

LAKES PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 9th May 2018 in the Council Chamber, First Floor, The Library, Kelsick Road, Ambleside at 6.30pm

PRESENT: Cllr L Waterhouse (In the Chair), Mrs F.M. Sparrow, Mrs J. Birkett, M. Bosson, Mrs E. Footit, L. Johnson N.C. Martin, K McCarten, Mrs V Rees, P. Simpson, Mrs A. Sowerbutts, P.Truelove, P.A.Thompson and Mrs D. Wood.

IN ATTENDANCE: None

APOLOGIES: Cllr B. Hewitt, R. Moody, County Cllr Will Clark, J Renouf

ALSO: M A.Johnson, and 3 members of the public

1 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Cllr Louise Waterhouse was nominated as Chairman by Cllr Martin and seconded by Cllr Thompson. There being no other nominations, Cllr Louise Waterhouse was duly elected by Councillors present. The Chairman signed her acceptance of Office for and thanked everyone for their confidence in her.

2 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the following meetings were approved:

- Council meeting held on 11th April 2018.
- Plans meeting held on 25th April 2018

3 ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN

Cllr Brian Hewitt was nominated by Cllr Mrs Sowerbutts and seconded by Cllr McCarten. There being no other nominations Cllr Hewitt was duly elected.

4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

Cllrs Martin and Simpson declared an interest in Finance as recipients of payment in the Orders for Payment list.

There were no other declarations of interest or requests for dispensations.

5 MATTERS OF INFORMATION FROM AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 3

None

6 NOTIFICATION OF ANY MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL in receipt of a gift or hospitality over the value of £10, or of changes to registered financial and other interests. To remind members of the provisions of the Local Government Act 2000, in connection with gifts and hospitality and registered interests. Forms for such declaration are available from the Clerk on request.

No such declarations were made.

7 AUTHORISATION OF MONETARY TRANSACTIONS

(i) Cumberland Building Society

To approve signatories to cheques – currently Cllrs L Waterhouse, Johnson, Martin & Sparrow. To agree to confirm the Clerk being authorised to receive Bank Statements and make general enquiries on behalf of Lakes Parish Council.

Approved.

- (ii) National Savings Bank To approve signatories to Withdrawals – currently Cllrs Johnson, Sparrow & Martin. - Approved.

8 CHAIRMAN'S ALLOWANCE FOR 2018/19

This was approved at the rate of £750pa.

9 APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES

The following appointments were agreed:

- i. CALC – South Lakeland Committee: Cllr L Johnson
- ii. Lake Windermere Administration Group: Cllrs Johnson, Thompson and Hewitt.
- iii. Ambleside Community Christmas Lights: Cllr B. Hewitt.
- iv. Kelsick Educational Foundation – Cllrs L Johnson and N Martin.
- v. Windermere Endowed Schools – Cllr N Martin
- vi. Cumbria Rural CAB – Cllr L Waterhouse.
- vii. Chairman of the Affordable Housing Task Group – Cllr Mrs V Rees
- viii. Chairman of the Youth Task Group – Cllr F Sparrow
- ix. Finance & Outside Projects sub-committee – Cllr PA Thompson (Chairman), Cllrs N Martin, A. Sowerbutts. R. Moody and the Chairman or Vice-Chairman of the Council (ex officio). All Council members are invited to attend as observers.
- x. Lakes Line User Group – Cllr Paul Truelove

10 REPORTS

- a. Cllr Thompson reported on the recent meeting with Officers of SLDC at Waterhead. A scheme of planting is to be drawn up and topsoil is being supplied by Continental landscapes. Further information is awaited.
- b. Cllr Johnson reported on the value of the Lake Windermere Administration Committee
- c. There were no other reports.

11. POLICE REPORT

The Clerk had tabled a report from Sgt Nolan. There had been 105 calls for service of which 30 were either ASB or crime. These included 4 ASB, 2 harassment, 6 burglaries, 1 criminal damage to motor vehicle, 3 theft, 1 theft of motor vehicle, 3 shopliftings, 1 drink drive, 4 assaults, 3 frauds and 1 public order offence. The Mountain Rescue had attended 8 incidents that included 2 fatalities. One call for service had been to deal with a snake in the engine compartment of a car.

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12. FINANCE

- a. RESOLVED - to agree the minutes of the Finance & Outside Projects sub-committee, held on 8th May 2018 (Cllr Thompson moved, Clerk to report) and confirm approval of the orders for payment in the sum of £22125.69p.
- b. RESOLVED – to accept the Internal Audit report for 2017/18 and to confirm the findings of the review of the effectiveness of Internal Audit, as reported for 2017/18.
- c. RESOLVED – to affirm the Annual Governance Statement for 2017/18.
- d. RESOLVED – to receive and agree the Annual Accounts for 2017/18. Members wished to record thanks to the Finance Officer for the high standard of work on the Accounts.
- e. RESOLVED – to re-appoint Mrs Lees as Internal Auditor for 2018/19.
- f. RESOLVED – that the updated Risk Register was discussed, reviewed and agreed.

- g. RESOLVED – To agree and adopt the Data Protection Policy under the new GDP regulations as circulated by the Clerk.

The Chairman adjourned the Meeting to allow the public to speak. One person spoke on University issues that affect the Greenbank and Castlefield residents association. One person spoke on Planning Application 7/2018/5258. One person spoke on the LDNPA Local Plan consultation.

The Meeting was reconvened.

13 PLANS FOR CONSIDERATION

1. 7/2018/5161 Baysbrown Farm, Great Langdale
Demolition of existing building and construction of a new building to store animal feed and bedding materials under cover and sheep handling pens to replace the existing pens adjacent and crossing a public right of way. – No Objection

1. 7/2018/5240 1 High Fisherbeck, Blue Hill Road, Ambleside
Conversion of existing garage and side extension to a 'granny flat' – No Objection provided that the granny flat is tied in perpetuity to the main building and not sold off as a separate unit.

3. 7/2018/5258 Mill Brow Farm, Skelwith Bridge, Ambleside
Erection of bungalow following demolition of agricultural building – Strong Approval by unanimous vote of the Council. This application fits in with existing Park Policies and will enable a local farming family to continue farming in the Langdale Valley. It will support the National Park Heritage Bid by sustaining a local business and farm. This proposal is for a home for local people and the application will also bring children back into the Valley. The bungalow will almost invisible from the A593 as a green field rises from the road and the existing farm building to be demolished is hardly seen.

4. 7/2018/5259 Seathwaite, Seathwaite Lane, Ambleside
Replace lean-to with 2 storey extension, adjust roofline of slated rear extensions, create access and parking for house, create access and new garage, replace septic tank with packaged treatment plant – Refusal on the grounds that this is overdevelopment of the site with a huge garage the scale of which is inappropriate in that location.

5. 7/2018/2095 – Heaton Cooper Studio Grasmere
Create access through drystone rubble boundary wall for delivery vehicles and hardstanding for same – Approval on the grounds that this will facilitate deliveries but the boundary wall and hedge need to be reduced throughout as a modification to enable better visibility for traffic.

14 MATTERS OF INFORMATION

- A. From the Chairman – The Chairman said that she had attended the Westmorland Gazette 200 years celebration. She reminded Members of the Flower Festival that will take place over the next Bank Holiday weekend. The Parish Council have a display and she asked that Members attending wear name badges.
- B. From the Clerk – Minutes and Agenda Coniston Parish Council 16th May. Minutes and Agenda Windermere Town Council 9th May 2018. The Clerk May 2018, Clerks and Councils Direct May 2018.

- C From Members
 - a. Councillor Birkett spoke about issues around the new mobile phone mast in Langdale that now appears to be only for the emergency services and not local people.
 - b. Councillor Mrs Rees spoke of the recent Grasmere Village Hall AGM and the information displays that had been very popular.
 - c. Cllr Mrs Sowerbutts asked that the Lakes Line between Windermere and Oxenholme be placed on the next agenda for discussion as the service is abysmal and this affects people who live in Lakes Parish.
- D. From District Councillors - Cllr Mrs Rees had been re-elected and had nothing to report.
- E. From the County Councillor – County Cllr Will Clark had submitted his apologies.

15. APPOINTMENT OF PARISH MEMBER TO LDNPA

A secret ballot took place and 9 votes were recorded for Cllr McCarten, 4 votes for Mr Farmer and there were two blank voting slips.

RESOLVED That the Clerk submit the voting to CALC. The closing date is 14 May.

16 TREE WORKS

T/2018/0048 – Rothay Park, Vicarage Road Ambleside – fell two poplar trees located on the riverbank - No Observations

17. PLANNING DECISIONS

Refusal

7/2018/5054 – High Barn, Seathwaite Lane, Ambleside – detached two storey three bedroom dwelling – resubmission of 7/2017/5517

The Meeting closed at 7.21pm