

## LAKES PARISH COUNCIL

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

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

APOLOGIES: Cllrs Mrs F.M. Sparrow

ALSO: M. A. Johnson, County Cllr Will Clark, 6 members of the public and Jane Renouf

The Chairman updated Members on the health of Cllr Mrs Sparrow who is still in hospital at Preston. She is upbeat but faces a lot of challenges on her road to recovery.

### 94 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> November and the Plans Meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> November 2018 in the Council Chamber, Ambleside Library were approved as a correct record with the following amendment to Minute 88 (9) the recommendation of which will now read 'The Council recommend a site visit'. The words 'given that work already appears to have started on this development' will be removed.

### 95. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST/DISPENSATIONS

- ◆ The Chairman declared an interest in all Planning Applications.
- ◆ Cllr Hewitt declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the Planning Application for Freshfield House. He left the room and took no part in the debate or recommendation.
- ◆ Cllr Thompson declared an interest in Planning Application 7/2018/5695 - Briar Crag.
- ◆ There were no other declarations of interest or requests for dispensations

### 96. ITEMS OF INFORMATION FROM MINUTE 94

None

### 97. POLICE REPORT

No apologies and no report  
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### 98. REPORTS

1. Cllr Hewitt reported on a recent meeting of the Ambleside Christmas Lights Committee. The briefing on the recent Lights switchon had been positive and it had been a very good day apart from the traffic problems. There will be more marshalls in place next year.

2. Cllrs Thompson, Hewitt and Johnson had attended the CALC AGM where it had been the usual business followed by an interesting speaker on Dementia.

3. There were no other reports

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## 99. FINANCE

- i. RESOLVED - Cllr Thompson moved the Minutes of the Finance/Outside Projects sub-committee held on 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2018 that included Orders for payment together with additional invoices since the Meeting in the sum of £22897.16. The bank statement was circulated showing the current account balance. These were AGREED.
- ii. Members AGREED the recommendations contained within the Minutes including the Draft White Platts Management Contract, the Toilet cleaning contract, the information on the Crazy Golf upgrade at White Platts and the Grant application for £1500 from Ambleside Parish Centre to part fund the project for older people in the Parish. Members also agreed to accept the quotation from Amberol in the sum of £1863.42 plus VAT for the provision of lamp post flower units, liners and brackets. They also agreed that Cllr Truelove can use his £500 members allowance via Grasmere Village Society towards community play equipment. Members noted the information on contactless payment at the public toilets which will be discussed in the New Year by the Finance Committee. Members agreed that the Bouncy Castle should be retained on White Platts for the 2019 season. Councillor Martin commented on the positive impact of the Poppies in Ambleside to commemorate WW1 and the fallen. It had been inspirational for locals and visitors alike.
- iii. Members considered the Budget and Precept proposals 2019-2020 that had been redrafted to accommodate information and ideas received recently that impact on the setting of a budget for the ensuing year. After debate the Council AGREED to set an expenditure budget of £234,400 and an income budget of £239,000. They agreed to increase the Precept by 1% to £96000 and increase of 42p per annum on a Band D property.

The Chairman Adjourned the Meeting to allow the public to speak. One person spoke on the Greenbank/Castlefield play area where fund raising had been exceptional with £50k raised and more promised. One person spoke on climate change and global warming and a group has been set up in Ambleside to deal with issues and reduce carbon footprint. Information will be given to the Clerk who

will circulate details of meetings etc. One person spoke on the planning application for Ghyll Cottage at Grasmere The Meeting was RECONVENED.

#### 100. PLANS FOR CONSIDERATION

1. 7/2018/5645 Ghyll Cottage, Grasmere  
Second storey extension to provide new bedroom and bathroom accommodation – Refusal on the grounds that this is an unneighbourly development particularly to the adjacent property.
2. 7/2018/5562 Lords View, Nook Lane, Ambleside  
Raised decking area to rear garden. – Refusal on the grounds that this is an unneighbourly development overlooking a number of dwellings.
3. 7/2018/5661 Rydal Road Car Park, Ambleside  
Kiosk for measuring river levels. – No Objections
4. 7/2018/5675 National Trust, Great Langdale  
Convert 5 camping pitches into 5 campervan pitches with electric hook-ups – No Objections
5. 7/2018/5695 Briar Crag, Gale Rigg, Ambleside  
New extension to south elevation to form day room and relocating existing garage - No Objections
6. 7/2018/5696 Highcroft, Under Loughrigg Lane, Ambleside  
Extension and alterations to house including adding first floor to part of the dwelling – No Objections
7. 7/2018/5709 Crag Foot, Grasmere  
Two semi detached houses for local occupancy at affordable rent – Approval on the grounds that this is a much needed development and will be for affordable rent to local people in perpetuity by the Lakeland Housing Trust
8. 7/2018/5710 45 Lake Road Ambleside  
Erection of side porch with pitched roof, alterations to pedestrian access to the car parking apron (driveway) to the front of the property – No Objections
9. 7/2018/5711 2 Mclver Close Waterhead, Ambleside  
First floor extension – No Objections
10. 7/2018/5733 The Old School Building, Little Langdale  
Change of use to live/work unit – Approval on the grounds that this is an improvement to the valley.
11. 7/2018/5735 Edge of the World, Red Lion Square, Grasmere  
Proposed signage – No Comment as no information is yet on the website and this information is required prior to the Council commenting. The next meeting is not until 9 January.
12. 7/2018/5632 Freshfield House, Wansfell Road, Ambleside

Demolish conservatory, replace with single storey extension and alterations to patio – No Objections

101. MATTERS OF INFORMATION

A. From the Chairman - The Chairman had attended the Christmas Lights switch-on and also the Lakes in Bloom award ceremony.

B. From the Clerk - Windermere Agenda and Minutes 5 December; Coniston Agenda and Minutes 19 November; Clerks and Councils Direct December. Due to staff leave the Office will be closed from Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December to Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December inclusive.

C From Members – Cllr Truelove spoke on the withdrawal of a planning application for Pods at Lancrigg. 30 letters of objection had been received from the public which shows a distinct connection between public pressure and the determination of planning applications. Cllr Mrs Footit said that everyone needs to be observant for possible similar applications. Cllr Thompson said that the light on Rydal Road car park is now on and he continues to pursue the drainage problem around the toilet block with SLDC. Cllr Mrs Rees commented on the recent Remembrance Sunday event at Grasmere and the improvements to the Village Hall.

D. From District Councillors – Cllr Mrs Rees had not been well and no issues were raised.

E. From County Councillor – Cllr Clark raised the issue of the traffic disruption at the Lights switch-on and explained what had happened at County level. He is happy to match fund the Pye Lane signage to the tune of £1500 if the Parish Council pay £750. This will be placed on a future agenda once the 6 month moratorium is over. He also raised the issue of parking at Croft House/Broadgate parking and offered the Council 3 options which he said he would welcome consultation on. Two local members have already responded. The Chairman raised Troutbeck drainage and highway issues and the County Councillor will deal with this once he has the original email correspondence. The white lining at the top of Red Bank has been requested.

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102 AMBLESIDE CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON TRAFFIC CONGESTION

Members were universally outraged at the lack of communication by Cumbria County Council who had allowed temporary traffic lights at both entrances to Ambleside on probably the busiest day of the year. Emails from both the County Councillor and the Clerk to Cumbria County Council had received highly unsatisfactory replies.

RESOLVED That the Clerk write to the Leader of Cumbria County Council and raise the issues highlighted by Councillors

103. URGENT ROAD CLOSURE – BORRANS ROAD AMBLESIDE

The County Council has notified the County Councillor that this closure will be rescheduled and will not take place in the week leading up to Christmas.

Councillor McCarten felt this initial work schedule was abysmal and

symptomatic of the lack of communication between Cumbria CC and the people on the ground locally.  
RESOLVED That a letter be written highlighting the lack of communication.

104 LAKE DISTRICT CAR PARK EXPANSION – RYDAL ROAD CAR PARK  
The Clerk had circulated information on early proposals by developers on behalf of SLDC for Rydal Road car park. The Clerk has responded to the developers and asked them to come to a future meeting of the Council.  
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105. TREE WORK

T/2018/0160 – Beck Grove Cottage, Lake Road Ambleside – Fell one Beech tree.

T/2018/0163 – Queens Head Hotel Troutbeck – T1 Crown lift 1 Willow over roof to give 3m clearance; T2 Willow to remove whole tree overhanging the annex building; T3 Lime to remove 1 whole stem nearest the annex building.

T/2018/0169 – Neaum Crag, High Nook Tarn, Skelwith Bridge – Fell Douglas Fir; crown raise Oak; fell Corsican Pine; crown raise lowest limb of Oak.  
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106. PLANNING DECISIONS

Approvals

7/2018/5602 – 2E Strollers, Gale Crescent Ambleside – extensions and alterations

7/2018/5595 – High Green House Troutbeck – kitchen/dining extension.

7/2018/5607 – Underhelm Farm Grasmere – take down wall and rebuild etc  
Withdrawn

7/2018/5504 – Beckside Bottoms Troutbeck – General Agricultural Building

7/2018/5627 – Lancrigg Grasmere – 2 x 3 Glamping Pods and Treatment Plant

The Chairman wished everyone a very happy Christmas.

The Meeting closed at 7.55pm