

LAKES PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Plans Meeting held on 25th October 2017 in the Tithe Barn, Grasmere at 6.30pm

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

IN ATTENDANCE Liz Johnston from Learning Plus, Cllr Mrs V. Hughes

ALSO: M. A. Johnson (Clerk), Jane Renouf plus 5 members of the public

APOLOGIES: Cllrs Mrs E. Footit, K. McCarten, P Truelove and County Cllr W. Clark.

Prior to the commencement of the Meeting, Council was addressed by Liz Johnston from Learning Plus who explained the background and operation of the organisation that included learning English as a second language, new skills at the drop in workshops and creative writing classes. They are interested in recruiting volunteers who may be interested in becoming a 'buddy' or a Trustee.

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST/REQUEST FOR DISPENSATION

- ◆ Cllr Martin declared an interest in Planning Application 7/2017/5636 in his capacity as a Governor of Ambleside Primary School.
- ◆ There were no declarations of interest or requests for dispensation.

2. NIGHTTIME CLOSURE OF THE A593

The Clerk had circulated a series of email correspondence about this closure which will now take effect from Monday 6th November for a period of 3 weeks from Monday to Friday 7pm to 6am. This will not only affect Lakes Parish but also Hawkshead and Coniston.

RESOLVED That the Clerk write to the County Council asking that traffic lights and a convoy vehicle be used to help keep the road open for local people. The Clerk would also raise the issue of ongoing lack of communication for major works in Lakes Parish. He will also seek to clarify the status of the A592, the alternative route, as Members felt that this was also closed due to ongoing works.

3. LEASE FOR THE UPPER FLOOR OF AMBLESIDE LIBRARY

The Clerk had now received the final revised draft lease for the Library upper floor. It had addressed issues raised and Council was now asked to approve the signing of the Lease that will take effect from Monday 8th January 2018.

RESOLVED That authority be given for the Lease to be signed on behalf of Lakes Parish Council.

4. TRAFFIC ORDERS FOR AMBLESIDE AND GRASMERE

The Clerk had circulated information on both Traffic Orders and the Council were now asked for any formal comments.

RESOLVED To welcome the TRO's and make no additional comments.

5. MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2018

The Clerk had circulated a list of proposed meeting dates through to June 2018

RESOLVED To agree the dates proposed.

The Chairman Adjourned the Meeting. One person spoke on issues at Greenbank/Castlefield including the play areas. She welcomed the proposed Traffic Orders. She said that there will be winter talks at the Armit Museum. Another member of the public updated the Council on the anti-social behaviour issues at the University Halls of Residence on Rydal Road. Disciplinary proceedings had taken place and it is hoped to have a lifestyle warden in place by mid-November. Environmental Health officers had also visited in relation to noise levels and a decision will be made on whether to deal with the issues by formal or informal means. The issue of the chemical toilet on the school field was raised and the person speaking considered it a most unneighbourly development adjacent to local property. The Library is on track for completion mid-December. The Council was asked to agenda misuse of play equipment in Rothay Park. There were no other representations. The Meeting was Reconvened

4. PLANS FOR CONSIDERATION

- a. 7/2017/5517 High Barn, Seathwaite Lane, Ambleside
Proposed three bedroom detached dwelling on land at High Barn. – Refusal on the grounds this is overdevelopment of the area and would set a precedent for further development in this sensitive area, There was a considerable wood to the north of the property and major work has already been done to fell trees and put in an access road. The Council recommend a site visit prior to any decision being made.
- b. 7/2017/5635 Ambleside C of E Primary School, Vicarage Road Ambleside
Construction of an accessible compost toilet unit in the corner of the school playing field – Refusal on the grounds this is an unneighbourly development just over a wall from residential properties. It could be sited well away from such properties. There is already a public toilet approximately 100 metres away. This is a sensitive location adjacent to occupied dwelling houses, it may attract vermin or vandalism and as such should be refused.
- c. 7/2017/5640 Flat Tarn, Neaum Crag, Skelwith Bridge, Ambleside
Vary condition to allow occupancy 1st March to 4th January annually. – No Objections
- d. 7/2017/5653 1 Beckside, High Greenbank, Ambleside
Extension and alterations to dwelling including 2 storey extension, raising part of the existing roof and enlarging/improving tower ground floor store. – Refuse on the grounds of overdevelopment.
- e. 7/2017/5657 Town End, Grasmere
Internal alterations to Dove Cottage and reconfiguration of side garden area (Application for listed building consent) – Approval on the grounds of improvement of the site.
- f. 7/2017/5666 Dutch Barn, The Samling Hotel, Windermere
Renovation of dutch barn to create a corporate team building and conference centre to include creation of a covered outdoor seating area and hardstanding works – No Objections

5. TREE WORKS

7/2017/0169 Dove Cottage, Grasmere – Fell one fern leaf Beech – Members were concerned that this is one of only 3 such trees locally and asked if it is really necessary to fell it.

6. PLANNING DECISIONS/APPEALS NOTIFIED BY LDNPA - None received

The Meeting closed at 7.25pm