

## LAKES PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> September 2018 in the Council Chamber, First Floor, Ambleside Library at 6.30pm

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

APOLOGIES: Cllrs B. Hewitt, P. Simpson, County Cllr Will Clark, District Cllr Vicky Hughes

ALSO: M. A. Johnson, PCSO Laura Jackson, Garry Sharples from the National Trust, Emma Bales from the University of Cumbria, Jane Renouf and 1 member of the public

### 58 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> August 2018 in the Council Chamber, Ambleside Library were approved as a correct record.

### 59. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST/DISPENSATIONS

- ◆ Cllr Martin declared an interest in Finance (Orders for Payment)
- ◆ The Chairman declared an interest in all Planning Applications.
- ◆ Cllr Mrs Sparrow declared a personal and prejudicial interest in Finance (Ambleside Community Christmas Lights grant application)
- ◆ There were no other declarations of interest or requests for dispensations

### 60. ITEMS OF INFORMATION FROM MINUTE 58

None

### 61. POLICE REPORT

PCSO Jackson reported on a very busy August with 19 crimes logged in Ambleside and 9 crimes logged in Grasmere and Langdale. These included theft from motor vehicle, assault, fraud, shoplifting, theft and 3 public order offences. A sheep worrying operation had been carried out in Langdale and a Street Safe operation in Kirkstone Close, Ambleside. The present community priority is detecting the person or persons responsible for placing large boulders in and on the highway that cause problems particularly in the dark for motorists. PCSO Jackson reported she had passed her Drone examination and was now an official Drone operator for the Constabulary. All Police Officers have now been issued with bodycams. There is to be a meeting to set up a Neighbourhood Watch scheme in Ambleside and it is hoped to identify key individuals who will assist in the operation of the scheme. She answered questions from Members and the Chairman thanked her for her attendance.

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62. AN UPDATE FROM AN OFFICER OF THE NATIONAL TRUST ON A HYDROPOWER SCHEME PLANNED AT WOUNDALE BECK, TROUTBECK  
Garry Sharples from the National Trust explained the proposal for this Hydropower scheme. He said it was Trust policy to achieve 50% green energy in their estates by 2020 which would result in a saving of over £6million. 150 projects had been identified but only 11 were in the development stage of which Woundale Beck was one. This would be a compelling scheme using a surface mounted pipe 850m long, suitable for a green SSSI environment in a woodland setting. It will produce 420 megawatt hours powering 60 to 80 households and the income from the scheme will be spent in the local area. Councillors asked various questions and the Chairman thanked him for his attendance.

63. REPORTS

1. Cllrs Thompson, Johnson and Moody reported on a meeting held with Officers of SLDC at Waterhead to try to get the planting improvements at Waterhead back on track. SLDC will take the Parish suggestions away and come back with a planting plan for the area in late September that will hopefully be implemented by the end of October.
2. The Chairman together with other Cllrs and the Clerk had met with Officers of SLDC at Rothay Park toilet block to discuss possible ways of improving the facility. The SLDC architect will draw up suggestions and a further meeting to discuss this will be held.
3. Cllr Truelove reported on a LDNPA Development Control Committee meeting where he had represented the view of the Council on a planning application from the owners of Lake View Guest House in Grasmere. Various issues had been in dispute including the access for a large delivery vehicle, a turning circle for the vehicle and the impact on neighbours. Delegated approval had been given to the Planning Officer dealing with the case.

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64. FINANCE

- i. RESOLVED - Cllr Thompson moved the Minutes of the Finance/Outside Projects sub-committee held on 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2018 that included Orders for payment together with additional invoices since the Meeting in the sum of £17190.85. The bank statement was circulated showing the current account balance. These were AGREED.
- ii. Members AGREED the recommendations contained within the Minutes including agreement for the Clerk to investigate the improvement and upgrade of the crazy golf at White Platts. The new method of subscription calculation proposed in a consultation from CALC and a grant of £5000 towards the 2018 Ambleside Community Christmas Lights event.
- iii. Members did not agree to fund the Pye Lane road signage at Grasmere and instructed the Clerk to inform the County Councillor accordingly.

- iv. The Clerk reported receipt of closure of the Audit for the financial year 2017/18. He was pleased to again report an unqualified audit for the year. The only matter raised was the External Auditor said that the NSB bank statement had not been submitted with the interim audit documents for the year. The statement had been submitted but as NSB only issue annual statements up to 31<sup>st</sup> December, it did not coincide with the end of the Councils financial year on 31 March 2018. This has not been a problem in previous years but this year there is a new External Auditor and their requirements differ from their predecessor. The Council agreed to accept the closure of the Audit and commended the Clerk and the Financial Officer for their diligence and work in achieving another unqualified result.

The Chairman Adjourned the Meeting to allow the public to speak. Emma Bales from the University of Cumbria updated the Council on plans for the new intake of students and current issues of concern. The University has an Ambleside Steering Group looking at engagement with the local community and a working relationship with the County Councillor. The current lifestyle Warden will be on site until 2 or 3am and also have continued support from the security team. CCTV will be in place and additional signage is planned. The rear doors of the Rydal Road Halls of residence will be electronically locked to help reduce noise to neighbouring properties. There is a welcome event on 19<sup>th</sup> September that will be opened by the Vice Chairman of Lakes Parish Council, Cllr Brian Hewitt. One member of the public spoke on the play area at Greenbank/Castlefield where funding has now reached £50k donated or pledged. She acknowledged the help of SLDC in achieving this figure. She also highlighted the issue of cars parked at the bottom of the bank where a 'no access' order is in force. The Police and South Lakes Housing are dealing with the problem. The Meeting was RECONVENED.

#### 65. PLANS FOR CONSIDERATION

1. 7/2018/5327 Daffodil Hotel and Spa, Keswick Road, Grasmere  
Phase 2 annex refurbishment including minor demolition of rear lean-to area and full internal refurbishment of existing annex to provide staff accommodation and service areas ancillary to main hotel re-forming part of rear elevation faced with natural horizontal cedar cladding. – No Objection however, as part of this application, it should be pointed out to the applicant that the roadside buildings need painting and tidying up.
2. 7/2018/5451 Littlegarth, Kirkstone Road, Ambleside  
Replacement of collapsed below-ground slate culvert with new drain consisting of pipework and manhole chambers; and replacement of failing west boundary retaining wall – No Objection however a condition of cleaning up the highway once work is finished should be imposed.
3. 7/2018/5463 1 Greenhead Fold, Grasmere  
New sky dish on new house – No Objection

4. 7/2018/5465 Three Shires Inn, Little Langdale  
Retention of existing windows – No Objection

5. 7/2018/5477 Situated in the far corner of Rydal Road  
Kiosk for measuring river levels – No Objection

6. 7/2018/5485 Car park behind Grasmere Village Hall  
Kiosk for measuring river levels – No Objection

6. 7/2018/5507 Seathwaite, Seathwaite Lane Ambleside  
Reapplication of 7/2018/5259 – replace lean-to with 2 storey extension, adjust  
roofline of slated rear extensions, create new garage and access, replace  
septic tank with packaged treatment plant – No Comment

8. 7/2018/5493 Fisherbeck Mill, Old Lake Road, Ambleside  
Proposed replacing of the existing timber windows with like for like upvc –  
Approval

9. 7/2018/5510 Silverthwaite Cottage, Skelwith Bridge, Ambleside  
To create a new vehicle access and car parking area adjacent to existing  
dwelling – No Objection

66. MATTERS OF INFORMATION

A. From the Chairman - The Chairman had purchased a card and  
flowers on behalf of the Council and sent them to ex Councillor  
Maureen Colquhoun on the occasion of her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. Cllr Vicky  
Hughes had asked her about Ambleside community involvement for  
the forthcoming Tour de Britain.

B. From the Clerk - Windermere Agenda and Minutes; Coniston  
Agenda and Minutes; The Clerk September.

C From Members – Cllr Mrs Sowerbutts said the birthday event  
for Maureen Colquhoun had been a lovely day with a lot of people  
attending. Cllr Mrs Birkett said that the Elterwater phone mast is still  
not working. Cllr Truelove asked that the Management Plan for the  
green lane in Little Langdale be added to a future agenda. Cllrs  
Thompson and Hewitt had surveyed lampposts in Ambleside with a  
view to putting flower baskets on them. Final permission is awaited  
from the County Council. Enquiries will be made about the flower  
baskets on Market Cross shopping development.

D. From District Councillors – Nothing to report

E. From County Councillor – Cllr Clark had submitted his apologies  
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67 LAND ADJACENT TO THE RIVER BRATHAY

The Clerk had circulated information. Members were curious as to why it is  
being offered for sale by LDNPA.

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68. TREE WORK

T/2018/0098 – Queens Hotel, Ambleside – Prune 1 mature elm tree  
T/2018/0102 – Dove Cottage Library Grasmere – Yew Tree requires crown to be lifted by 1m to clear way for accessible path into sensory garden area  
T/2018/0103 – Dove Cottage Library Grasmere – Large cherry tree to be felled as it is endangering historic slate bee-boles close to tree base. Space to be developed into a sensory garden by the Wordsworth Trust which will involve planting a number of new trees and shrubs in the surrounding garden – number and type are yet to be decided by the garden designer but this will take place by October 2018.

T/2018/0104 – 66 Kirkfield Ambleside – T1 – Oak – crown reduce by up to 2 metres in height and spread. Remove epicormic to a height of 5 metres from the surrounding ground level. T2 Oak – crown reduce by up to 4 metres in spread to the east and 4 metres to the west. T3 Ash – Reduce limb to the south of the crown by 25% volume to reduce loading on decayed section. Works are to reduce risk of harm and ensure sufficient clearance from the road, parking bays and footpaths.

T/2018/0108 – T1 Beech – crown raise; T2 Oak – prune damaged limb; T4 Laurel – remove stump; A1: stand of self seeded trees – fell to coppice.

T/2018/0110 – 1 Prospect House, Chapel Hill Ambleside Trees 01 and 02 - Fell

RESOLVED No Objections and agreed that the Queens Hotel tree needs managing.

## 69. PLANNING DECISIONS

### Approvals

7/2018/5379 – Pier Waterhead – replace jetty like for like

7/2018/5335 – Broadrayne Farm Grasmere – install 2 Eco glamping pods adjacent to existing biomass boiler.

7/2018/5396 1 Lanehead Fisherbeck Lane Ambleside - Enlarge existing porch to south east elevation

2018/5410 Lakeland, 7 Market Cross Ambleside - 1 totem sign directory  
Withdrawn

7/2018/5259 – Seathwaite, Seathwaite Lane Ambleside – replace lean to with 2 storey extension adjust roofline of rear extensions create access and parking replace septic tank

7/2018/5304 – Thrang Farm, Chapel Stile – cattle housing manure storage and separate underground dirty water storage tank.

7/2018/5331 – High Green House, Troutbeck – proposed kitchen/dining extn

7/2018/5334 – Wordsworth Hotel Grasmere – demolish existing staff accommodation and erect two storey extension etc

7/2018/5387 – Overmere, The Barn, Grasmere – locals only dwelling

### Appeals

7/2017/5534 – Land at Bridge Lane opposite Broad Oaks Troutbeck – appeal against refusal of certificate of lawfulness by Mr B Carden – to be determined by public inquiry on 18<sup>th</sup> December 2018 – Council agreed that the Chairman will attend to represent the Council.

The Meeting closed at 8.30pm