

LAKES PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on 20th November 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: Mrs D. Wood

ALSO: M. A. Johnson, District Cllr M. Lamb, Ken and Roz Taylor from South Cumbria Rivers Trust, 6 members of the public and Jane Renouf

Prior to the commencement of the Meeting the Chairman presented the Clerk with an Award from Lakes in Bloom as a person making an outstanding contribution to the area. Cllr Mrs Wood remains poorly in a nursing home. There was a presentation on Himalayan Balsam by volunteers from the South Cumbria Rivers Trust.

83 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on October 2nd and the Plans Meeting held on 23rd October in the Council Chamber, Ambleside Library were approved as a correct record.

84. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST/DISPENSATIONS

- ◆ Cllr Martin declared an interest in Finance (Orders for Payment) and Tree work at Ambleside Junior School.
- ◆ The Chairman declared an interest in all Planning.
- ◆ There were no other declarations of interest or requests for dispensations

85. ITEMS OF INFORMATION FROM MINUTE 83

The Finance Committee recommended that Minute number 72(iv) be rescinded and this will be taken later in the Agenda.

86. POLICE REPORT

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

87. REPORTS

1. Bus Panel Meeting 6 November near Ambleside Rugby Club - Cllr Thompson had attended and the Clerk had circulated the recommendation of the meeting that a bus stop be placed near the Rugby Club.
2. Cllr Johnson reported that he had been unable to attend the University Liaison Meeting that had taken place on 18th November and would report when the Minutes are available.
3. Cllr Truelove reported on the Grasmere Garden Centre hotel appeal where the Inspector had failed to attend. It was being rearranged.

4. Cllr Truelove reported on the Lake District Transport Conference that he had attended. The Highway Authority had not been represented.
 5. Cllr Mrs Birkett reported on a meeting with the National Trust at Chapel Stile.
 6. Cllr Johnson reported on a Lake Admin Committee that he described as a disaster as not enough delegates from the principal authority turned up. He had attended Remembrance services and the prizegiving for Lakes in Bloom.
 7. Cllr Hewitt had attended Remembrance services and the prizegiving for Lakes in Bloom. He had represented the Council at the opening of the Castlefield Play park.
 8. There were no other reports
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88. FINANCE

- i. RESOLVED - Cllr Thompson moved the Minutes of the Finance/Outside Projects sub-committee meetings held on 28th October and 4th November that included Orders for payment together with additional invoices since the Meeting in the sum of £56648.11. The bank statement was circulated showing the current account balance. AGREED.
- ii. Members AGREED the recommendations contained within the Minutes including the replacement of 4 bus shelters on the A591 at a cost of £7595 plus VAT; that a grant of £5000 is agreed for Ambleside Community Christmas Community Lights; that a grant of £1000 is given towards the start-up costs of the Park Run; that a grant of £1000 is given towards the pilot scheme in Lakes Parish for community transport for hospital appointments; that £2000 be allocated to the PCC of St Mary's Church, Ambleside to enable printing and distribution of the Parish Newsletter.
- iii. RESOLVED on a motion of Cllr Johnson and seconded by Cllr Martin that the recommendation of the Finance and Outside Projects Committee to rescind Minute Number 72(iv) be carried and that Peter Ross be appointed Parish Steward with effect from 1 January 2020.

The Chairman Adjourned the Meeting to allow the public to speak. One person spoke on Ambleside Action for the Future and events planned. One person thanked the Council for their support with the Greenbank/Castlefield play park and highlighted parking issues in the area. One person highlighted the lack of progress by Highways in moving the sign at the bottom of Wansfell Road and also temporary traffic lights that cause major congestion on the A591. One person said that an Oral History event will take place on 22 November in the Kelsick Hall. The Meeting was RECONVENED. CLLR HEWITT IN THE CHAIR

89. PLANS FOR CONSIDERATION

1. 7/2019/5543 Wordsworth Hotel, Grasmere

Formation of additional hotel facilities – developed in the footprint of the existing staff accommodation and connected to the existing hotel by a proposed link. – Refusal on the grounds of the loss of staff accommodation that will create more staff travel and create more pressure on the village amenities of Grasmere. This proposal does not conform to Park policy CS24 because of the loss of staff accommodation. There is also an issue with potential flooding risk in the car park of this Hotel.

2. 7/2019/5686 8 Gale How Park, Ambleside

Proposed balcony and external alterations – No Objections

3. 7/2019/5692 Grasmere Tea Gardens, Grasmere

Erection of replacement canopy, door and window – No Objections

4. 7/2019/5697 Langdale Chase Hotel, Windermere

Refurbishment of hotel. Creation of new car park. Erection of spa building. Erection of bedroom block. Extension of existing boat house. Associated hospitality related infrastructure including new jetty and small cabin building. Landscaping. – Approval however the Council is concerned about the loss of staff accommodation.

5. 7/2019/5698 Langdale Chase Hotel, Windermere

Refurbishment of hotel including removal and replacement of existing conservatory, window and door replacement and refurbishment, internal alterations and refurbishment of extension to existing boat house. – Approval on the grounds of an improvement to the current unapproved windows in situ.

6. 7/2019/5700 Brockhole, Lake District Visitor Centre

Installation of underground ground source heat pump heating coils and pipeline. Conversion of an existing single storey store room into a new plant room. – Approval

7. 7/2019/5703 Unit 3, 1st floor (or Art Gallery 1st Floor) 1 Church Street Ambleside

Change of use of first floor retail unit into a 1 bedroom flat. – Approval as this is for the use of local veterinary surgeons.

8. 7/2019/5704 – The Howes, 1 Gale Crescent, Lower Gale, Ambleside

Removal of condition 2 (occupancy restriction) of permission 7/1989/5417 – conversion of existing guesthouse to student accommodation with galvanised fire escape to rear. – Refusal on the grounds that this street is congested and the development proposed has no car parking. Concern is expressed that the purpose of this application may be to allow holiday letting. This is an unneighbourly application.

9. 7/2019/5709 Land to north of Green Gate, Troutbeck

Demolition of existing barn and erection of one dwelling with associated landscaping following withdrawal of Planning Application 7/2019/5363. –

Refusal on the grounds that this is large building in open countryside and is against Park Policies. This application is unacceptable in principle and would result in harm to the visual amenities of the area and also harm to the cultural historic environment. In any event the derelict barn requires statutory advertisement in the open market at a realistic price to rent or buy for a period of six months before any decision can be made about it being redundant.

10. 7/2019/5711 Oak Bank Hotel, Grasmere
Replacement of two windows and creation of one new window in an existing wall. – No Objection

CLLR MRS WATERHOUSE IN THE CHAIR

90. MATTERS OF INFORMATION

A. From the Chairman - The Chairman reported her attendance at the Ambleside Christmas Lights switch-on and the Lakes in Bloom presentation of prizes.

B. From the Clerk - Windermere Agenda November, Minutes October. Coniston Agenda and Minutes October. The Office will be closed on Monday Tuesday and Wednesday next week due to the Clerk being on leave.

C. From Members – Cllr Mrs Hodgkinson reported on vandalism at White Moss that had caused concern locally and at LDNPA also the National Trust, however a chainsaw had not been used as reported. Cllrs Thompson and Hewitt had been bulb planting however someone had stolen the central plant features in tubs near the Rugby Club. Cllr Hewitt said he would continue his campaign against A Boards in the Parish.

D. From District Councillors – Cllr Lamb expressed concern about a road closure at Skelwith where the Police had told him they had been unable to staff the incident properly due to manpower shortages.

E. From County Councillor – Cllr Clark reported on highways matters he is dealing with. The road surfacing at Waterhead went well. There will be periodic work near Lakes School to complete the flood relief scheme. He will take Members queries to the relevant department of the County Council.

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91. COACH PARKING IN AMBLESIDE

The Clerk had circulated information. Cllr Thompson said that there was little signage and information for coach drivers who did not know the area. Coach parking is inadequate and he said that there should be six coach spaces provided at the new Miller Field car park extension if approved by LDNPA.

RESOLVED – That the Clerk write to SLDC.

92. ARMITT CHARITABLE ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE

The Council has been invited to nominate a Trustee who will serve on the new Board of the Armitt

RESOLVED to ask for more information on the duties and role prior to a nomination being submitted.

93. TREE WORKS

T/2019/0194 – Ambleside Junior School, Ambleside – Fell Hornbeam

T/2019/0197 – Ford Lane Barn, Troutbeck – Oak – 2.5m reduction 15% thin

T/2019/0206 – Youth Hostel Butharlyp How, Grasmere – Fell 1 Beech as

Meripilus present at base

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94. PLANNING DECISIONS

Approvals

7/2019/5461 – The Nest, The River House, Clappersgate – use as dwelling

7/2019/5484 – Galava Shiel, Borrans Road, Ambleside – single storey ext.

7/2019/5552 – Construct single storey extension convert roof with windows

7/2019/5524 – Town End Grasmere – various approvals of conditions

7/2019/5539 – The Larches Under Loughrigg – installation of sewage treatment plant

7/2019/5546 – Brae Holme, Belle Vue Lane Ambleside – extension/alterations

7/2019/5547 – High Crag, Gale Rigg Ambleside – replace balcony/windows

7/2019/5550 – Cragwood House, Ecclerigg – alterations to driveway entrance

7/2019/5559 – 1 Orchard Mount, Troutbeck – alter pitch roof, replace windows

7/2019/5584 – Allan Bank, Grasmere – erect glass house, kitchen garden etc

7/2019/5602 – Angle Tarn, Neaum Crag – use period 1 March to 4 January

7/2019/5615 – Ecclerigg Court, Eccerigg – single storey extension

7/2019/5521 – Coop, Compston Road, Ambleside – installation of ATM

7/2019/5623 – The Samling Hotel – removal of low stone boundary wall facing highway

7/2019/5628 – The Samling Hotel – new entrance signage

Refusals

7/2019/5244 – Bridge House Hotel, Grasmere – refurbishment and extension

7/2019/5563 – 1A Lake Road, Ambleside – one hoarding

7/2019/5568 – Mill Brow Farm, Skelwith Bridge – removal of occupancy condition

7/2019/5519 – Sheila's Cottage Restaurant Ambleside – modification of kitchen extractor outlet.

Withdrawn

7/2019/5533 – Hill Crest, Town End, Troutbeck – reposition calor tank remove wall

7/2019/5598 – Overmere, The Barn, Grasmere – Local occupancy dwelling

T/2019/0147 – Loughrigg Brow, Under Loughrigg – Crown raise trees over tennis court. Fell 2 x dead Hollies. Fell small diseased Ash small Dying Oak

T/2019/0153 – Jawnie Wife House, Troutbeck – Pollard 1 x paulownia tomentosa

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The Meeting closed at 8.05pm