

## LAKES PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> May 2019 in the Council Chamber, First Floor, The Library, Kelsick Road, Ambleside at 6.30pm

PRESENT: Cllr L Waterhouse (In the Chair), B. Hewitt, Mrs J. Birkett, W. Clark, Mrs E. Footit, Mrs G. Hodgkinson, L. Johnson, N.C. Martin, Mrs V Rees, C. Shepherd, P. Simpson, Mrs A. Sowerbutts, P.A.Thompson and Mrs D. Wood.

IN ATTENDANCE: Cllr M. Lamb, newly elected District Councillor for Ambleside and Grasmere.

APOLOGIES: Cllr P.Truelove, The Police.

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

### 1 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Cllr Louise Waterhouse was nominated as Chairman by Cllr Johnson and seconded by Cllr Simpson. 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. She welcomed the new Councillors to the meeting.

### 2 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the following meetings were approved:

- Council meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> April 2019.

### 3 ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN

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

### 4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

Cllr Mrs Waterhouse declared an interest in all Planning. Cllr Mrs Rees declared an interest in Planning application 7/2019/5244 Bridge House Hotel, Grasmere. There were no other declarations of interest or requests for dispensations.

### 5 MATTERS OF INFORMATION FROM AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 2

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, and Martin. Members also agreed to add the Chairman of the Finance Committee to the list of signatories to replace Mrs Sparrow.  
Approved.

- (ii) National Savings Bank To approve signatories to Withdrawals – currently Cllrs Johnson and Martin. To add the Chairman of the Finance Committee to the signatories of this account - Approved.

8 CHAIRMAN'S ALLOWANCE FOR 2019/20

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 W Clark
- ix. Finance & Outside Projects sub-committee – Cllr PA Thompson (Chairman), Cllrs N Martin, Mrs A. Sowerbutts. L. Johnson 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 Hewitt reported on a recent meeting of the Ambleside Christmas Community Lights Committee. There had been a poor contribution from the Business community last year so letters were being sent out asking for a minimum contribution of £50 this year. To date there had been a reasonable response.
- b. There were no other reports.

11. POLICE REPORT

The Clerk tabled a report from PCSO Jackson who had submitted her apologies.

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The Chairman adjourned the Meeting to allow the public to speak. Two people spoke on the Ambleside Parkrun in support of a grant application. One person spoke on Planning Application 7/2019/5247, Dale Cottage Grasmere.  
The Meeting was reconvened.

12. FINANCE

- a. RESOLVED – to accept the Internal Audit report for 2018/19 and to confirm the findings of the review of the effectiveness of Internal Audit, as reported for 2018/19.
- b. RESOLVED – to affirm the Annual Governance Statement for 2018/19.
- c. RESOLVED – to receive and agree the Annual Accounts for 2018/19. Members wished to record thanks to the Finance Officer for the high standard of work on the Accounts.
- d. RESOLVED – to re-appoint Mrs Lees as Internal Auditor for 2019/20.
- e. RESOLVED – that the Risk Register (updated 2019) was discussed, reviewed and agreed.
- f. RESOLVED – To agree the application from the organisers of Ambleside Parkrun and donate the sum of £1000 provided users park their cars at Miller Field rather than in the Town.

### 13 PLANS FOR CONSIDERATION

1. 7/2019/5240 Coop Compston Road, Ambleside  
Infill extension at the ground floor and the lowering of floor levels; one and a half storey rear and side extension to create mezzanine level at back of house building; relocation of Plant equipment; associated shopfront alterations. – No Objections
2. 7/2019/5244 Bridge House Hotel, Stock Lane, Grasmere  
Refurbishment and extension to the Bridge House Hotel including demolition of existing staff accommodation and erection of new purpose built staff accommodation. – Refusal on the grounds that this is a massive extension in the middle of the conservation area, inappropriate for the area, unneighbourly and at risk of flood. The neighbours do not appear to have been consulted.
3. 7/2019/5247 Dale End Cottage, Grasmere  
Demolition of existing dwelling and construction of new replacement dwelling – resubmission of 7/2019/5088 – the Council are of the view that the Development Control Committee should visit this site prior to considering the application.
4. 7/2019/5248 Shepherds How, Grasmere  
Vary condition 2 (plans) on planning application 7/2017/5435 – extensions on ground and first floor level, replace windows and doors plus landscaping – No Objections
5. 7/2019/5255 Landower, Rydal Road, Ambleside  
Vary condition 2 (plans) on planning application 7/2018/5538 – proposed extensions to rear and side of property – No Objections
6. 7/2019/5257 11 Castlefield, Ambleside  
Erection of boundary fence – No Comment however a Covenant does apply to this application.
7. 7/2019/5263/5264 Lancrigg, Grasmere  
Erection of 3 shepherds cabins Full planning application – Refusal on the grounds that these cabins are out of character for the area. They are in the wrong location, will disturb the tranquillity and the visual amenity.
8. 7/2019/5274 Allan Bank, Grasmere  
Erection of a covered temporary welcome point for staff welfare and the storage of information for a period of two years. – No Objections as long as it is only for the period of two years.

### 14 MATTERS OF INFORMATION

- A. From the Chairman – The Chairman said that she had received a letter from the Internal Auditor complimenting the Finance Officer on the quality and standard of the 2018/19 Accounts.
- B. From the Clerk – Minutes and Agenda Coniston Parish Council May. Minutes and Agenda Windermere Town Council May 2019. The Clerk May 2019, Clerks and Councils Direct May 2019.

- C From Members
  - a. Councillor Johnson spoke about issues around the LDNPA Local Plan that designated the access for Loughrigg Meadow through Loughrigg Park.
  - b. Councillor Martin expressed concern about damaged railings at Waterhead to the right of the Pier. Cllr Clark will chase this up.
- D. From District Councillors - Cllr Lamb had nothing to report.
- E. From the County Councillor – County Cllr Will Clark had nothing to report.

#### 15. LAKE DISTRICT NATIONAL PARK PRE-SUBMISSION LOCAL PLAN

Cllr Truelove had circulated an email questioning the soundness of the Local Plan. Members were concerned that there appears to be no limit on the expected growth of the Rural Service Centres including Ambleside and Grasmere. The damage that excessive tourism could cause to the local infrastructure is of concern. Other issues raised included adding another tier to Rydal Road car park and traffic on Loughrigg Park. RESOLVED That the Clerk write to LDNPA objecting to the Plan and raising the issues highlighted by Members.

#### 16. ELTERWATER COMMON – CAR PARK CHARGING

Cllr Mrs Birkett reported on the two charging meters that had appeared at car parks on the Common. These had been done illegally and enforcement action by LDNPA is underway. The Friends of the Lake District have been contacted about this issue. There is now a huge parking issue on the Common with motorists avoiding the car parks with the charging machines. RECEIVED.

#### 17 TREE WORKS

7/2019/0068 Merewood Hotel – Fell 2 Oak and 1 Beech T623 T619 T614  
No Observations

#### 18. PLANNING DECISIONS

None

The Meeting closed at 7.58pm