

LAKES PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 10th May 2017 in the Library, Kelsick Road, Ambleside at 6.30pm

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

IN ATTENDANCE: County Cllr Will Clark, District Cllr Vicky Hughes

APOLOGIES: Cllr. L. Johnson

ALSO: M.Johnson, J Renouf, PCSO Laura Jackson and 3 members of the public

1 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Cllr Louise Waterhouse was nominated as Chairman by Cllr Mrs Sparrow and seconded by Cllr Martin. There being no other nominations, Cllr Louise Waterhouse was duly elected by Councillors present. The Chairman signed her acceptance of Office for and welcomed the new District and County Councillors to their first meeting.

2 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr Johnson.

3 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the following meetings were approved:

- Council meeting held on 5TH April 2017.
- Plans meeting held on 19th April 2017

4 ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN

Cllr Fiona Sparrow was nominated by Cllr Mrs Sowerbutts and seconded by Cllr McCarten. There being no other nominations Cllr Mrs Sparrow was duly elected.

5 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

Cllr Martin declared an interest in Finance as recipient of payment in the Orders for Payment list. Cllr Mrs Birkett declared an interest in Planning 7/2017/5249. There were no other declarations of interest or requests for dispensations.

6 MATTERS OF INFORMATION FROM AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 3

None

- 7 NOTIFICATION OF ANY MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL in receipt of a gift or hospitality over the value of £10, or of changes to registered financial and other interests. To remind members of the provisions of the Local Government Act 2000, in connection with gifts and hospitality and registered interests. Forms for such declaration are available from the Clerk on request.
No such declarations were made.

8 AUTHORISATION OF MONETARY TRANSACTIONS

- (i) Natwest Bank
To approve signatories to cheques – currently Cllrs L Waterhouse, Johnson, Martin & Sparrow. To agree to add the Clerk to the list of those authorised to receive Bank Statements and make general enquiries on behalf of Lakes Parish Council.
Approved.
- (ii) National Savings Bank To approve signatories to Withdrawals – currently Cllrs Johnson, Sparrow & Martin. - Approved.
- (iii) Given the impending closure of the Ambleside branch of Natwest, to authorise the Clerk to make enquiries with the Cumberland Building Society on a Business Account with Ambleside Branch that would additionally handle the paying in of bulk coin – Approved.

9 CHAIRMAN'S ALLOWANCE FOR 2017/18

This was approved at the rate of £750pa.

10 APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES

The following appointments were agreed:

- i. CALC – South Lakeland Committee: Cllr L Johnson
- ii. Lake Windermere Administration Group: Cllrs Johnson, Thompson and Sparrow.
- iii. Ambleside Community Christmas Lights: Cllr F Sparrow.
- iv. Kelsick Educational Foundation – Cllrs L Johnson and N Martin.
- v. Windermere Endowed Schools – Cllr N Martin
- vi. Cumbria Rural CAB – Cllr L Waterhouse.
- vii. Chairman of the Affordable Housing Task Group – Cllr Mrs V Rees
- viii. Chairman of the Youth Task Group – Cllr F Sparrow
- ix. Finance & Outside Projects sub-committee – Cllr PA Thompson (Chairman), Cllrs N Martin, B. Hewitt, A. Sowerbutts and the Chairman or Vice-Chairman of the Council (ex officio). All Council members are invited to attend as observers.
- x. Chairman of the Older Person's Task Group – Cllr Mrs E Footit
- xi. Lakes Line User Group – Cllr Paul Truelove

11 REPORTS

- a. Cllr Mrs Sparrow reported on the LDNPA Development Control Committee that she had attended as Ward Councillor for a planning application at Rydal.
- b. There were no other reports.

12. POLICE REPORT

PCSO Jackson reported on 16 crimes in Ambleside. The bank holiday weekend had been busy with theft from payment meters, shoplifting from Boots, theft from employer and burglaries at Hilltop. In Grasmere and Langdale there had been 6 crimes including two assaults, one shoplifting and two criminal damage where a vehicle at Under Loughrigg had been targeted. Crimes reported and antisocial behaviour year on year had shown a significant downward trend. It is acknowledged that there is a drug problem in the Parish and information is requested from members of the public. The person responsible for the damage to Mechanics toilets was sent down for 12 weeks. The Chairman thanked her for her attendance.

13. FINANCE

- a. RESOLVED - to agree the minutes of the Finance & Outside Projects sub-committee, held on 8th May 2017 (Chairman to move, Clerk to report) and confirm approval of the orders for payment in the sum of £34688.33p.

- b. RESOLVED to agree the donation of Ambleside Councillors Ward allowances towards the restoration of the rushbearing mural in St Mary's Church totalling £4500 and to agree the recommendation that in future ward allowances should be limited to £500pa for a maximum of 2 years. Any Cllr who has not spent his or her allowance in that time the money will revert to the general Parish reserve. To agree to accept the quotations for CCTV at Rydal Road and Mechanics in the sum of £1235.12 from Healthmatic and £300 for security bars at Low Fold. To confirm £480 from Sue Rollitt Enterprises for CCTV installation at Moss Parrock Grasmere.
- c. RESOLVED – to affirm the Annual Governance Statement for 2016/17.
- d. RESOLVED – to receive and agree the Annual Accounts for 2016/17. Members wished to record thanks to the Finance Officer for the high standard of work on the Accounts.
- e. RESOLVED – to accept the Internal Audit report for 2016/17 (verbal) and to confirm the findings of the review of the effectiveness of Internal Audit, as reported for 2016/17.
- f. RESOLVED – to re-appoint Mrs Lees as Internal Auditor for 2017/18.
- g. RESOLVED – that the updated Risk Register was discussed, reviewed and agreed.

The Chairman adjourned the Meeting to allow the public to speak. Issues raised included the closure of Natwest Bank, fly parking at Greenbank and Castlefield, a new seat at the bottom of Greenbank to replace a time expired one and implementation of an access only traffic order for the Castlefield and Greenbank estates. Peter Winter from PFK spoke on Planning Application 7/2017/5249 and outlined the purpose of the new planning application where something needs to be done.

The Meeting was reconvened.

14 PLANS FOR CONSIDERATION

1. 7/2017/5049 Wetherlam, Bridge Lane, Troutbeck
Alterations and extensions to existing house to form new kitchen/snug with master bedroom and ensuite³ above. Alterations to existing external windows and doors. New detached garage.- No Objections
1. 7/2017/5188 Willy Good Waller Bridge, Grasmere
Rebuilding of existing bridge – No Objections
3. 7/2017/5197 Howe Head Cottage, Howe Head Lane, Grasmere
Demolition of existing bungalow and replacement with dormer bungalow on same site. – Refusal on the grounds that this is a significant overdevelopment of the site and is huge compared to what is there now. It is not stone built and will not be in keeping with the surrounding area.
4. 7/2017/5222 Byways, Edinboro, Ambleside
Removal of single derelict garage and replace with summer house within existing garage footprint. – No Objections
5. 7/2017/5234 Nook End Farm, Nook Lane, Ambleside
Retention of a biomass boiler and flue and support at a reduced height – No Objections

6. 7/2017/5235 Land adjacent to Benfield Grasmere
Stream bank restoration works – No Objections
7. 7/2017/5249 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. – No Objections
8. 7/2017/5264 Hollygarth, Fisherbeck Lane, Ambleside
Demolition of existing, erection of new dwelling, minor access alteration (reapplication of Consent 7/16/5111) – No Objections
9. 7/2017/5268 The Bothy, The Samling Hotel, Windermere
Listed building consent for alterations to size of window opening to front elevation – No Objections

15 MATTERS OF INFORMATION

- A. From the Chairman – The Chairman said there will be a Heritage day at Troutbeck on 29th May in aid of community funds and the snowplough.
- B. From the Clerk – Minutes and Agenda Coniston Parish Council 15th May. Minutes and Agenda Windermere Town Council 10th May 2017. The Clerk May 2017, Clerks and Councils Direct May 2017. The Clerk will be in London on Tuesday 16th May and the Office will be closed.
- C From Members
 - a. Cllrs Thomson and Hewitt had watered the new plants at Waterhead that were suffering due to the dry spell of weather.
 - b. Cllr McCarten thanked the Council for supporting the new heritage board at Rydal that is educating the public and tourists. He wished the Council to express thanks to Mr and Mrs Hodgkinson for their work in implementing the board.
 - c. Cllr Hewitt highlighted issues raised by the new play area in Rothay Park where a huge amount of litter is being generated and the bins need emptying on a more regular basis. He also said that signs saying ‘No Dogs’ need to be more friendly and appeal to peoples better nature.
 - d. Cllr Truelove highlighted a planning issue at Grasmere where a wooden horse in Red Lion square was causing concern. This had been reported to the LDNPA enforcement officer.
 - e. Cllr Martin said he was impressed with the new play area in Rothay Park and people were coming from far and wide to use it. He is concerned about the use of the banking in the play area for BMX or bikes. The Clerk will place this on the agenda for discussion at the next meeting.
 - f. Cllr Mrs Footit highlighted traffic issues at Grasmere including Pye Lane and Red Bank.
- D. From District Councillors - Cllr Mrs Rees said she had met with Cumbria Highways officer and had explored a list of issues relating to Grasmere. The Village Hall AGM had been revamped into an informative format and had gone very well. The Wordsworth Trust had attended and given information on future projects. The new Priest in Charge of St. Oswalds Church will only have ten and a half hours to devote to those duties. She introduced Cllr Vicky Hughes who is glad to be of service to the new Farmers Market at Grasmere.
- E. From the County Councillor – County Cllr Will Clark introduced himself and looked forward to working with Lakes Parish Council.

16 TREE WORKS

T/2017/0066 Beck Allans, College Street, Grasmere – Reduce 3 x conifers by 20%; reduce 2 x Yew by 20%; reduce holly by 20%.

T2017/0067 Laurel Bank, Belle Vue Lane, Ambleside – Conifer - fell

No Observations

17. PLANNING DECISIONS

Approvals

7/16/5730 – Unit 1 Rothay Holme, Ambleside – change of use to Builders

Merchants

7/16/5841 – Shoe Craft House, Market Place Ambleside – proposed signage

7/17/5098 – Stepping Stones, Under Loughrigg Rydal – Summerhouse

7/17/5105 – Littlegarth, Kirkstone Road Ambleside – extension and alterations.

7/17/5113 – Blea Tarn House, Little Langdale – Internal alterations etc

7/17/5115 – Silverhowe, Grasmere – proposed dormer alterations.

7/17/5153 – Land adjacent to Coach House Ambleside – amend condition re window.

7/17/5158 – Beck Lodge, Bridge Lane, Troutbeck – extension dormer and alterations.

The Meeting closed at 8.03pm