

LAKES PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on 6th September 2017 in the Library, Kelsick Road, Ambleside at 6.30pm

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

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

APOLOGIES: Cllrs, L. Johnson, P. Simpson, P.Truelove and the Police.

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

52. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 9th August 2017 in the Library, Kelsick Road, Ambleside were approved as a correct record.

53. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST/DISPENSATIONS

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

54. ITEMS OF INFORMATION FROM MINUTE 52

The Clerk had circulated information on amendments to a planning application for Grasmere Co-op. The Council wish to maintain their objection on the grounds of inappropriate lighting in the conservation area. Cllr Mrs Rees updated Members on the bin problems in Rothay Park that had now been resolved.

55. POLICE REPORT

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

- 1.Cllr Mrs Wood reported on a hastily convened meeting in Langdale with LDNPA, Langdale Timeshare, National Trust and a local Parish member to talk about increasing and promoting cycling in the area. This may result in more road closures which would not please locals.
2. Cllr Hewitt had attended a meeting of Ambleside Community Christmas Lights committee that had been very positive with a lot of enthusiasm from the new members and the new Chair.

57. FINANCE

- a. RESOLVED - Councillor Thompson moved the Minutes of the Finance/Outside Projects sub-committee held on 29th August 2017 that included Orders for payment together with additional invoices since the Meeting in the

sum of £19114.51. 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 received the closure of the 2016/2017 Audit of Accounts and were pleased to again note an unqualified opinion by the External Auditors. They thanked the Finance Officer and the RFO for their work.

The Chairman Adjourned the Meeting to allow the public to speak. Jane Renouf reported on the mobile Natwest Bank vehicle that will begin in Grasmere on Fridays at 1030 then move to the King Street car park in Ambleside from 1130 to 1230. The Library provision will move on Monday to the Kelsick and work will commence on the renovation of the library building on 25th September. She also listed the opening times for the new library provision. The Meeting was then Reconvened.

58. PLANS FOR CONSIDERATION

1. 7/2017/5390 The Courtyard, Rothay Road, Ambleside
Proposed conversion of upper floor of former workshop to apartment for the use of a local resident. – No Objection as long as local occupancy conditions are met, however although the application is for one apartment it appears two are shown on the actual plans. The Council would seek clarification on this.
2. 7/2017/5509 18 Gale Park, Ambleside
Variation of condition 2 (plans) on planning application 7/2016/5232 – rear extension to house. – No Objections
3. 7/2017/5516 1 Underhowe, Grasmere
Single storey rear domestic kitchen extension – No Objections
4. 7/2017/5545 Wynford, Nook Lane, Ambleside
Alter existing pentis roof to incorporate new stone faced porch to house – No Objections
5. 7/2017/5489 The Coach House, Rydal Road, Ambleside
Single storey extension – No Objections
6. 7/2017/5522 Greenburn, Nook Lane, Ambleside
Extension to domestic annexed accommodation – No Objections provided it is tied in perpetuity to the existing building and never sold off separately.

7. 7/2017/5555 Co-op, Compston Road Ambleside
1 x internally illuminated fascia sign, 1 x externally illuminated hanging sign and 1 x non illuminated sign.- No Objections

59. MATTERS OF INFORMATION

- A. From the Chairman - The Chairman had a guided tour of the Jerwood centre at Grasmere and it is hoped closer links with the Council and the community can be forged in the future.
- B From the Clerk - Windermere Town Council agenda/minutes and Coniston Parish Council agenda/minutes . Clerks and Councils Direct September. The Parish Office will be closed from 11th to 18th September for staff leave. The transfer of banking to the Cumberland will take place in the last week of September.
- C From Members – Cllr Mrs Sparrow had identified a seat in Rothay Park in poor condition. She gave the information to the District Councillors. She also reported that nothing had yet happened on the restoration of the Stepping Stones at Rydal. Cllr Hewitt complained about the return of two skips to Church street and asked the County Councillor to find out about time limiting their appearance. Cllr Mrs Footit complained about the unauthorised advertising by Lancrigg in Grasmere. This is with the LDNPA compliance Officer. The Clerk will forward the next agenda to Nick Lancaster at Langdale at the request of Cllr Mrs Wood.
- D. From District Councillors – Cllr Rees reported on two projects in Grasmere, one relating to the Village Hall heating and the other on activity provision for older people in Broadgate Meadow. She also highlighted the pop up Theatre in Grasmere this weekend that will herald SLDC launch of Great Place South Lakeland.
- E. From County Councillor – Cllr Clark spoke on the issues relating to Stoney Lane, wifi provision at Pullwoods and Troutbeck and a meeting relating to work on the A592. Cllr Thompson questioned him on the unsightly weeds throughout Ambleside and he said he and the District Councillors were continuing to make representations about this problem.

60. UNDER LOUGHRIGG PARKING ISSUES AND DRAINS

Cllr McCarten and Sparrow reported on these twin issues where double yellow lines had not been extended to the Riverside Hotel causing parking issues on the narrow carriageway. The County Councillor will follow this up. The drains are also a problem near Hayes warehouse with Japanese knotweed growing out of one. This has been reported to the Highways hotline and the latest information is that the job is awaiting an update. The Clerk will write to the County Council.

61. VISIT TO UNIVERSITY OF CUMBRIA (AMBLESIDE CAMPUS)

The Clerk asked for numbers attending. The date is Wednesday 13th September at 2pm. Cllrs Thompson, Sparrow, Moody, Rees and Sowerbutts will attend.

62. TREE WORKS

T/2017/0117 Green Mosses Grasmere – Fell Beech Norway Spruce Yew and Birch

T/2017/0128 Wanlass How Cottage, Borrans Road Ambleside – Reduce 1 Beech
T/2017/0131 Rydale Chase, Wansfell Road Ambleside – Fell Damson trees to create space for specimen Fir; Fell Rowan tree to create space for specimen Fir; Fell Cherry to create room for weeping Beech; crown Norway Maple to 3-4m to create light for specimen Rhododendrons; thin 40% of group of Birch leaving the stronger specimens; remove branch with witches broom from Prunus serrula; remove 2 Birch to the rear and a Rowan to the side of largest Beryl's pendula 'jacquemontii'; Remove low limb back to main branch fork on Acer palmatum going over seating area.
TPO – Ambleside Primary School number 391 to protect Hornbeam – Members agreed to object to the making of a TPO on the grounds of health and safety and the need to safeguard the pupils at the school.

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63. PLANNING DECISIONS/APPEALS

7/2017/5393 – Former Orchard, Elterwater – Local occupancy dwelling – this application has been withdrawn
7/2017/5414 – Site to North of Mclver Lane Waterhead - Development of 4 houses – this application has been withdrawn.
7/2017/5475 – Skyfall Great Langdale – Construction of link extension to existing building and use accommodation for a flexible use as accommodation annexed to Skyfall or a holiday letting accommodation – this application has been withdrawn.
7/2017/5319 – Croft House Red Lion Square Grasmere – change of use from A1 to café or restaurant A3 – prior approval not required and the development may proceed.

Approvals

7/17/5049 – Wetherlam Troutbeck – alterations and extensions
7/17/5162 – Elterwater Quarry – EE telecommunications apparatus etc
7/17/5197 – Howe Head Cottage Grasmere – demolish bungalow replace with dormer bungalow
7/17/5245 – Red Screes Sweden Bridge Lane Ambleside – vary roof and alterations
7/17/5247 – St Marys Church Ambleside – various alterations to grounds/ Parish centre
7/17/5264 – Hollygarth Fisherbeck Lane Ambleside – demolish existing and erect new dwelling
7/17/5265 – Former Radio House Church Street Ambleside raise roof erect porch etc
7/17/5304 – Brockhole – Redevelop existing adventure playground at Moss Brow
7/17/5328 – No4 Coniston, Neaum Crage Loughrigg – extend occupation to 4 Jan
7/17/5330 – High Birk Howe Farm Little Langdale – construct ramp new sheep pen
7/17/5338 – 11 Castlefield, Ambleside – proposed side extension
7/17/5342 – Broad Oaks, Bridge Lane Ambleside – replacement storage building
7/17/5352 – Lendor, North Road Ambleside – demolish part of extension new dormer
7/17/5355 – Lowfield House Little Langdale – enlarge window on 1st floor + balcony
7/17/5376 – Lake View Farm Grasmere – renovation/extension to 100 year old barn

Refusals

7/17/5223 – The Samling Hotel – creation of traditional timber jetty for use by guests

The Meeting closed at 7.25pm