

LAKES PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on 7th June 2021 in Grasmere Village Hall at 6pm

PRESENT: Cllr L Waterhouse (In the Chair), B. Hewitt,
Mrs J. Birkett, W. Clark, Mrs E. Footit, Mrs G. Hodkinson,
L. Johnson, N.C. Martin, P. Martyn, C. Shepherd,
P. Simpson, P.A.Thompson and P. Wileman

IN ATTENDANCE: None

APOLOGIES: Cllr Paul Truelove

ALSO: M A.Johnson, C. Bell, J. Renouf and 3 members of the
public, in virtual reality

The meeting was opened by a welcome to new Councillor Juliet Cunningham representing the Langdales Ward.

Also a warm welcome from Andrew Leech, who manages the Grasmere Village Hall and thanked Lakes Parish Council for continuous support.

Many thanks to internal auditor, Mrs Lees, for auditing the accounts for the past 12 years.

24. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 17TH MAY 2021

RESOLVED To approve the Minutes of the Meeting

25. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- a. Cllr L Waterhouse on planning, Cllr N Martin on finance, Cllr P Thompson on tree application.

26. MATTERS OF INFORMATION FROM MINUTE 24

None Received

27. FINANCE

a. The Chairman of the Finance Committee MOVED the Minutes of the Meeting held on 7th June. The Clerk reported to members the points that were covered by the Finance committee meeting.

GRASMERE SPEED INDICATOR FUNDING: Cllr Clark comments that the recommended refusal is regrettable but understandable. The meeting was adjourned to listen to points brought forward from Mr Hey who is heavily involved in this and has support from SLDC and the Police. The meeting was reconvened and the Clerk reminded the council that they previously denied giving grants due to uncertainty of funds presented by covid pandemic, but reiterates that councillors may use their allocation of funds for this cause if they feel strongly about it.

ARTEFACT ON WHITE PLATTS: Cllr P Thompson opposes the decision of the finance committee to not purchase the model cottage as he feels strongly that it is well suited to White Platts. He would offer his two year's worth councillor allocation of funds (£1000) but would need support from other

members. To be discussed at next Finance Committee meeting.

WHITEPLATTS: Chairman of White Platts committee, Cllr B Hewitt reports that at next meeting the committee will have a walk around the premises first, before meeting with contractor to discuss issues. The committee realises that there are general everyday maintenance issues but acknowledges the heavy footfall in tourist numbers and lack of staff throughout the Lake District. Can't put too much pressure on contractor in such pressured times. Issue of hanging baskets were dealt with immediately. White Platts made record income last week in excess of £8000.

ORDERS FOR PAYMENT: Cllr P Martyn pointed out error of £0.06 on #2 – clerk to amend.

NEW COMPUTER REQUEST: Councillors are all in favour of this.

CLERK PHONE ALLOWANCE: Councillors are all in favour of £15 phone expense per month

KIOSK ON WHITE PLATTS: Some hesitation on this matter and will be dealt with by White Platts Liaison Group previous to it's arrival to locate a preferred site.

RESOLVED – To agree the Minutes of the Finance Committee held on Monday 7TH June 2021 and the Orders for Payment previously circulated.

- b. RESOLVED to receive and affirm the Annual Governance Statement 2020/2021 and agree the Internal Audit report.
- c. RESOLVED to agree the Annual Accounts for 2020/2021.
- d. RESOLVED to review the effectiveness of the Internal Audit and to defer the appointment of an Internal Auditor to a future meeting.
- e. RESOLVED to agree the Risk Register.

The Chairman ADJOURNED the Meeting to allow members of the public to speak
The Meeting was RECONVENED.

Cllr Hewitt IN THE CHAIR

28. PLANS FOR CONSIDERATION

1. 7/2021/5356 Brathay How, Clappersgate, Ambleside

Extension of existing ancillary accommodation, removal and reconstruction of greenhouse, windows replacement, removal and reconstruction of bay window, insertion of additional rooflights and landscaping.

RECOMMEND APPROVAL

2. 7/2021/5417 Town Foot, Troutbeck Windermere

Change of use of the existing property from C3 (dwelling house) to flexible use as either a C3 Dwelling house or a C1 Guesthouse

RECOMMEND REFUSAL ON THE GROUNDS THAT THE COUNCIL SEE THIS AS AN ATTEMPT THE CIRCUMVENT THE RECENT REFUSAL OF PLANNING PERMISSION 7/2021/5141

3. 7/2021/5420 Howe Head Cottage, Howe Head Lane, Grasmere
Proposed extension of existing garage to create home office above.
DEFER TO NEXT MEETING FOR FURTHER INFORMATION WHEN
THE LDNPA SITE IS UPDATED
Councillor Mrs Waterhouse in the CHAIR

29. REPORTS
None Received

30. POLICE REPORT
Generic newsletter circulated

31 MATTERS OF INFORMATION

A. From the Chairman.

Reports that she will soon be coming off the LDNP. Reminds councillors that the LDNP Partnership and Local Plan is open for consultation. Cllr Waterhouse has met with Ullswater Sustainable Transport Group and will have further discussions as supported by members. Cllr Waterhouse to contact SLDC re new car park and tailback it's causing. Cllr Waterhouse reports that Lakes PC declined to place a litter bin on Red Bank as the Council has previous experience of siting litter bins that were misused and volunteers did not take responsibility for cleaning them. Cllr Waterhouse to request from SLDC to place more or larger bins at Waterhead and Borrans Park.

B. From the Clerk – Minutes and Agenda Coniston Parish Council June. Minutes and Agenda Windermere Town Council June 2021. The Clerk June 2021, Clerks and Councils Direct June 2021. It is hoped to go back to Wednesday meetings in September. New clerk training progressing well.

C From Members

- Cllr J Birkett: Litterbins for residents purpose are being filled up by tourists – on-going problem. Lowther to apply for double yellows on Langdale fell road and extend their pay & display car park.
- Cllr N Martin: Cars parking on pavement at Rugby club becoming a real problem. Behind the Bridge house - Bins overflowing and birds distributing rubbish further casing a hazard to health.
- Cllr B Hewitt: Pot plants outside the White Lion still not been moved off highway and causing obstruction to pedestrian walkway. Clerk to write formal letter to address issue. LDNP toilets still a great concern and very untidy and not very clean. Cllr Waterhouse to take matter up with LDNP.

D. From District Councillors - None in attendance

E. From the County Councillor –

County Cllr Will Clark reports that United Utilities nearly caused great obstruction to marathon, but got work completed just in time. Rydal rd double yellows are progressing.

32. DRAFT LIST OF MEETINGS FOR REMAINDER OF 2021

RESOLVED To agree the list of Meetings subject to any Covid emergency regulations being imposed.

33. TREE APPLICATIONS

T/20210080 Copper Jon, Town Head, Troutbeck – crown reduce 1 Beech, remove major deadwood from Oak, fell Cypress

T/2021/0083 Tall Pines, Ambleside – reduce height of the hollies by 1.5m

T/2021/0084 Rock Garth, Gale Rigg, Ambleside – coppice group of young ash trees, Fell one Ash

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34. PLANNING DECISIONS

Approvals

7/2021/5329 Garth Hill House, Birch Road Ambleside - amendment to design

7/2020/5667/8 Howe Top, White Moss, Ambleside – Conversion of barn to local needs dwellinghouse

Withdrawn

7/2021/5192 South Knoll, Rydal Road Ambleside – Alterations and extensions

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The Chairman MOVED Part 2 and this was AGREED

35. TO CONSIDER COOPTION FOR GRASMERE WARD OF THE COUNCIL

Members considered the co-option for the Vacancy created by Cllr Mrs Rees, in the absence of any request for an election and any applications for co-option from Grasmere electors, Members agreed to co-opt Cllr Will Clark for the Grasmere vacancy, which will result in a Vacancy at Rydal and Loughrigg. This Vacancy will be advertised in the usual way once Cllr Clark has resigned at Rydal.

The Meeting closed at 7.25pm