

LAKES PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on 8th November 2017 in Troutbeck Institute at 6.30pm

PRESENT: Cllrs Mrs L Waterhouse (In the Chair), Mrs F.M. Sparrow, Mrs E Footit, B. Hewitt, N.C. Martin, K. McCarten L. Johnson, P. Simpson, Mrs A. Sowerbutts, P.A.Thompson, P.Truelove and Mrs D. Wood

IN ATTENDANCE: Tim Farron MP, County Cllr Will Clark

APOLOGIES: Cllrs, R. Moody Mrs J. Birkett, Mrs V. Rees, District Cllr Vicky Hughes, and the Police.

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

Prior to the commencement of the Meeting the Chairman introduced Tim Farron MP. An open forum then took place with discussions on matters of mutual interest including the A591 and the potential impact on the central Lakes area of the recent World Heritage success by the Lake District National Park Authority. The Lakes are the second biggest visitor destination in UK and, with World Heritage status, many more people will come, some who never knew the Lakes existed. This will increase pressure on roads and existing service industries. Tim has approached the Minister to highlight the need for more money for infrastructure improvements consequent upon the successful World Heritage bid. Councillors feel that the area can hardly cope at peak times and is fast approaching saturation point. Transport is another issue and the loss of electrification of the Lakes Line will impact on car use in the area. Tim is seeking major road status for the A591 which then will qualify for more money as a trunk road. Other matters discussed included EEC workers, cycle routes, tourist industry courses at Kendal college, a tourist tax and the need to facilitate a meeting between those on the ground (the Parish Council) and the principal authorities involved in the Lake District. Tim will take a list of matters raised and feedback on the local issues of importance. The Chairman thanked him for his attendance.

77. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 4th October 2017 and the Plans Meeting held on the 25th October in the Tithe Barn, Grasmere were approved as a correct record.

78. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST/DISPENSATIONS

- ◆ Cllr Martin declared an interest in Finance (Orders for Payment)
- ◆ There were no declarations of interest or requests for Dispensation.

79. ITEMS OF INFORMATION FROM MINUTE 77

None

80. POLICE REPORT

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

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81. REPORTS

1. Meeting at Waterhead with SLDC 30th October – Cllrs Hewitt, Thompson, Johnson and the Clerk had met with Officers of SLDC to discuss issues relating to Waterhead including planting, grasscutting and maintenance of the area. They had a pre-meeting in the Regent Hotel and thanked the management for their hospitality. SLDC Officers agreed to consider issues raised and come back to the Parish Council with proposals for a joint partnership to manage the area.

2. Ambleside walkabout with local Councillors 1 November – The Clerk had received a letter from Ambleside Together highlighting the issues discussed. Members agreed that this should go on the next Agenda for a full discussion to that will enable decisions to be made to deal with issues raised.

The Clerk will write in reply to the letter and also thank Robin Lees for his involvement.

3. Cllr Mrs Sowerbutts and Cllr Johnson spoke on the recent University Liaison Meeting that had been somewhat fractious. No news on Hilltop and no use has yet been found for Scale How. The big problem is noise from students of which there are 190 in house. Ambleside has 550 in total. Businesses near the student accommodation are vulnerable to poor Trip Advisor reviews. A new residential warden is being appointed who lives in Windermere however there seems to be some misunderstanding of the original planning condition where it is thought that a warden needs to live on site to deal with issues as they arise and not just on the end of a telephone.

82. FINANCE

- a. RESOLVED - Councillor Thompson moved the Minutes of the Finance/Outside Projects sub-committee held on 6th November 2017 that included Orders for payment together with additional invoices since the Meeting in the sum of £14519.72. The bank statement was circulated showing the current account balance. The new banking arrangements are up and running These were AGREED.
- b. Members AGREED the recommendations contained within the Minutes including a grant of £600 to the North West air ambulance, to accept the lowest quotation of £200 for the Office move in January and that the phone contract be awarded to Plusnet.
- c. Members also AGREED to set the recommended budget for 2018/2019 and to agree a Precept of £95000 for that financial year.

The Chairman Adjourned the Meeting to allow the public to speak. One member of the public spoke on Armitt exhibitions and on Greenbank/Castlefield resident association issues including surveys and the play area. She is also concerned about the interpretation of the University site warden and issues that will arise

from not having a permanent warden on site to deal with anti-social behaviour by students. The meeting was Reconvened.

83. PLANS FOR CONSIDERATION

1. 7/2017/5308 Miles Gill Beck, Long Green Head Farm, Troutbeck
Replacement of the existing timber footbridge with a wider new timber footbridge. – No Objections
2. 7/2017/5607 Cylinders Estate, Elterwater
Reinstatement of former greenhouse to Merzbau building at the Cylinders Estate - The Council require further information on this application prior to comment but would query the need for a greenhouse on the Estate.
3. 7/2017/5686 Diamond Lodge, Lakes Road, Ambleside
Extension to guesthouse to facilitate 3 additional bedroom suites. (and amendment) – No Objections
4. 7/2017/5694 Beck Lodge, Bridge Lane, Troutbeck
Extension, dormer and alterations (including replacing all roof shingle tiles with slate) not in accordance with condition 3 previously attached to planning approval 7/2017/5158 (to allow use of Marley Rivendale blue black tiles) – Refusal on the grounds that use of these tiles is not appropriate and semi second hand green will be more in keeping.
5. 7/2017/5698 11 Compston Street, Ambleside
New extension to rear – No Objections
6. 7/2017/5702 Beckside, Gale Rigg, Ambleside
Demolition of existing porch and single storey extension together with exterior alterations to the north west elevation incorporating 2 in number light wells and landscape alterations. – No Objections however there should be a condition relating to construction work being confined to the site boundary as it is very tight
7. 7/2017/5707 Simonstone, Oaks Field, Ambleside
Internal alterations, demolition of existing conservatory and replacement single storey extension – No Objections but with a condition relating to construction work being confined to the site boundary as above.
8. 7/2017/5710 Site to north of McIver lane, Waterhead, Ambleside
Development of 3 houses – No Objections
9. 7/2017/5725 Wateredge Hotel, Borrans Road, Ambleside

Replacement of existing jetty (damaged by Storm Desmond) with like for like replacement. – No Objections

10. 7/2017/5731 25 Kirkfield Rise, Ambleside
2 storey domestic extension with dormers – Refusal as this is overdevelopment of the site and will look completely out of character in the area. It is also an unneighbourly development.

84. MATTERS OF INFORMATION

A. From the Chairman - The Chairman had attended the Lakes in Bloom prizegiving and although a good evening, a lot of winners did not attend. She also raised the issue of winter gritting.

B From the Clerk - The Clerk said that no agreement has been reached with the County Council on winter gritting and that the Parish will just have to go it alone if the weather turns inclement. There is a budget for payment and road salt is available at Ecclerigg. Windermere Agenda for 8 Nov and Minutes were received. The Clerk November and Lakes Line report received. The Civic Trust are doing a presentation on Stockghyll Park.

C From Members – Cllr Mrs Sparrow reminded the Council of the Christmas lights on 18th November. She will also be laying the wreath at the Remembrance service in Ambleside. Cllr Mrs Footit is laying the Council wreath in Grasmere and Cllr Mrs Wood the wreath in Langdale. Cllr McCarten thanked Highways for dealing with an issue at Under Loughrigg near Stepping Stones. Cllr Thompson asked if it was possible for the Christmas Lights Committee to rig temporary lights to the Park toilets during the switch on celebrations.

D. From District Councillors – None present.

E. From County Councillor – Cllr Clark updated the Council on local issues and thanked everyone for the positive comments he has received. He reminded Members of the Farmers market in Grasmere on 1st Friday in December and encouraged everyone to check their local grit bins and report any problems before the winter sets in.

85. MISUSE OF PLAY EQUIPMENT IN ROTHAY PARK

Cllr Hewitt had raised this issue however the problem seems to have resolved itself

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86. AMBLESIDE HEALTH CENTRE – POSSIBLE CLOSURE

Cllr Martin reported that he had spoken to the Health Centre who lease the building from the NHS. The rent has substantially increased leading to funding concerns. This applies to properties all over the country. An attempt is being made to get a breakdown of the costs but this is proving difficult. Once more is known then the Health Centre will update Council.

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87 CALC AGM – 18 NOVEMBER 2017

The Clerk had circulated information on this event however as it clashes with the Ambleside Christmas lights switch on no delegates are available to attend. The Clerk will give apologies to CALC.

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88. TREE WORK

TT/2017/0180 – St. Oswalds Church, Grasmere – Oak (T1) – removal of branch over the road. Overall 30% crown reduction required to previous pruning points to reduce branches away from the church and reduce the risk of failure over the road and to maintaining a balanced crown Local Members had submitted their observations.

89 PLANNING DECISIONS

Approvals

7/17/5246 – Smallwood House Hotel, Ambleside – additional storey to stair tower

7/17/5435 – Shepherds How, Grasmere – extensions on ground and first floor level new windows

7/17/5389 – Kilngarth, Clappersgate – add 2 dormers to attic bedroom

7/17/5409 – Natwest, Cheapside, Ambleside – remove window etc to allow ATM servicing.

7/17/5472 – Coop Compston Road, Ambleside – install new shop front and door etc

7/17/5484 – Royal Oak Inn Ambleside – internal and external alterations

7/17/5509 – 18 Gale Park, Ambleside – variation of condition on 7/16/5232 – rear extension

7/17/5516 – 1 Underhowe, Grasmere – single storey rear domestic kitchen extension

7/17/5555 – Coop Compston Road Ambleside – internal and external illuminated signs

The Meeting closed at 8.20pm