

LAKES PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on 6th June 2018 in the Council Chamber, First Floor, Ambleside Library at 6.30pm

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

IN ATTENDANCE: County Councillor Will Clark, District Cllr Vicky Hughes, Gill Holmes, Cumbria County Council

APOLOGIES: Mrs J. Birkett, P. Simpson and the Police

ALSO: M. A. Johnson, J Renouf and 1 member of the public

18 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 9th May 2018 in the Council Chamber, Ambleside Library were approved as a correct record.

19. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST/DISPENSATIONS

- ◆ Cllrs Hewitt and Thompson declared an interest in Finance (Orders for Payment)
- ◆ There were no other declarations of interest or requests for dispensations

20. ITEMS OF INFORMATION FROM MINUTE 18

None

21. POLICE REPORT

Police not present and no report available.
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22. REPORTS

1. Cumbria County Council Tour of Britain preparatory meeting with Gill Holmes 21st May – the Chairman adjourned the meeting and introduced Gill Holmes who briefed Members on this event that will come through the Parish on Friday 7th September. The route has only just been announced and more information will be provided when known. Local businesses and organisations are being encouraged to get involved and a small amount of grant is available. The meeting was reconvened.
2. Meeting with Officers of the Brewery Kendal in relation to the pop up Theatre at Grasmere 24th May – The Clerk reported on this Meeting. The Theatre will be in operation weekend commencing 13 September 2018. The Council will make toilet facilities available to theatre goers and the crew.
3. Cllr Mrs Footit reported on an abortive meeting at Pye Lane Grasmere on 14th May and will liaise with the Clerk and the County Councillor on costings for signage.

4. Cllr Johnson had attended the LDNPA Local Plan meeting at Low Wood on 24th May. There were no other reports.

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23. FINANCE

- i. RESOLVED - Councillor Thompson moved the Minutes of the Finance/Outside Projects sub-committee held on 4th June 2018 that included Orders for payment together with additional invoices since the Meeting in the sum of £17631.01. The bank statement was circulated showing the current account balance. These were AGREED.
- ii. Members AGREED the recommendations contained within the Minutes including a discussion at length on the purchase of the Bouncy Castle for White Platts where they resolved to agree the purchase provided a full and detailed contract of operation with Horton Leisure is approved by Councillors prior to its operation. Members also resolved to agree a donation of £1000 to the Greenbank and Castlefield play area which, together with donations of £500 each from Cllrs Johnson and Sowerbutts from their local allowance, makes a total of £2000.

The Chairman Adjourned the Meeting to allow the public to speak. One member of the public thanked the Council for its generous donation to the play area and spoke on other issues including the broken wall at Stoney Lane and the new bench at the bottom of Greenbank. She complemented the Council on the high standard of its public toilets at Grasmere when relatives had visited and passed on their comments. The meeting was Reconvened.

24. PLANS FOR CONSIDERATION

1. 7/2018/5193 Low Fell, Grasmere
Internal and external adaptations to existing property to assist mobility – No Objections
2. 7/2018/5225 Lesketh How, Rydal Road, Ambleside
Replacement retaining wall to existing western terrace, new bin store and bike shed and new timber gazebo – No Objections
3. 7/2018/5232 Pelter Bridge, Rydal
Repairs to scour damage and undermining, partial repair and repointing of masonry, repair of cracked masonry in culvert. – No Objections however the bed of the river has been raised since Storm Desmond and requires a clean out of the debris deposited in the location of Pelter Bridge.
4. 7/2018/5248 7 Compston Street, Ambleside
Rear extension and addition of dormer window – No Objections

5. 7/2018/5268 45 Lake Road, Ambleside
Creation of new and improved car parking apron (driveway) to the front of the property including forming of easier ramped pedestrian access – No Objection

6. 7/2018/5272 Rohan House, Compston Road Ambleside
Proposed new rooflight over bathroom to rear elevation – No Objections

7. 7/2018/5285 Smithy Yard, Elterwater
Extension to Linen Store for Wheelwrights Cottages Ltd – No Objections.

8. 7/2018/5296 Storythwaite, Troutbeck
Demolition of C20 coal store and timber shed and provision of replacement free standing storage – Refusal on the grounds that the design and material in the replacement is not appropriate in the Conservation area and is contrary to LDNPA policy.

9. 7/2018/5834 – 3 Hill Top Road, Ambleside
Proposed dormer roof extension with balcony to existing bedroom in loft
- Refusal as this will set a precedent in the Conservation area and is not appropriate in relation to other properties in the street.

25. MATTERS OF INFORMATION

A. From the Chairman - The Chairman asked that the issues surrounding the operation of the Lakes Line be placed on the next agenda. She had attended the Flower Festival evening concert and complemented Mrs Hewitt and Mrs Atkinson on their wonderful flower display. Council agreed that a letter of thanks should be sent to both ladies. She said that there will be a Troutbeck Day on June 16th and everyone is welcome.

B. From the Clerk - Windermere Agenda and Minutes; Coniston Agenda and Minutes; Office closure 12 to 21st June for staff leave.

C From Members – Cllr Hewitt thanked the Council for their confidence in voting him as Vice Chairman.

D. From District Councillors – Nothing

E. From County Councillor – Cllr Clark highlighted two events, the pink ribbon walk and an event at Broadgate Park in Grasmere. He had taken action on recent highways issues.

26 A591 TEMPORARY TRAFFIC LIGHTS

Cllr McCarten reported on this major source of concern where unstaffed traffic lights on automatic had caused huge queues on the A591 at Waterhead and then at Troutbeck Bridge. The County Councillor had raised this at the Local Committee and the issue will be on the next Highways Committee. There may be a highway permission system put in place later in the year that will have fines contained within it for those firms who do not obey the instructions regarding the temporary traffic light operation.

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27. LDNPA LOCAL PLAN - CONSULTATION

Members discussed this item and expressed concern at the policy that seeks to direct the majority of new development to Rural Service centres, such as Grasmere, where the present infrastructure for sewage and utilities will not stand up to the strategies proposed. Concern was also raised on how local communities will cope. Other concerns raised included car parking, the traffic on the A591 and the impact of the proposals on services generally. If the policies proposed in the consultation are implemented then they may well change the whole nature of the area. The Council welcomed the inclusion of the new main sewer proposals from Low Wood to Troutbeck Bridge.

RESOLVED That the Clerk respond to the consultation and make the various points raised by Members. Members of course can also respond individually before the closure date of 29th June.

28. WATERHEAD PLANTING IMPROVEMENTS

Cllr Thompson said that little had been done since the meeting with SLDC on May 1st and again emails sent to SLDC Officers had not been answered. The District Councillors will seek further information and try to resolve the situation
RESOLVED To write to the CEO of SLDC and place this on the next Agenda for review.

29. TRAFFIC CONGESTION IN AMBLESIDE MARKET PLACE

Cllr Thompson said that at times particularly in the evening traffic congestion from unrestricted parking in the Market Place is horrendous. Any Planning conditions relating to the Tesco store need to be enforced by LDNPA.

RESOLVED That the County Councillor be asked to raise this issue with the relevant enforcement team. The Clerk will seek clarification with LDNPA on the planning conditions relating to the Tesco store.

30. TREE WORK

No applications received

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31. PLANNING DECISIONS

Approvals

7/2018/5070 Blakett Howe, Clappersgate – replacement dwelling etc

7/2018/5077 Fells, Elterwater – Porch, dormer, velux windows and balcony

7/2018/5082 Smallwood House, Ambleside – extension of building for lift

7/2018/5084 3 Gale Crescent, Ambleside – 2 local need dwellinghouses

7/2018/5093 Fisherbeck Farm House Ambleside – external alterations

7/2018/5100 Lanty Slee, North Road, Ambleside – Replace timber windows

7/2018/5105 Full Circle Rydal Hall Rydal – replacement of 5 fabric yurts with timber arctic huts

7/2018/5142 5 Calgarth Cottages Troutbeck – double car port

7/2018/5146 Langdale Estate – new fire escape window and balustrading to apartment

7/2018/5152 Below Stairs, Ambleside – change of use A1 to A3 restaurant

7/2018/5180 Kitty Crag Grasmere – rebuild bothy and change roof/windows

The Meeting closed at 8.14pm