

LAKES PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on 9 August 2017 in the Library, Kelsick Road, Ambleside at 6.30pm

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

IN ATTENDANCE: None

APOLOGIES: Cllrs, Mrs E Footit, R. Moody, K. McCarten, P. Simpson, Mrs D. Wood, District Cllr Vicky Hughes, County Cllr Will Clark and the Police.

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

42. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 12th July 2017 and the Plans Meeting held on 26th July 2017 in the Library, Kelsick Road, Ambleside were approved as a correct record.

43. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST/DISPENSATIONS

- ◆ Cllrs Martin and Thompson declared an interest in Orders for Payment.
- ◆ Cllr Mrs Sparrow declared an interest in Ambleside Community Christmas Lights.
- ◆ There were no other declarations of interest or requests for Dispensation.

44. ITEMS OF INFORMATION FROM MINUTE 42

None.

45. POLICE REPORT

The Clerk circulated a report from PCSO Laura Jackson who had tendered her apologies.

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46. REPORTS

1. Cllr Johnson had circulated his Diary listing meetings attended and containing matters of interest to the Council.

47. FINANCE

a.

RESOLVED - Councillor Thompson moved the Minutes of the Finance/Outside Projects sub-committee held on 7th August 2017 that included Orders for payment together with additional invoices since the Meeting in the sum of £20788.94. 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 authorising the Clerk to spend up to £2000 to purchase furniture and equipment for the new office in the Library – this was AGREED.
- c. Members also agreed that the Council will take part in the Flower Festival at St Mary's Church Ambleside in 2018.

The Chairman then Adjourned the Meeting. One member of the public spoke on issues including the play area at the top of Greenbank road, the Brunskill photographic exhibition at the Armit and the lack of notice on the closure of Stoney Lane. Another resident spoke on his work with volunteers on dry stone walling in the Parish. He commended the Devon project for the recycling of plastic water bottles with the cooperation of local businesses with a sign stating 'fill your water bottles here'. He will liaise with the Clerk on this. Jane Renouf highlighted traffic problems caused by the white lining of Compston Road without notice to locals. This had caused traffic chaos back to White Cross Bay. Doing this work during the day at the height of the holiday season is unacceptable. The Meeting was then Reconvened.

48. PLANS FOR CONSIDERATION

1. 7/2017/5389 Kilngarth, Clappersgate, Ambleside
Add 2 dormers to the attic bedroom – No Objection
2. 7/2017/5475 Skyfall, Great Langdale
Construction of a link extension to existing building and use accommodation for a flexible use as accommodation annexed to Skyfall, or a holiday letting accommodation. – Refusal on the grounds that this is overdevelopment in a very sensitive area. Although the proposal is small, the buildings become a much larger unit by linking them together. This is obtrusive and completely out of character for the area which is mainly populated with smaller buildings.
3. 7/2017/5472 Co-op, Compston Road, Ambleside
Installation of a new shop front and entrance door.
Replacement of AC to rear of store. – No Objection
4. 7/2017/5484 Royal Oak Inn, Market Place, Ambleside
Internal and external alterations consisting of general internal refurbishment and upgrade of the premises. The internal alterations consist of a new commercial kitchen, new glass wash bar servery area, bar backfitting alterations, replacement floor finishes and redecorations. The external alterations consist of increasing the size of the external seating area. – No Objection as long as no overspill on to the public footpath and highway takes place.

49. MATTERS OF INFORMATION

A. From the Chairman – The Chairman highlighted work in woodland at Troutbeck opposite Broadoaks where tracks and pods had been created without any notification of planning permission. LDNPA has been informed.

B From the Clerk - Windermere Town Council agenda and minutes 9th August 2017. The closure of Stoney Lane to allow works for BT has been without notification. Even the County Councillor was unaware of the works to this very popular walk. It had caused massive inconvenience to locals and visitors alike. The County Councillor is investigating.

C From Members – 1. Cllr Mrs Sparrow highlighted the loss of an important litter bin in Rothay Park near Miller Bridge. Cllr Mrs Rees will investigate. She also highlighted problems with 2 drains outside of Hayes Depot in Under Loughrigg. She will raise this with the County Councillor.

On August 26th there will be an open day at Ambleside Fire Station from 1030 to 1pm.

Cllr Mrs Sowerbutts complained that the pavements in Ambleside are full of weeds. Cllr Johnson said the District Council has stopped weed killing.

2. Cllr Thompson displayed the suggested sign for outside of the new Office in the Library.

D. From District Councillors – Cllr Mrs Rees reported that Grasmere has been shortlisted in the category 'Best village to live in' on Channel 4. An announcement will be made in October. She was also complemented by the Channel 4 crew on how clean and tidy Grasmere is. She reported that the Farmers Market is going well and it is hoped there will be one at Christmas. The village hall heating has been improved and a mobile theatre is coming to Moss Parrock. A lot of work is being done by Vicky Hughes the other District Councillor.

E. From County Councillor – Apologies given

50. TREE WORKS

T/2017/0113 – The Old House, Smithy Brow Ambleside – fell 1 dead Rowan and crown 1 Yew – No Objections

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51. PLANNING DECISIONS/APPEALS

7/2017/5393 – Former Orchard, Elterwater – local occupancy dwelling – this application has been withdrawn.

The next Meeting on Wednesday September 6th will be in Langdale Village Hall commencing at 7pm.

The Meeting closed at 7.20pm