

LAKES PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on 7th February 2018 in the Council Chamber, First Floor, Ambleside Library at 6.30pm

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

IN ATTENDANCE: County Councillor Will Clark

APOLOGIES: Mrs F.M. Sparrow, Mrs J. Birkett, R. Moody, K. McCarten District Cllr Vicky Hughes

ALSO: M. A. Johnson, J Renouf, PCSO Laura Jackson and 3 members of the public

116 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 10th January 2018 and the Plans Meeting held on 24th January in the Council Chamber, Ambleside Library were approved as a correct record.

117. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST/DISPENSATIONS

- ◆ Cllrs Martin and Simpson declared an interest in Finance (Orders for Payment).
- ◆ Cllr Simpson declared both personal and prejudicial interests in Planning Application 7/2018/5045 and took no part in the debate or decision.
- ◆ There were no other declarations of interest or requests for dispensations

118. ITEMS OF INFORMATION FROM MINUTE 116

None

119. POLICE REPORT

PCSO Jackson reported that there had been 20 crimes in Ambleside since 10 January that included public order, 3 burglaries, 3 theft, 7 assaults and 3 shoplifting. In Grasmere and Langdale there had been 9 crimes including 4 assaults (3 domestic), 2 forgery and 2 shed burglaries in Rydal. She is setting up a country watch scheme with the NFU to address rural crime and get information out very quickly. She is aware of the ongoing issues at the University halls of residence on Rydal Road in Ambleside. The DVLA has been active on untaxed vehicles with 10 clamped in one operation. There will be a cycling marking event at Booths in Windermere on 17 Feb from 1 to 3pm. She took questions from Members and the Chairman thanked her for her attendance.

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120. REPORTS

1. Lake Admin Committee Meeting 26 January – Cllr Johnson reported on a well attended and interesting meeting that had discussed the draft budget and

a consultation on the Ferry ticket issue. The amount of money outstanding from lake fees has dropped dramatically.

2. There were no other reports.

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121. FINANCE

- a. RESOLVED - Councillor Thompson moved the Minutes of the Finance/Outside Projects sub-committee held on 5th February 2018 that included Orders for payment together with additional invoices since the Meeting in the sum of £11317.65. The bank statement was circulated showing the current account balance. These were AGREED.
- b. Members AGREED the recommendations contained within the Minutes including the Parish Office sub letting rents that will be reviewed in 12 months time. They noted the quotations for the Waterhead improvement scheme that await LIP (local important project) grant allocation. They agreed that Cllr Mrs Rees use two years allocation of local member's funding to Grasmere Village Society towards fundraising for Broadmeadows Park equipment and also agreed to support in principle the project to improve the play area at Greenbank and Castlefield, the donation amount to be decided later in the next financial year. It was also agreed to allocate suitable funding to the Lakes Parish flower display at the Ambleside Flower Festival.

The Chairman Adjourned the Meeting to allow the public to speak. One person spoke on the ongoing issues with student noise at the University halls of residence at Rydal Road. One person gave information on Armitt events and the Greebank/Castlefield play area improvements. She also complained about the lack of fencing around the new play area in Rothay Park. The meeting was Reconvened.

122. PLANS FOR CONSIDERATION

1. 7/2017/5823 Shinglers, Compston Road, Ambleside
Illuminated projecting sign – Refusal of a projecting sign in the Conservation area but No Objection to an illuminated sign other than projecting.
2. 7/2017/5849 Wordsworths Guest House, Lake Road, Ambleside
Erection of single storey rear extension to create additional living accommodation – Refusal on the grounds this is an unneighbourly and intrusive development.
3. 7/2018/5026 Smallwood House Hotel, Compston Road, Ambleside
Minor material amendment to planning application 7/2017/5246 (additional storey to stair tower) to increase the stairwell structure to accommodate a lift and provide a level entrance from the car park. – No Objection

4. 7/2018/5045 Rosebank Farm, adjacent to Lanefoot Cottage, Troutbeck
New roof structure, retention of existing roof structure and reroofing using
existing slates – No Objection

123. MATTERS OF INFORMATION

A. From the Chairman - The Chairman said that the Vice Chairman is recovering at home after her illness and thanked everyone for their good wishes and cards. There is some doubt on the suggested date for the official opening of the newly refurbished Library together with the new Parish Office and Council Chamber so Council will be informed once a firm date is in the diary.

B From the Clerk - Windermere Agenda and Minutes; Coniston Agenda and Minutes; an invitation from David Williams to a tea at Merewood on 15th February was circulated and accepted by Cllr Mrs Sowerbutts. The Clerk had responded to a request from SLDC for comment on recent unruly events at the University Rydal Road halls of residence. The LDNPA CALC election for a member to the Authority will be on the next Plans Agenda.

C From Members – None

D. From District Councillors – Cllr Mrs Rees reported on a public health meeting and issues around the continuation of pharmacy contracts who have been extended by a further 2 years.

E. From County Councillor – Cllr Clark reported on integrated care in the community support service, lorries near Tesco in Ambleside, Kankoo at Waterhead, a wall in the river near Miller Bridge and the implementation of a 40mph speed limit at the bottom of Dunmail Raise into Grasmere.

124. JOINT MEETING WITH LDNPA/SLDC/CUMBRIA COUNTY COUNCIL.

This will be held at 2pm on Monday 19th February in the Council Chamber at Ambleside Library.

RESOLVED That Ambleside Ward Cllrs be invited to attend. Cllr Thompson and the Clerk will draw up an agenda.

125. UNITED UTILITIES LEGACY FUND

The Clerk had circulated information on this as it covers an area 10 miles from Thirlmere Lake which means it is applicable to Grasmere and other Lakes Parish areas.

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126. NOOK LANE, AMBLESIDE

The Clerk had circulated a letter from a local resident regarding road conditions in that area.

RESOLVED That the Clerk place this on a future agenda

127 AMBLESIDE RESILIENCE

The Clerk had placed this on the agenda for discussion following the recent presentation by Andy Caple.

RESOLVED That the Council thank Andy Caple for his work but feel unable to offer practical support in the form of an overall coordinator or project leader.

128 TREE WORKS

T/2018/0011 University of Cumbria, Rydal Road, Ambleside – Works to various trees

T/2018/0016 – 2 Above Beck, Grasmere – remove lower branches of 1 sequoia

T/2018/0005 – Broadmeadow car park – works to various trees by SLDC – The Council supported the retention of the Chestnut that gives vital shade to the play area and the two limes that appear to be healthy trees. The crown lifting will be advantageous.

The Meeting closed at 7.39pm