

LAKES PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on 11th December 2019 in the Council Chamber, First Floor, Ambleside Library at 6.30pm

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

APOLOGIES: Cllrs L. Johnson, Mrs D. Wood, District Cllr M. Lamb

ALSO: M. A. Johnson and Jane Renouf

Prior to the commencement of the Meeting the Chairman wished everyone the compliments of the season.

95 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on November 20th 2019 in the Council Chamber, Ambleside Library were approved as a correct record.

96. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST/DISPENSATIONS

- ◆ Cllrs Martin and Thompson declared an interest in Finance (Orders for Payment).
- ◆ Cllr Hewitt declared an interest both personal and prejudicial in Planning Application 7/2019/5772 Walmar Guest House.
- ◆ The Chairman declared an interest in all Planning.
- ◆ There were no other declarations of interest.
- ◆ The Clerk granted a dispensation to Cllr Hewitt to speak on matters of fact relating to Planning Application 7/2019/5772.
- ◆ There were no other declarations of interest or requests for a dispensation.

97. ITEMS OF INFORMATION FROM MINUTE 95

The Clerk had received no response to his query on coach parking in Ambleside

98. POLICE REPORT

PCSO Jackson is on Maternity leave for a year and no report has been received.

99. REPORTS

1. Councillor Truelove reported on the Lake District National Park examination in public that he had attended. He had spoken on the three main issues affecting Lakes Parish, Rural Service Centres, Traffic Management areas and the increase in the level of Tourism. The business sector had been well represented however there had been very few community representatives in attendance. Cllr Martin thanked Cllr Truelove on behalf of the Council for his comprehensive report.

2. Cllr Hewitt reported that the Ambleside Christmas Lights had been a huge success and funding was in place for next year. Cllr Martin also thanked Cllr Hewitt for his report.

3. There were no other reports

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100. FINANCE

- i. RESOLVED - Cllr Thompson moved the Minutes of the Finance/Outside Projects sub-committee meeting held on 2nd December that included Orders for payment together with additional invoices since the Meeting in the sum of £22061.08. The bank statement was circulated showing the current account balance. AGREED.
- ii. Members AGREED the recommendations contained within the Minutes including the grant of £500 towards the Grasmere Christmas lights.
- iii. RESOLVED on a motion of Cllr Hewitt and seconded by Cllr Martin that the Budget for 2020/2021 be agreed and that the Precept be set at £98000.

The Chairman Adjourned the Meeting to allow the public to speak.
The Meeting was RECONVENED. CLLR HEWITT IN THE CHAIR

101. PLANS FOR CONSIDERATION

1. 7/2019/5708 The Old Smithy, The Slack, Ambleside
Change of use of chip shop (in part) to create one dwelling – No objection
2. 7/2019/5723 Town End House, Troutbeck
The replacement of an existing outbuilding, which will be used as ancillary accommodation for Town End House. – Refusal on the grounds that this is in open countryside and out of character for the area. This application if approved could set a precedent for further development. The Council are of the opinion that this application may result in use as a holiday let separate from the main building.
3. 7/2019/5751/5752 Robinson Place Farm, Great Langdale
Siting of a LPG Tank (in lieu of existing oil tank) and installation of package treatment plant (to replace existing septic tank) – No Objection
4. 7/2019/5760 White Lion Hotel, Market Place, Ambleside
Installation of replacement illuminated and non-illuminated signs to the exterior of the building. – No Objection however previous permission for signage at the nearby Ambleside Hotel has resulted in a large and garish sign in the Conservation area which should not be repeated.
5. 7/2019/5768/5769 Robinson Place Farm, Great Langdale
Change of use of B&B accommodation to a four bed holiday let and associated internal alterations and external repairs to farmhouse. – No Objection

Councillor THOMPSON IN THE CHAIR

6. 7/2019/5772 Walmar Guest House, Lake Road, Ambleside
Change of use from Guest House to House in Multiple Occupation (HMO) for
Regent Hotel Group staff – No Objection

7. The Hedgerows Regulations 1997 HN/19/03 – Grasmere WWTW Stock
Lane Grasmere
Hedgerow Removal – No Objection

8.7/2019/5742 1 Ghyllside Ambleside
Internal alterations, living room, bedroom, porch extensions and new garden
terrace – No Objection

9. 7/2019/5761 Waterhead Marine, Ambleside
Redevelopment of marina to provide up to 47 berths, erection of 2 no
replacement dwelling houses, 5 no holiday lets and berth holder facilities and
associated infrastructure including car parking. – Refusal on highway safety
grounds as this proposal is at a dangerous and narrow point of the A591. The
Council feel this is overdevelopment of the site and that the number of car
parking spaces is totally inadequate for the 47 berths proposed. The Council
feel that the construction phase of this development with the nearby
Waterhead traffic lights will cause immense problems for traffic on the A591
which already has major issues in summertime where queues can stretch
back towards Windermere.

10. 7/2019/5774 University of Cumbria Rydal Road Ambleside
Change of use of ground floor to licenced bar (Use Class A4) – No Objection

11. 7/2019/5782 The Haven, The Green, Ambleside
New window at first floor facing garden, internal alterations, new access – No
Objection

12. 7/2019/5784 3 / 4 Cheapside, Ambleside
Amendment to opening hours, condition 4 planning permission 7/2013/5138 –
move 'Bilbo's Café' from 1st floor to ground floor. Convert 1st/2nd floors to
student lets in a single flat. Move extractor fan from 1st floor rear window to
ground floor rear window. Minor internal changes – No Objection

13. 7/2019/5710 Fisherbeck Hotel, Lake Road Ambleside
Extend the upper ground floor and first floor, together with internal alterations
and raising part of the upper ground floor level – No Objection

CLLR MRS WATERHOUSE IN THE CHAIR

102. MATTERS OF INFORMATION

A. From the Chairman - The Chairman reported she had attended
the LDNPA plan examination. The issue of the lodge at Halfway
House was being looked at again. There is a judicial review on the

decision of the LDNPA Rights of Way Committee regarding green lanes at Tilberthwaite.

B. From the Clerk - Windermere Agenda December, Minutes November. Coniston Agenda and Minutes November. The Office will be closed for the Christmas period from Wednesday 18th December. It will be open on Monday 30th December for the production of the next agenda and any outstanding business.

C. From Members – Cllr Birkett reported on the possible provision of a seat at Elterwater. Cllr Truelove was concerned about vandalism of a gate at Loughrigg Terrace. Cllr Mrs Hodgkinson was concerned about vandalism at Rydal Mount. Cllr Mrs Footit expressed concern about theft of car wheels in daylight hours.

D. From District Councillors – None present

E. From County Councillor – Cllr Clark reported on highways matters he is dealing with. The A592 will receive an upgrade with money allocated. He advised everyone to check their nearest grit bins. He will take Members queries to the relevant department of the County Council.

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103. RESIGNATION OF COUNCILLOR MRS SOWERBUTTS

The Clerk reported the resignation of Cllr Mrs Sowerbutts on the grounds of ill health. The Vacancy will be advertised in the normal way once the General Election is concluded.

RESOLVED – That the Chairman will write to Cllr Mrs Sowerbutts and thank her for her service to the Council and she will buy something appropriate for her.

104. TREE WORKS

None received

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105. PLANNING DECISIONS

Approvals

7/2019/5417 – 1,2 and 3 Wansfell Holme, Windermere – works to and in the grounds.

7/2019/5595 – Carr Crag Cottage, Skelwith Bridge – 2 storey extension and refurb

7/2019/5630 – Regent Hotel, Waterhead – erection of rear extension

7/2019/5644 – Dunnabeck, White Moss, Rydal – remove porch and replace etc.

7/2019/5672 – Zeffirellis Arcade, Compston Road, Ambleside – single storey extension to south corner of the site to extend café area and balcony over ground floor extension.

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The MOVED to Part 2 and a general discussion took place on a possible project for Lakes Parish Council that could be implemented in the New Year.

The Meeting closed at 7.55pm