

LAKES PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on 4th September 2019 in the Council Chamber, First Floor, Ambleside Library at 6.30pm

PRESENT: Cllrs Mrs L Waterhouse (In the Chair), W. Clark, Mrs J. Birkett, Mrs G. Hodkinson, N.C. Martin, C. Shepherd, Mrs A. Sowerbutts, P.A.Thompson and P.Truelove

APOLOGIES: Cllrs, B. Hewitt, Mrs E. Footit, L. Johnson, Mrs V. Rees, P. Simpson, Mrs D. Wood, District Cllr M. Lamb, District Cllr Mrs V. Hughes and The Police.

ALSO: M. A. Johnson, University of Cumbria representative
Andy Grivett, 2 members of the public and Jane Renouf

52. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 7th August 2019 in the Council Chamber, Ambleside Library were approved as a correct record.

53. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST/DISPENSATIONS

- ◆ Cllr Clark declared an interest in the grant application for Learning Plus, Ambleside.
- ◆ Cllr Martin declared an interest in Planning Application 7/2019/5454.
- ◆ The Chairman declared an interest in all Planning.
- ◆ There were no other declarations of interest or requests for dispensations

54. ITEMS OF INFORMATION FROM MINUTE 52

None

55. POLICE REPORT

No report received

56. REPORTS

1. There were no reports
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57. FINANCE

- i. RESOLVED - Cllr Thompson moved the Minutes of the Finance/Outside Projects sub-committee held on 2nd September that included Orders for payment together with additional invoices since the Meeting in the sum of £17026.75. The bank statement was circulated showing the current account balance - AGREED.
- ii. Members AGREED the recommendations contained within the Minutes including awarding the contract for the upgrade of the Crazy Golf to Urban Crazy, the purchase of a miniature Bridge House plus

Cottage/barn from Lakeland Miniature Village, the process for the recruitment of a Parish Steward and the awarding of a grant of £1500 to Learning Plus.

- iii. Members agreed to RECEIVE the closure of the Audit for 2018/2019 and commended the Finance Officer on her outstanding work to achieve yet another unqualified audit result.

The Chairman Adjourned the Meeting to allow the public to speak. One person spoke on issues in the Greenbank/Castlefield area and the progress of the play area. One person spoke on the forthcoming planning application for improved car parking at Rydal Road University football ground.

The Meeting was RECONVENED.

58. PLANS FOR CONSIDERATION

1. 7/2019/5305 Land to east of Low Wood Hotel, Windermere
Run off river hydroelectric scheme for the generation of renewable energy – Refusal on the grounds of the ecological damage that will be caused to the Woodland in the immediate area of the scheme.
2. 7/2019/5371 Highcroft, Under Loughrigg Lane, Ambleside
Amendment to design, condition 2 on planning application 7/2018/5696 – extension and alterations to house including adding first floor to part of the dwelling. – No Comment
3. 7/2019/5454 The Annexe, Netherby, Wansfell Road, Ambleside
Change of use of ancillary annexed accommodation to a dwelling. – No objection.
4. 7/2019/5471 Lake Road Garage, Lake Road, Ambleside
Door and window alterations – No Objection
5. 7/2019/5484 Galava Shiel, Borrans Road, Ambleside
Single storey extension – No Objection
6. 7/2019/5490 Land adjacent to Briery Close Drive, Windermere
Variation of condition 1 on Planning permission 7/2014/5457 – retention of two loose boxes and extension until 9 September 2024. – No Objection
7. 7/2019/5495 Brunt How Cottage, Loughrigg Ambleside
Amend design for fenestration, pitched roof added to garages with photovoltaic cells and raising of ground floor level of gym/ancillary building (Condition 2 plans 7/2019/5187) – No Comment
8. 7/2019/5510 4A Main Street, Elterwater
1. Relocate utility meter to outside wall at rear of property; 2 to fit non invasive underfloor heating using Wundatherm panels laid on top of existing floor; 3 to fit preparatory wiring for EV charger – to be used once plug standard has been agreed – No Objection

9. 7/2019/5525 Rothay Garden Hotel, Broadgate, Grasmere
Change of use from Managers House to lettable house in connection with the hotel. – No Objection however the Council would like this to remain in local occupation.

10. 7/2019/5519 Sheilas Cottage, The Slack Ambleside
Modification of kitchen extractor unit – No Objection

11. 7/2019/5522 4 Compston Street, Ambleside
Construction of single storey extension and conversion of roof providing roof level windows – No Objection

12. 7/2019/5526 Land off Holbeck Lane Troutbeck
Proposed renewal for a further five years of application 7/2014/5526 – loose boxes – No Objection

13. 7/2019/5533 Hill Crest, Town End, Troutbeck
To reposition a Calor gas tank, to replace a septic tank with a water treatment plant and to remove a section of wall from the bridleway to make a parking area for two cars (resubmission of 7/2019/5393) – No Objection to the Calor tank or the septic tank part of the application however No Comment on the removal of the wall.

14. 7/2019/5539 The Larches, Under Loughrigg, Miller Bridge, Ambleside
Proposed installation of a sewage treatment plant to replace the existing septic tank - No Objection

59. MATTERS OF INFORMATION

A. From the Chairman - The Chairman reported on the recent Development Control Committee at LDNPA where various decisions had been made. She had made her choices in the Parish in Bloom competition. She had a list of enforcement actions by LDNPA for viewing if required.

B. From the Clerk - Windermere Agenda August, Minutes July. Coniston Agenda and Minutes July. The Office will be closed from 9th September apart from Fridays. It will reopen fully on 23rd September.

C. From Members – Cllr Mrs Birkett reported on sheep sheltering in the Elterwater bus shelter which is Lakes PC responsibility. The Clerk will ask the Parish Handyman to give it some attention. Cllr Mrs Hodgkinson thanked the County Cllr for various work done in her Ward but highlighted other work that needed doing.

D. From District Councillors – Apologies from both.

E. From County Councillor – Cllr Clark reported on highways matters he is dealing with. During inclement weather there is a large puddle on the A591 near Henry Roberts in Ambleside. Cllr Thompson raised a road surfacing issue at Stonecroft.

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60 CLOSURE OF BT TELEPHONE BOXES IN LAKES PARISH

A consultation is underway by BT to close every telephone box in Lakes Parish on the grounds of non use. SLDC are the responsible authority and have indicated that a closure date for comments may be in November. The Clerk will report when further information is received.

RESOLVED - To agree to object to the removal in the Langdale Valley due to poor and sometimes nil mobile phone reception.

61. ISSUES AT RYDAL

Cllr Mrs Hodkinson spoke on issues involving heavy traffic through Rydal and also sheep worrying that appears to be on the increase. She outlined some measures being considered including technology in the longer term. She also said that the PCSO was organising some sheep worrying leaflets.

RESOLVED That the Clerk write to the appropriate authorities bringing these issues to their attention.

62. COOPTION OF A COUNCILLOR FOR LANGDALES WARD

The Clerk reported interest from 3 persons within the Parish. One who lives in Langdale, one who lives in Loughrigg and the other from Grasmere.

RESOLVED To defer this issue and invite all three prospective applicants to the Plans Meeting in October to speak to the Council and outline why they wish to become a Councillor.

63. APPOINTMENT OF PARISH STEWARD.

The Clerk had received a late application for the post. One person has already been interviewed by the Finance Committee.

RESOLVED To defer the appointment and interview the late applicant prior to the Finance Committee on 30th September. A decision will then be taken at the October full Council meeting.

64. TREE WORKS

T/2019/0125 – 3 How Head, Ambleside – reduce height of holly by 1m and prune away from house.

T/2019/0126 – Land at Church Stile Road, Grasmere – Crown raise Beech and Sycamore to 5.2m over highway.

T/2019/0142 - 8 Gale How Park, Ambleside – T19/T20 Beech reduce bulk;

T22 Norway Maple, T23 Sycamore and T24 Sycamore – reduce bulk;

Remove two young trees Oak and Silver Birch.

T/2019/0143 – Ambleside Park, Borrans Road, Ambleside – Quercus robur –

A weight reduction is now required to balance the tree. The tree has undergone emergency work due to storm damage. The tree had two large branches fall that needed clearing/pruning.

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65. PLANNING DECISIONS

Approvals

7/2019/5381 – Stickle Barn Langdale – 12 boreholes ground heat pumps

7/2019/5439 – 2 Meresyke, Elterwater – demolish conservatory etc

7/2019/5133 – Hunting Stile Grasmere – extend loft and new entrance porch

7/2019/5182 – Smallwood House Ambleside – rear extension etc.

7/2019/5321 – Lothlorien, Lower Gale Ambleside – demolish existing dwelling and construct new replacement dwelling – resubmission of 7/2018/5606.

7/2019/5357/8 – Maple Tree Corner Elterwater – change to restaurant/café

7/2019/5391 - Anns Cottage, Chapel Stile – replace flat roof kitchenpitch roof.

Refusals

7/2019/5293 – Smallwood House Hotel, Ambleside – change of use from hotel (C1) to residential (C3) to facilitate the development of up to 5 apartments without alteration fo the external appearance without compliance with condition 4 of 7/2016/5672 to allow for the occupation of the basement flat to be unfettered by any local occupancy restriction.

Appeals

7/2018/5345 – Grasmere Garden Centre, Grasmere – Appeal against refusal of planning permission to be dealt with by a Hearing – To consider representation at the Appeal and any further representations that the Council may wish to make.

RESOLVED To agree that Cllr Truelove attends the Grasmere Garden Centre appeal hearing on behalf of the Council.

66. CLERK SUCCESSION

Members agreed to defer this item to the next Meeting.

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The Meeting closed at 7.45pm