

LAKES PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on 6th December 2017 in the Tithe Barn,
Grasmere at 6.30pm

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Bryan Sparrow

APOLOGIES: Cllr B. Hewitt, Mrs D, Wood, K. McCarten, County Cllr Will
Clark and District Cllr Vicky Hughes.

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

90. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 8th November 2017 in Troutbeck Institute
were approved as a correct record.

91. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST/DISPENSATIONS

- ◆ Cllr Martin declared an interest in Finance (Orders for Payment) and
Planning Application 7/2017/5790 Ambleside Primary School.
- ◆ Cllrs Mrs Sparrow and Johnson declared interests in Agenda item 12,
Appointee to Kelsick Foundation.
- ◆ Cllr Mrs Sparrow declared an interest in Planning Application 7/2017/5756
Loughrigg House, Smithy Brow, Ambleside.
- ◆ The Clerk granted a dispensation to Cllr Mrs Sparrow to speak on matters
of fact only relating to the above application.

92. ITEMS OF INFORMATION FROM MINUTE 90

None

93. POLICE REPORT

No report received
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94. REPORTS

1. Meeting at the Library on 5 December to monitor progress with the new
Office and Council Chamber. The Vice Chairman, Cllr Thompson and the
Clerk had met with the builders and Officers of the County Council. Excellent
progress has been made and the completion date of 15 December is on
course to be met. The Office move is scheduled for Tuesday 9th January.
2. The Chairman had attended a meeting with the University and LDNPA to
discuss the provision of a warden on campus at Ambleside. It appears that
some misunderstanding has taken place about the role of a warden and it is
not part of the job description for them to live on site or be available at night. A
security firm has been commissioned to undertake night visits. The doors at

the Rydal Road accommodation leading to the outside are to be changed. During recent incidents some students had been disciplined. The University will try harder to communicate with the local community and they would like to come to Council meetings from time to time.

3. Cllr Mrs Birkett reported on a meeting Cllr Mrs Wood had with Langdale Timeshare to discuss closure of local roads for a cycling event in July 2018.

95. FINANCE

- a. RESOLVED - Councillor Thompson moved the Minutes of the Finance/Outside Projects sub-committee held on 4th December 2017 that included Orders for payment together with additional invoices since the Meeting in the sum of £17294.18. The bank statement was circulated showing the current account balance. These were AGREED.
- b. Members AGREED the recommendations contained within the Minutes including a grant of £250 toward the upkeep of the graveyard at St Mary's Church Ambleside.

The Chairman Adjourned the Meeting to allow the public to speak. One member of the public spoke on a planning application relating Emma's Dell in Grasmere. Jane Renouf said that the library will be open in the New Year and the contractors have been very helpful. There will be a low key opening followed later by a grand opening. The meeting was Reconvened.

96. PLANS FOR CONSIDERATION

1. 7/2017/5480 Grasmere Garden Centre, Grasmere
Construction of a two storey hotel in the grounds of Grasmere Garden Village - Refusal on the grounds that it would be over-development of a small site and the building design, with pitched metal roof, was inappropriate in a conservation area. It is the most basic proposal for a hotel the Council has ever seen, and low cost accommodation is available locally, with more facilities. Thirteen significant trees will have to be felled to make way for the proposed hotel, exposing it to view and making it visible possibly even from Loughrigg Terrace. Some bedrooms look directly onto people parking their cars in Red Bank car park, and access for maintenance work on the site will be also very difficult in such a tight and confined space
2. 7/2017/5637 Flat 8 Gale Rigg House, Gale Rigg, Ambleside
Replacement of three sets of timber windows with uPVC – No Objection
3. 7/2017/5705 Ambwray, Lake Road, Ambleside
Internal and external alterations including replacement boundary wall – No Objection
4. 7/2017/5717 Silver Birches, Troutbeck
Alterations and extensions – No Comment
5. 7/2017/5724 Millbeck, Great Langdale
Repairs to the Bank Barn and rebuilding of the earth store – No Objections

6. 7/2017/5730 Rothay Garden Hotel, Broadgate, Grasmere
Extension to Hotel Spa building – No Objections
7. 7/2017/5743 Broadgate Cottage, Broadgate, Grasmere
Demolition of existing garage and erection of new garage – No Objections
8. 7/2017/5757 Former Orchard, Elterwater
Local occupancy dwelling (reapplication of 7/2017/5393) - Withdrawn
9. 7/2017/5762 Emma's Dell, Grasmere
Alterations to front façade and creation of a single bedroom studio on first floor – No Objections
10. 7/2017/5780 Loughrigg House, Smithy Brow, Ambleside
Demolish 2 garages with store over, replace with annexed accommodation and link to house, demolish 3 garages to extent necessary to improve construction to resist water penetration, rebuild 3 garages.- Approval as this is an improvement.
11. 7/2017/5756 45 Lake Road, Ambleside
Rear 2 storey extension and associated internal alterations to include a new velux window
to the front elevation. Re-modelling of the front garden and access pathways to create 2 car parking spaces. – No Objection to the building extension but Refusal of the front garden works on the grounds that it is unneighbourly and not in keeping with the character of Lake Road.
12. 7/2017/5767 Beckwood, Grasmere
Siting of a generator within curtilage of dwelling – Refusal on the grounds that this is a most unneighbourly application creating excessive noise that has become a real issue as this is a retrospective application.
13. 7/2017/5775 Waterhead Public Jetty, Borrans Road, Waterhead
Replacement on a like for like basis of the existing timber public jetty. The length will not be increased. – No Objections
14. 7/2017/5789 1 Stockghyll Court, Ambleside
Construction of a domestic garage on a parking space with existing walls – No comment
15. 7/2017/5790 Ambleside C of E Primary School, Vicarage Road, Ambleside
Retrospective application to place a goal end on the left hand side of the playground to match the existing goal end on the right hand side. – No Objection
16. 7/2017/5751 12 Compston Street, Ambleside
New rear dormer - No Objection

97. MATTERS OF INFORMATION

A. From the Chairman - The Chairman had attended the Ambleside Christmas lights event and it had been a lovely day with good weather. A happy occasion with good feedback from the public. The new organiser had taken a lot of weight off the volunteers. Tim Farron had responded after the last meeting and thanked the Council for its concerns which he will progress. A problem has arisen in Troutbeck with SLDC refuse collections which it is hoped can be solved locally.

B From the Clerk - The Clerk said the Office will close on Wednesday 20th December and re-open on Tuesday 2nd January 2018. He will be on call throughout the Christmas period. Windermere Agenda for 6th and 13th December and their Minutes were received.

C From Members – Cllr Truelove highlighted local concerns about a zip wire across Thirlmere and asked that this be placed on the next agenda for discussion. Cllr Mrs Rees reported on the success of the Farmers Market in Grasmere

D. From District Councillors – Cllr Mrs Rees said that SLDC recognised the rural problems such as the threat to GP surgeries and pharmacies. The District Council in Scrutiny is taking this seriously. SLDC has been very helpful with the equipment in Broadgate Meadow.

E. From County Councillor – Cllr Clark had submitted his apologies because of access problems at the Tithe Barn.

98. AMBLESIDE TOGETHER

Councillors in Ambleside Ward had met with representatives of Ambleside Together for a walkabout. Nothing that the Council did not know was raised but it was a useful exercise with local people wanting to work together with their elected representatives. The Council welcomed any help in trying to improve things for local people and the infrastructure. There was general agreement that encouragement for local people to get involved was needed

RESOLVED That the Clerk write to SLDC, LDNPA and the County Council to convene a meeting to highlight the issues raised and try to sort them out.

99. ST ANNE'S CHURCHYARD, AMBLESIDE

The Clerk had circulated a letter from the PCC asking that the Council take over the maintenance of the now redundant churchyard surrounding what used to be St Anne's Church in Ambleside.

RESOLVED To refuse the request of the PCC and pass the matter to SLDC for their attention and action. To inform the PCC of this refusal.

100. NOMINEE TO KELSICK FOUNDATION

The Trustees have written to the Council asking that Linda Dixon be reappointed to serve for a further 4 years as a representative of the Council.

RESOLVED To agree to the request and appoint Linda Dixon to the Kelsick Foundation as a Lakes Parish representative for the next four years.

101 FLOODING NEAR LANGDALE TIMESHARE

Cllr Mrs Birkett highlighted the problems that have occurred since the owners of Cylinders estate dug up the drains to make a car park. Cumbria County Council are dealing with this matter but 12 months on nothing has happened.

RESOLVED That the Clerk write to Cumbria County Council asking them to expedite matters.

102. TREE WORK

7/2017/0187 Greycotes, Belle Vue Lane, Ambleside – Fell 2 willow, 8 ash, 2 cedar and 1 beech. Reduce 1 willow and crown raise 1 spruce.

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103 PLANNING DECISIONS

Approvals

7/2017/5235 – Land adjacent to Benfield Grasmere – stream bank restoration works

7/2017/5305 – Lancrigg, Grasmere – conversion and extension of barn into function space

7/2017/5462 – Co-op Broadgate Grasmere – Hanging sign replace fascia with signage etc

7/2017/5489 – The Coach House, Rydal Road, Ambleside – single storey extension

7/2017/5545 – Wynford, Nook Lane Ambleside – alter roof to incorporate new porch

The Meeting closed at 7.55pm