

LAKES PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Hybrid Meeting held on 29th March 2021 in the Council Meeting Room in Ambleside Library at 6pm

- PRESENT: Cllr L Waterhouse (In the Chair), B. Hewitt, Mrs E. Footit L. Johnson, Mrs J. Birkett, P. Thompson (all in person), W. Clark, Mrs G. Hodkinson, N.C. Martin, P. Martyn, C. Shepherd, P.Simpson, P.Truelove and P. Wileman (all in virtual reality).
- IN ATTENDANCE: Cllr Mrs Vicky Hughes, Cllr Malcolm Lamb (South Lakeland District Councillors)
(in reality)
- APOLOGIES: None
- ALSO: M A. Johnson, Jane Renouf (in person) and 5 members of the public in virtual reality.

Prior to the commencement of the Meeting the Chairman reminded Members that they should not use their position as a Parish Councillor when dealing with the media and press unless specifically authorised to do so by the Council. This could lead to predetermination of an issue and disqualify a Councillor in the collective decision of the Parish Council on an issue. Councillors can, of course, comment on issues in a personal capacity, but should ensure that this is made clear at the time. She also reminded Councillors that they are welcome to use the facilities at White Platts on a personal level, but that they should not enter the site or interfere in the running of the Contract in a Councillor capacity. If any issues do arise, they should be reported to the Clerk and dealt with by the appointed Liaison Task Group of the Council.

42 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the Council meeting held on 14th December 2020 were approved as a correct record.

43 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

Cllr Mrs Waterhouse declared an interest in all Planning. Cllr Simpson declared an interest in Orders for Payment. Cllr Clark declared an interest in Agenda item 8 Unitary Cumbria. Cllr Truelove declared an interest in Agenda item 7 Pop Up Camping. Cllr Wileman declared an interest in Planning Item 3 relating to Town Foot Troutbeck. Cllr Mrs Hodkinson declared an interest in the Rydal Village Society grant application and Cllr Thompson declared an interest in Orders for Payment and the grant application from Ambleside Sports.

There were no other declarations of interest.

The Clerk granted dispensations to Cllr Clark, Cllr Truelove Cllr Mrs Hodkinson and Cllr Wileman to speak on matters of fact only on the declared items of interest.

44 MATTERS OF INFORMATION FROM AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 42

Cllr Thompson corrected some information he had given at the last meeting relating to plant theft that had been a misunderstanding with a member of the public. He also said that the meeting with the owners of the Miniature Village had been postponed due to Covid restrictions and is currently in abeyance.

45. FINANCE

- a. RESOLVED – To agree the Minutes of the Finance Committee held on Monday 15th March 2021.
- b. RESOLVED – To agree the 30 Orders for Payment for April in the sum of £27055.10 and to confirm the Orders for Payment circulated by email and approved for January, February and March 2021.
- c. RESOLVED – To agree the Members allowance donations listed in the Finance Committee Minutes.
- d. RESOLVED - To agree the donation to Rydal Village Society in the sum of £1000, agreed in principle at the December 2020 Meeting.
- e. RESOLVED – to confirm the suspension of grants indicated in the Finance Committee Minutes until the situation with Covid19 becomes clearer.
- f. RESOLVED – To agree the report of the Clerk on the introduction of contactless payment at all the Public Conveniences operated by Lakes PC with the exception of Chapel Stile (that will be subject to a separate report) and Rothay Park (until the new toilet block is in situ when this will be reviewed). That coin payment option be retained at Moss Parrock, Mechanics and Rydal Road. That Healthmatic be asked to install contactless at Low Fold and White Platts asap. That the charge for entry to all Lakes PC toilets be set at 40p and the appropriate signage indicating this be obtained as soon as possible.

THE CHAIRMAN ADJOURNED THE MEETING FOR THE PUBLIC TO SPEAK.

One person spoke on a planning application related to Town Foot at Troutbeck.

The Meeting was RECONVENED

Cllr Hewitt IN THE CHAIR

46. PLANS FOR CONSIDERATION

1. 7/2021/5178 Flat Barclays Bank Chambers, Ambleside
Demolition of wall to create access to highway, lowering of existing wall section to 1.1m and creation of parking space in rear year for residential use. – That LDNPA take professional advice from Cumbria Highways on the safety of this proposal in relation to the extremely restricted adjacent highway.
2. 7/2021/5162 28 Fisherbeck Park, Ambleside
Replacement Dwelling - Refusal on the grounds that this application is for a two storey house at the top of the estate and is a large development in an area of only bungalows. The original sensitive design of the estate meant that no property overlooked another. This application, if approved, will change the character of the estate and represents overdevelopment of the site.
3. 7/2021/5141 Town Foot, Troutbeck
Change of use of former barn to dwelling (use as self-catering holiday letting accommodation or for local occupancy – controlled by planning (S106) – Refusal on the grounds that the applicant bought the property knowing of the caveat relating to it. The financial matters referred to by the applicant

are not a planning issue. This is an unneighbourly development as it will have an impact on immediate neighbouring properties and may well set a precedent in the Village. The site has planning history with a planning refusal in 2016. It is also understood by the Council that the applicant is presently living in the ancillary accommodation, while letting out the main building as a holiday let advertised on letting sites as bookable through to October 2021 in contravention of planning permission.

4. 7/2021/5192 South Knoll, Rydal Road, Ambleside
Alterations and extensions – No Objections
5. 7/2021/5194 Garden Cottage, Old Lake Road, Ambleside
Proposed cottage extension and erection of a detached garden shelter
No Objections
6. 7/2021/5201 The Haven, The Green, Ambleside
Internal and external alterations including installation of metal gates railings and handrails, a new air source heat pump and associated radiators to all rooms, warm air ventilation grilles to be fitted to all first floor bedrooms painting the external modern sand and cement render
No Objections
7. 7/2021/5199 Ellerholme, Ellerigg Road, Ambleside
Proposed summer house and associated landscape works – No Objections
8. 7/2021/5179 Flat, Barclays Bank Market Place Ambleside
Installation of two roof lights, flue and alteration of a door to a window at rear
No Objections
9. 7/2021/5188 Heron Crag (known as Skyfall) Great Langdale Ambleside
Restoration and extension of existing cottage, creation of new window to east main house - No Objections

Cllr Mrs Waterhouse IN THE CHAIR

47. POP UP CAMPING AT CHAPEL STILE AND WHITE MOSS

A full debate and discussion took place on current proposals for pop up sites at White Moss and Chapel Stile. Members strongly condemned these proposals that will undoubtedly cause problems and be of no benefit to the people living in the Parish. RESOLVED That the Clerk write to Robert Jenrick, Colin Cox and Tim Farron MP to express their strong opposition to these proposals and asking for better regulation of permitted development rights. Public Health issues will be raised with Colin Cox. The present proposals will have a significant impact on residents living in communities in the Parish. Members will monitor the situation as it develops and the Chairman gave information on local representatives serving on the Tactical Visitor Management Group.

48. UNITARY CUMBRIA

A full discussion took place on the four proposals put forward by various authorities for the implementation of Unitary Cumbria. No one size fits all. RESOLVED That the Council support the One Cumbria proposal.

49. POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER

Cllr Mrs Footit expressed her concern at the lack of visible policing in the Parish and also the long delays in answering 101 calls by the Constabulary. As Purdah is now in effect no further action can be taken.

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The Chairman MOVED Part 2 on the grounds of Confidentiality of the Business to be transacted. This was Seconded and agreed.

50. APPOINTMENT OF PARISH CLERK

20 Applications had been received for the post of Parish Clerk and 5 candidates had been shortlisted by a panel of 9 Members of the Parish Council.

The Finance and Outside Projects Committee had interviewed 3 of the 5 shortlist with 2 pulling out at the last minute.

RESOLVED – To appoint Ms Charlene Bell as Clerk to Lakes Parish Council on Scale Point 24 of the National Joint Council pay scales as agreed on 26th August 2020. Her appointment will take effect on April 12th and be on a probationary basis until 25th June 2021.

51. BREACH OF CONFIDENTIALITY AT DECEMBER 2020 MEETING.

The Chairman and Clerk reported to Council on a breach of confidentiality of the Part 2 element. The Chairman reminded Members of the absolute need for confidentiality to be maintained in future and that any breach is subject to the Code of Conduct and Standing Orders of the Council

The Meeting closed at 8.05pm