

LAKES PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on 4th March 2020 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 G. Hodkinson, L. Johnson, N.C. Martin, P. Martyn, P. Simpson, C. Shepherd, P. Truelove, P.A. Thompson and P. Wileman

APOLOGIES: Cllr Mrs E. Footit, Mrs V. Rees and The Police

IN ATTENDANCE: Peter Winter (Planning Consultant)

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

The Chairman welcomed the new Councillors to their first Meeting.

130 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on February 5th 2020 in the Council Chamber, Ambleside Library were approved as a correct record.

131. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST/DISPENSATIONS

- ◆ Cllr Waterhouse declared an interest in all Planning.
- ◆ Cllr Martin and Cllr Thompson declared an interest in Orders for Payment
- ◆ Cllr Mrs Hodkinson declared an interest in the Finance Minutes relating to the request from her Members allowance.
- ◆ Cllr Thompson declared an interest in Planning 7/2020/5095.
- ◆ There were no other declarations of interest or requests for a dispensation.

132. ITEMS OF INFORMATION FROM MINUTE 130

None

133 POLICE REPORT

PCSO Debbie Ross had submitted her apologies but provided a report which was circulated to Members.

134. REPORTS

1. There were no reports

135. FINANCE

- i. On the MOTION of Cllr Thompson the Minutes of the Finance and Outside Projects Committee held on Monday 2nd March were agreed as a correct record. Orders for Payment in the sum of £18864.39p were approved. Cllrs agreed to the request from Cllr Hodkinson to donate £50 from her annual allowance towards hosting the Rydal Village website. The Committee agreed an advance payment of £250 to Lakeland Miniature Village for work to be done at the

crazy golf in White Platts. Members AGREED a donation to Our Place Youth Club in the sum of £1500.

- ii. The post of Finance Officer/Outside Projects/Clerk designate will be taken in Part 2.
- iii. Members agreed to discuss a commercially confidential project in Part 2.
- iv. The Committee declined a request from Gordon Emery to pay towards his Public Liability Insurance as in previous years as the Council has now employed a Parish Steward and he will undertake any necessary work within the Parish.
- v. There were no other financial matters.

The Chairman Adjourned the Meeting to allow the public to speak. Peter Winter spoke on a Planning application in Grasmere. The new owner of the Rectory in Grasmere also spoke on his planning application to be considered later in the agenda.

The Meeting was RECONVENED

CLLR HEWITT IN THE CHAIR

136. PLANS FOR CONSIDERATION

1. 7/2019/5804 Land adjacent Lingmoor View, Chapel Stile, Ambleside
Formation of residential parking area – Refusal on the grounds of adverse environmental impact in an area of great landscape value especially the removal of trees and groundwork involving removal of rocks.
2. 7/2020/5035 The Works, Under Loughrigg, Ambleside
Change of use of B8 Storage Unit to mixed use site comprising Gym, Office and Storage plus car parking.- No Objections
3. 7/2020/5003 Land to the rear of Smallwood House Compston Road Ambleside
Non-material amendment to planning application 7/2019/5182 (Rear extension of Smallwood House and the formation of 1 no. one bedroom apartment, parking undercroft and refuse storage) to alter the proposed south-east elevation to include a new ground floor level vehicular opening; new access to the highway; alterations to proposed south-west elevation to remove the vehicular openings at ground floor level – No comment shown as Refusal on LDNPA site.
4. 7/2020/5085 Overmere, The Barn, Pavement End, Grasmere
Local Occupancy dwelling following withdrawn application 7/2019/5598 – Approval as this is for a local resident who has been in the community for many years and wishes to continue to farm in the local area. The Council are fully supportive of this application It meets the criteria in Policies CS018 CS16 and CS10.

5. 7/2020/5089 Langthwaite, Grasmere

Installation of a new non-mains drainage system including diversion of existing foul drain to new package treatment plant – No Comment

6. 7/2020/5095 Cairn How, Gale Rigg, Ambleside

Variation of condition on planning permission 7/2018/5768:- condition 2 (plans) – internal refurbishment and remodel of entire property and small first floor extension to rear of building. Changes to external cladding, removal of external steps and replacement of doors and windows. – No Objections

7. 7/2020/5111 and 5112 The Rectory, Grasmere

Alterations to house and change of use of Tythe Barn to form ancillary/holiday let accommodation – Refusal as this is not in accordance with Policy CS18 relating to holiday letting when the property could be converted for local needs. The Tythe Barn is of great local significance and has been a much used local asset. There is a lack of parking that will impact on any holiday lettings. This is a substantial change to the Tythe Barn with 3 ensuite bedrooms, a kitchen and a large diner. The Council, while recognising that the property is in private ownership, feel that the Barn could be converted to two small affordable units for rent to elderly local people who might wish to be nearer the centre of the village and its amenities.

CLLR MRS WATERHOUSE IN THE CHAIR

137. MATTERS OF INFORMATION

A. From the Chairman - The Chairman reported on the LDNPA Development Control Committee decisions taken earlier in the day. She commented on the impact of the Corona virus on visitor numbers to the Park especially from the Chinese and overseas communities.

B. From the Clerk - Windermere Agenda March, Minutes February. Coniston Agenda and Minutes February. The next meeting is Plans at 6.30 on Wednesday 18th March. The Office will be closed on Tuesday next week as the Clerk is at hospital.

C. From Members – Cllr Mrs Hodgkinson and the Rydal Village Society had queried the cost of a traffic order for speeding given as £33k. Cllr Thompson thanked the County Councillor for solving the puddle problem in the Market Place at Ambleside. Cllr Truelove commented on the upgrade of bylaws for smaller Lakes that he has been told will happen in 2021. Cllr Hewitt encouraged everyone to attend an event with Dame Sue Irons in the Parish Church at 7.30 on Thursday.

D. From District Councillors – None present.

E. From County Councillor – Cllr Clark reported on highways matters he is dealing with. He will take Members queries to the relevant department of the County Council.

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138. VACANCY LANGDALES WARD

The Council considered the letter received from SLDC saying that no election has been requested therefore the Vacancy can be filled by co-option.

RESOLVED – That, given the very recent recruitment and co-option of Councillors, the Vacancy be left in situ at the moment until a suitable candidate is identified from the local community.

139. TREE WORKS

T/2020/0017 – 2 Fieldside, Grasmere – Acer T1 Fell because excessive shading over neighbouring Eucryphia tree, bay and variegated holly shrubs.

T/2020/0019 – Bridge House Hotel, Stock Lane Grasmere – T1 Western Red Cedar – fell to ground level. T2 – Beech – Fell. Conifer T3 fell to ground. Holly – Prune leader branch to improve shape.

T/2020/0020 – Ambleside Park Hotel, Borrans Road, Ambleside – Oak – reduce

T/2020/0023 – Ellerholme, Ellerigg Road Ambleside – crown reduce Holly; Reduce one low branch on Beech

T/2020/0025 – Near The Old Post Office Troutbeck – reduce 2 Sycamore, fell 5 Ash

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140. PLANNING DECISIONS

Approvals

7/2019/5736 – Wainwrights Inn, Chapel Stile – WC alterations/various works

7/2019/5795 – The Samling Hotel - New gatehouse

7/2019/5845 – Brackenholme, Old Lake Road, Ambleside – change of use of existing ancillary residential accommodation to holiday let and ancillary residential accommodation.

7/2019/5812 – The Wordsworth Museum and Dove Cottage – site signage

7/2019/5834 – Ambleside Salutation Hotel – extensions and alterations

Refusals

7/2019/5782 – The Haven, The Green, Ambleside – new window at first floor facing garden; internal alterations and new access

7/2019/5792 – Grasmere Garden Centre, Grasmere – single storey industrial unit – resubmission of approval 7/2016/5597

Withdrawn

7/2019/5656 – High Green Lodge, Troutbeck – single storey extension and alterations

7/2019/5756 – Stamp Howe, Troutbeck – Demolition of garage construct gym

Appeals

7/2019/5309 – Limefitt Caravan Park – change of use of land

7/2019/5293 – Smallwood House Hotel Ambleside – unfettered apartment

7/2019/5709 – Land to north of Green Gate, Troutbeck -demolish barn erect dwelling

All to be determined by written representations

The CHAIRMAN MOVED Part 2 on the ground of the confidentiality of the business to be transacted

141 RECRUITMENT OF FINANCE OFFICER/OUTSIDE PROJECTS/CLERK DESIGNATE

Finance Committee had interviewed the three candidates who had applied for the post advertised. The Committee unanimously recommended to Council that they appoint Suzanne Pender as Finance Officer and Clerk Designate to Lakes Parish Council. A full advertisement and interview process had been undertaken.

RESOLVED To appoint Suzanne Pender as Finance/Outside Projects Officer on a contracted 8 hours a week for one year with a three month probationary period. That Suzanne Pender be also appointed Clerk Designate to the Council at an agreed point on Scale 3 of the National Joint Council for Local Government Services salary award when the present Clerk indicates his intention to retire.

142. PURCHASE OF MINOR TOURIST ATTRACTION FOR CENTRAL LAKES

The Council considered a report from the Clerk on this project.

RESOLVED That the Clerk investigate a Public Works Loan and report back to a future meeting of the Council.

The Meeting closed at 8.10pm