

## LAKES PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> April 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 and Mrs D. Wood

IN ATTENDANCE: None

APOLOGIES: Cllrs Mrs E Footit, P.Truelove, P. Simpson.

ALSO: M. A. Johnson, J Renouf, PCSO Laura Jackson and 6 members of the public

### 140 MINUTES

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

### 141 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST/DISPENSATIONS

- ◆ Cllrs Martin and Thompson declared interests in Orders for Payment.
- ◆ There were no other declarations of interest or requests for a Dispensation.

### 142 ITEMS OF INFORMATION FROM MINUTE 140

Cllr Mrs Sparrow asked if there had been any response from LDNPA on the Stepping Stones issue. None yet received.

### 143 POLICE REPORT

A Police crime report was outlined by PCSO Jackson.

In Ambleside there had been ten crimes including 2 burglaries, 4 thefts, 1 assault and 1 shoplifting. There had been 4 crimes in Grasmere/Langdale including 2 criminal damage and theft of 60 sheep in Langdale. There had also been 4 reports of ASB involving 2 drunk males and parking issues.

PCSO Jackson had taken a speed awareness course at Langdale School and is now training to be the local Wildlife Officer. The Police are now trying to build a relationship with farmers using smart water due to the theft of quad bikes. The Chairman thanked her for her attendance.

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### 144 REPORTS

- a. Cllr Mrs Sparrow reported on the Ambleside Community Christmas Lights AGM and had circulated a report for Members information.
- b. Cllr Johnson reported on meetings he had attended including the University Campus Liaison Group, the LDNPA Parish Forum at Thirlmere, a LDNPA Partnership meeting at Kendal and a CALC Executive meeting at Penrith.

c. Cllr Hewitt reported on a meeting at the Parish Centre that had been called to discuss ways of helping Seniors. There had been a number of good ideas to move things forward.

There were no other reports

The Chairman then ADJOURNED the Meeting to allow the public to make representations. One person spoke on matters concerning the Armit Museum. There will be a Brunskill exhibition. She also spoke on the Greenbank/Castlefield residents association. Concern was expressed at the forthcoming closure of the Natwest Bank in Ambleside. One person spoke on a planning application 7/2017/5157 relating to Keen Close at Rydal. Dr Earnshaw raised concerns about the recent filming on Compston Road and the disruption to traffic and the public. The Meeting was RECONVENED.

#### 145 FINANCE

- a. RESOLVED - Councillor Thompson moved the Minutes of the Finance/Outside Projects sub-committee held on 3<sup>RD</sup> April 2017 that included Orders for payment together with additional invoices since the Meeting in the sum of £31352.40. 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 to agree to accept a quote in the sum of £5527 plus VAT to refurbish the tennis courts at White Platts; to agree that the sum of £1000 be set aside to drop the walls surrounding Low Fold toilets and this be done by Andrew Brownell as a matter of urgency on security grounds; to agree the Clerk investigate a replacement for the Office Computer; to agree the Grant Application from Ambleside Together in the sum of £3000; to agree a grant of £250 towards the maintenance of the burial ground at Chapel Stile; To agree a grant of £2000 towards Windermere CAB. AGREED.

#### 146 PLANS FOR CONSIDERATION

1. 7/2017/5133 The Flat, Rock Shop, North Road, Ambleside  
Single storey extension to provide utility room for the flat with patio above - No Objections
2. 7/2017/5142 Briery Wood Hotel, Windermere  
Vary condition of approval 7/09/5580 – design of staff accommodation - No Objections

3. 7/2017/5147 21 Loughrigg Park, Ambleside  
Single storey side extension and convert garage for extra living accommodation - No Objections
4. 7/2017/5148 Grasmere Hostel, Broadrayne Farm, Grasmere  
Extension of dining area and refurbishment of bedroom accommodation - No Objections
5. 7/2017/5152 Former store Wheelwrights Elterwater, Ambleside  
Conversion of redundant store to local occupancy dwelling - No Objections however the Council feel that work is already underway on this property and also that if they are to be given permission for a local occupancy dwelling the conditions imposed must be rigorously enforced.
6. 7/2017/5153 Land adjacent to Coach House, Rydal Road Ambleside  
Amend condition 1 ref 7/16/5458 to include 1 window to west elevation - No Objection
7. 7/2017/5157 Keens Close, Rydal  
Replacement rear single storey lean-to extension replacement bay window extension - Refusal on the grounds that this is a MOST unneighbourly development that will result in serious inconvenience to the neighbouring property if approved. It is of mainly glazed construction that is inappropriate in the conservation area. There is only one access to neighbouring property and if this is approved it will impede access and cause extreme difficulty. It can be seen from Nab Scar and is out of keeping for the area. If minded to approve the Council would recommend a site visit prior to determination
8. 7/2017/5158 Beck Lodge, Bridge Lane, Troutbeck  
Extension dormer and alterations (replace roof tiles with slate) - No Objection
9. 7/2017/5161 Town End Boat House, Grasmere  
Creation of vehicular access, lowering of field walls to improve visibility splays and installation of drop kerb (resubmission of 7/2016/5832) - Refusal on highway safety grounds - Refusal on the grounds previously stated as this application does not address the traffic hazard that will be evident and the congestion that will occur when in use.
10. 7/2017/5162 Elterwater Quarry, Langdale, Ambleside  
EE Telecommunications apparatus; ancillary equipment/compound etc - No Objection
11. 7/2017/5175 2 Town Head Cottages, Grasmere  
Replacement of window frames - No Objection
12. 7/2017/5178 Howsley Cottage, Clappersgate, Ambleside  
Various internal works and excavation to rear to install drainage. - No Objections

13. 7/2017/5181 Ambleside Backpackers Iveing Cottage Old Lake Road Ambleside  
2 storey extension/internal alterations to form managers accommodation etc  
change current managers accomm to holiday let (resubmission of  
7/2017/5052) - No Objection
14. 7/2017/5189 White Lion Hotel, Market Place, Ambleside  
Installation of new external ductwork and ventilation system - No Objection
15. 7/2017/5184 Dunaluinn, Kirkstone Road, Ambleside  
Variation of condition 4 (roof material) on planning application 7/16/5703 –  
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 - No Objection
16. 7/2017/5681 Ambleside Salutation Hotel, Lake Road, Ambleside  
Change of use from retail to 4 no. guest rooms - No Objection

#### 147 MATTERS OF INFORMATION

- A. From the Chairman – Nothing
- B From the Clerk - Nothing other than the information circulated with the Agenda.
- C From Members – Cllr Mrs Birkett complained about the blue grey slates being used on the new CLT houses at Skelwith that are out of keeping with the local area. She had been in touch with the Planning Authority as she felt this would set a precedent for future developments in the Parish such as Grasmere. The Planning Officer had not been amenable to criticism. The Clerk will place this on the next Agenda for discussion. Cllr Thompson said that planting at Waterhead had been done by Hayes. Cllr McCarten reported that the Heritage board at Rydal was being done. Cllr Mrs Wood said the Chapel Stile toilets were not yet open and Easter is on its way.
- D. From District Councillors – Cllr Mrs Rees said that SLDC are trying to get the outlying areas of the District involved and are working on a Heritage Festival in conjunction with the Brewery Arts Centre. There will be a pop up theatre in Grasmere in September with 3 new plays.
- E. From County Councillor – Not present

#### 148. CLOSURE OF NATWEST BANK IN AMBLESIDE

Members were seriously concerned at the impact this closure will have on Lakes Parish where 52 square miles of Lakeland will be without a high street bank. It is a decision made far away by people who do not have to live with the consequences. RESOLVED To write to Nat West and express the view of the Council and ask that the decision be reversed.

#### 149. ELECTION OF PARISH MEMBER TO LDNPA

The Clerk had circulated information to Members that explained the procedure to be followed. Cllrs Mrs Waterhouse and McCarten were both proposed and seconded for the nomination. Two Members then requested a secret ballot. RESOLVED That by 8 votes to 4 votes Cllr Mrs Waterhouse be nominated by Lakes Parish Council to become the Parish Member for election to the LDNPA.

#### 150. SAINSBURY SUPERMARKET AMBLESIDE

The Clerk had circulated information of the pre-construction works that had received approval from LDNPA.  
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#### 151. TREE WORKS

T/2017/0047 – White Platts Recreation Ground – Remove ash and sycamore  
T/2017/0048 – Queens Hotel, Market Place Ambleside – Prune elm tree at the rear – Members resolved to object to anything that would be to the detriment of this Elm tree as it is the last tree in the middle of Ambleside.

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#### 152. PLANNING DECISIONS/APPEALS

##### Approvals

7/14/5169 – Whitecross Bay – change of use to allow year round holiday use  
7/15/5626 - Land adjacent to Benfield Grasmere – Residential 11 dwellings  
7/16/5837 – Rose Mount Cottage, Troutbeck – new parking space  
7/16/5857 – Regent Hotel, Waterhead – extension for 4 guest bedrooms  
7/16/5884 – Zefirellis Cinema Compston Road Ambleside – extension  
7/16/5886 – Romney Grange, Waterhead – replace windows and patio doors  
7/16/5891 – Ambleside Salutation Hotel – change of use Spa to guest bedrooms  
7/16/5897 – Riverville College Street, Grasmere – erect replacement Balcony  
7/17/5007 – Great Langdale Camping site - Update standard Pods.  
7/17/5011 - Queens Head Hotel, Troutbeck – external improvements  
7/17/5039 – Travellers Rest Inn Grasmere – external escape/ambulant disabled stair  
7/17/5042 – Esquires Coffee House Ambleside – replacement signage  
7/17/5044 – St Oswalds Church Grasmere – change the existing failed render to lime roughcast  
7/17/5054 – Carr Howes, Elterwater – Demolish garage/store erect new garden store building

The Chairman MOVED part 2 on the grounds of confidentiality of the business to be discussed. This was carried unanimously.

#### 153. AMBLESIDE LIBRARY

Members discussed proposals from the County Council relating to improvements planned to the Library including a new lift. The Library will close for three months to enable the works to proceed with a pop up library in the Kelsick Centre. The Council will have to find a new meeting room for this period.

RESOLVED That the Clerk set up a meeting with the Library Officer to discuss matters of mutual concern. A small committee consisting of the Chairman, Vice Chairman, Chairman of Finance and the Clerk will be formed to deal with this issue.

The Meeting closed at 9.02pm