

LAKES PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on 3rd July 2019 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 G. Hodkinson, L. Johnson, N.C. Martin, Mrs V. Rees, C. Shepherd, P. Simpson, Mrs A. Sowerbutts, P.A.Thompson, P.Truelove and Mrs D. Wood

APOLOGIES: Cllrs, W. Clark, Mrs E. Footit,. District Cllr M. Lamb, The Police.

ALSO: M. A. Johnson, District Cllr Vicky Hughes, 14 members of the public and Jane Renouf

30 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 5th June 2019 and the Plans Meeting held on 19th June 2019 in the Council Chamber, Ambleside Library were approved as a correct record.

31. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST/DISPENSATIONS

- ◆ The Chairman declared an interest in all Planning Applications
- ◆ Cllr Martin declared an interest in Finance (orders for payment)
- ◆ There were no other declarations of interest or requests for dispensations

32. ITEMS OF INFORMATION FROM MINUTE 30

None

33. POLICE REPORT

- The Clerk circulated a written report covering 10th May to 2nd July 2019 received from PCSO Jackson. She highlighted damage to field gates and boulders in the road that were again being investigated. She appealed to the public for any information.

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34. REPORTS

1. CALC Summer Conference Saturday 22nd June – Members attending felt that this had not been a worthwhile event with much of the content being fairly boring and of little relevance to the work of Lakes Parish Council.
2. Cllr Hewitt reported on a recent meeting of the Ambleside Community Christmas Lights Committee. He felt that it had been an excellent meeting with some response to the funding requests sent out. A decision will be made in August on the continuance of the 2019 event as it was felt that local businesses could do far more to support the Lights due to the trade brought into the Town.
2. There were no other reports

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35. FINANCE

- i. RESOLVED - Cllr Thompson moved the Minutes of the Finance/Outside Projects sub-committee held on July 1st that included Orders for payment together with additional invoices since the Meeting in the sum of £22164.53. The bank statement was circulated showing the current account balance - AGREED.
- ii. Members AGREED the recommendations contained within the Minutes of July 1st.

The Chairman Adjourned the Meeting to allow the public to speak. A number of speakers and guesthouse owners objected to Item 10 on the agenda regarding the removal of parking spaces on Compston Road. One person spoke on a Planning Application relating to a Barn at Troutbeck. One person spoke on the Play area at Greenbank/Castlefield. One person spoke on the noise created by events in Rothay Park (this will be placed on a future agenda).
The Meeting was RECONVENED.

36. PLANS FOR CONSIDERATION - Councillor Hewitt IN THE CHAIR

- 1. 7/2019/5363 Land to the north of Green Gate, Troutbeck
Demolition of existing barn and erection of one dwelling, with associated landscaping – Refusal on the grounds that this is an important barn within the open landscape and there is no reason for it to be demolished. If approved it will result in harm to the landscape and visual amenities of the area. It will also harm the cultural and historic environment contrary to LDNPA policies relating to barns in the open countryside
- 2. 7/2019/5369 Langdale Chase Hotel, Windermere
Replacement of existing dilapidated northern jetty with a new jetty on same footprint and removal of existing dilapidated southern jetty. – No Objection
- 3. 7/2019/5380 Carr Crag Cottage, Skelwith Bridge, Ambleside
A two-storey extension and refurbishment, in addition to the garage demolition and subsequent minor driveway alterations. – Refusal on the grounds of over development. This is a large visual development that will stand out in the local area.
- 4. 7/2019/5381 Stickle Barn, Great Langdale
12 Boreholes for the installation of ground source heat pumps – No Objection
- 5. 7/2019/5391 Anns Cottage, Chapel Stile
Replace existing single storey felt flat roof kitchen extension to rear with new pitched roof slate roof incorporating velux roof light – Approval provided that the slates on the roof match the surrounding properties.

Councillor Mrs Waterhouse – IN THE CHAIR

37. MATTERS OF INFORMATION

- A. From the Chairman - The Chairman said she had been appointed Deputy Chairman of the Development Control Committee at LDNPA. She complimented Cllrs Hewitt and Thompson on the flower displays in Ambleside and Grasmere. She gave the Clerk enforcement information on matters within the Parish.
- B. From the Clerk - Windermere Agenda July Minutes June; Coniston Agenda and Minutes June. The Clerk will be on leave next week.

C. From Members – Cllr Mrs Hodgkinson that she had spoken with Cllr Clark about signage at Rydal and self seeded saplings. Also about illegal parking on highway verges in her Ward. Cllr Johnson relayed information about traffic and signage on the A591 after an incident he had been involved in.

D. From District Councillors – Cllr Mrs Hughes updated members on empty homes in the Parish, the Kirkfield play area proposals as a new project and the wall at Waterhead.

E. From County Councillor – Cllr Clark had submitted his apologies.

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38 TRAFFIC CONGESTION A591 COMPSTON ROAD AMBLESIDE

The Clerk explained the issue where limited parking (1 hour 10am to 6pm) on Compston Road between 'Peggys' and 'Matthews Bistro' exacerbated the problems for traffic trying to access and pass through Ambleside on the A591. There were already two sets of pedestrian controlled traffic lights causing delays and motorists stopping on Compston Road to reverse into an available space added to this delay. At peak times the traffic queue stretched towards Waterhead. The problem would only get worse. A general discussion then took place on this issue taking into account representations from the public earlier in the Meeting.

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39. TREE WORKS

T/2019/0080 – Bridge House Hotel, Stock Lane, Grasmere – Fell Beech, Cypress, Beech Pine and Maple; Maple, Beech, Cypress and Sycamore T2 T3 T4 T5 T6 T7 T8 and T13. T9 and T10 Douglas firs – reassess once ivy is removed but applying for felling in case it is in poor condition.

T/2019/0089 – Littlegarth, Kirkstone Road Ambleside – Remove 1 cherry, reduce 1 maple

T/2019/0093 - Brae Holme, Belle Vue Lane Ambleside – Fell 2 conifers and self seeded trees on banking; remove 3 stems of multi-stemmed rowan and prune oak away from acer

T/2019/0098 – 4 Fair View Terrace, Ambleside – Fell 1 Ash and 1 Sycamore self seeded

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40. PLANNING DECISIONS

Approvals

7/2019/5240 – Coop Compston Road Ambleside – infill extension at ground floor and lower floor levels; rear and side extension; relocated plant etc

Refusals

7/2019/5263 – Lancrigg, Grasmere – Erection of 3 Shepherds cabins.

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The Meeting closed at 7.35pm