllr Martin reported on the recent meeting to discuss the Ambleside Flood Investigation report. There are upland management schemes planned which will alleviate the flooding issue in years to come.

There were no other reports

133 FINANCE

a. RESOLVED - Councillor Thompson moved the Minutes of the Finance/Outside Projects sub-committee held on 27th February 2017 that included Orders for payment together with additional invoices since the Meeting in the sum of £20791.26. 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 a contract fee increase for

Grasmere toilets; acceptance of a quotation from Brownell & Son in the sum of £4700 plus VAT for paving work at White Platts; a £1500 grant to Our Place Youth Club from the Youth Task Group budget; refusal of a grant application from Zefirellis for a forthcoming music festival and the Insurance for the volunteer stone waller in Lakes Parish in the sum of £326.85. AGREED.

The Chairman ADJOURNED the Meeting for the public to speak. One member of the public spoke on issues relating to the Armitt and the Greenbank/Castlefield residents association. There were no other representations. The Meeting was RECONVENED

134 PLANS FOR CONSIDERATION

1. 7/2017/5008 Rydal Hill, Rydal
Heritage Information Board - Approval
2. 7/2017/5074 Broad Oaks, Bridge Lane, Ambleside
Retention of hard standing within hotel grounds for disabled access (re-submission) – No comment as the application is wrongly worded as it relates to the middle of a field away from the hotel
3. 7/2017/5077 Blindtarn Cottage, Grasmere
Rear extension, internal alterations resubmission of 7/2016/5483 – No Comment
4. 7/2017/5084 Raise View, Grasmere
Replace 2 upper storey windows at rear with tilt and turn plus Juliet balconies. Extend owners kitchen area, add store room and porch. – No Objections
5. 7/2017/5087 Cringlemire Cottage, Holbeck Lane, Windermere
Demolition of recent extension and creation of extension. – No Objections

135 MATTERS OF INFORMATION

A. From the Chairman –

B From the Clerk - Windermere Agenda and Minutes; The Clerk and Councils Direct. The Clerk reported on recent toilet issues including the break-in at Mechanics and a meeting held with Healthmatic re CCTV at the public conveniences. The Finance Officer is on leave for the next two weeks and the Clerk will be away the following week.

C From Members – Cllr Mrs Sparrow raised issues about the wobbly paving stones near the Rotary well near Grasmere Post Office. Cllr Thompson reported on a week in his life as a Parish Councillor and work still needed on toilets and White Platts. Cllr Mrs

Rees reported that the threat to remove the post box at Grasmere has been withdrawn.

D. From District Councillors – Cllr Mrs Rees reported on very important meetings about health concerning North Lancs and South Lakes.

E. From County Councillor – Not present

136. STEPPING STONES AT RYDAL

Cllr McCarten said it was now 15 months since the stones had moved due to Storm Desmond and nothing was being done to replace these iconic stones used by visitors and locals alike.

RESOLVED To write to LDNPA and request a site meeting to discuss the issue.

137. TREE WORKS

T/2017/0029 – 7 Gale How Park, Ambleside – reduce and shape Silver Birch; remove Silver Birch; Silver Birch – reduce all trees by 3m.

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138. PLANNING DECISIONS/APPEALS

Approvals

7/16/5796 – The Samling – remove condition requiring a noise assessment

7/16/5798 - 51 Greenbank Road, Ambleside – single storey extension

7/16/5823 – Ambleside Waste Water Plant – construct motor control kiosk

7/16/5782 – Rowan Bridge Grasmere – replacement of existing bridge

7/16/5825 – Ambleside Park Hotel – extend patio create space for seating/ramp for wheelchair

7/16/5853 – 20 Loughrigg Park Ambleside – Demolish conservatory etc

7/16/5854 – Boat Hire Ticket Office Waterhead – alterations widen entrance

7/16/5868 – Ambleside Salutation Hotel – single storey extension for staff

Refusals

7/16/5818 – Greenhowe Caravan Park Great Langdale – engineering operations on bank and bed of beck to enable siting of caravan.

7/16/5832 - Town End Boathouse Grasmere – create vehicular access lower field walls etc

The Chairman moved Part 2 on the grounds that the business to be discussed is commercial in confidence as it relates to acceptance of tendersAGREED

139. AMBLESIDE TOILET QUOTATIONS

The Clerk had submitted a report in confidence to Members on the recent tender/quotation exercise for Ambleside toilets. The Finance and Outside Projects Committee had made a recommendation to Council. Members discussed the issues raised.

RESOLVED Not to accept any of the three tenders submitted. To offer a temporary contract for 12 months to the existing Cleaning contractor on new terms involving three monthly break clauses and monthly inspections. Members agreed to reconsider this issue in October/November 2017 as part of the budget process for 2018/2019.

The Meeting closed at 8.04pm