

## LAKES PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> June 2021 in Grasmere Village Hall at 6pm

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Cllr W Clark (CCC), Cllr M Lamb (SLDC – on Zoom)

APOLOGIES: None Received

ALSO: M A.Johnson, C. Bell, J. Renouf and 1 member of the public in virtual reality

### 44. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 7<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2021

RESOLVED To approve the Minutes of the Meeting

### 45. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- a. Cllr L Waterhouse on planning, Cllr N Martin on finance

### 46. MATTERS OF INFORMATION FROM MINUTE 44

None Received

### 47. FINANCE

A. The Chairman of the Finance Committee MOVED the Minutes of the Meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> June 2021. Mr Wileman reported to members the points that were covered by the Finance committee meeting.

#### B. FINANCE REPORT ON WHITE PLATTS AND TOILETS TO DATE

The Clerk reported on receipts and payments to date for the toilets and White Platts. Growth of income doing well and forecasted to continue for July & August. 'Putting' to be removed from the headings. General budget amounts will be reviewed in August finance meeting. Clerk to present individual income for toilets for next meeting.

Cllrs to walk around White Platts first before meeting contractor at next White Platts liaison meeting.

#### C. PURCHASE OF THE MINIATURE ARTEFACT FOR WHITE PLATTS

Cllr P Thompson proposes that he uses his Ward allowance (2 years) towards the purchase, that leaves a £1k shortfall. General consensus from Finance Committee is that they feel uncomfortable in purchasing the artefact. M Johnson to negotiate price with Mr E Robinson. Cllr Thompson points out the artefact is already in place and patrons to White Platts find enjoyment from viewing it. Cllrs point out of worry of ongoing maintenance.

#### D. REFURBISHMENT OF LOW FOLD

Cllr Thompson proposes a refurbishment of Low Fold toilets to bring them up to standard. Much discussion took place regarding the standards and history of refurbishments for the toilets since 2011. Committee decided to create a working group, including Cllrs Wileman and Hewitt plus others interested, to look in to standardising and modernising all toilets.

Rothay Park: No forward progress, to ask Cllr V Hughes or M Lamb to chase up. Cllr L Johnson reports that there will be a road block in funds for the next 2 years as unitary reform takes place.

#### E. ORDERS FOR PAYMENT

The May Orders for Payment in the sum of £31,434.95 were tabled with a full explanation given by the Clerk.

RESOLVED To recommend approval of the Orders for Payment

#### F. RECEIVE MEETING DATES FOR 2021

For information; meetings cancelled/locations change due to Covid regulation including the July Plans meeting.

#### G. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Cllr L Johnson requested clarification from the clerk as to allocation of Cllrs Ward funds. Clerk confirm that funds can only be used for a specific project in a ward and approved by full council.

Clerk will present final gratuity payment for the retiring Clerk to the next finance committee and thereafter full meeting of Council for approval.

The FINANCE Meeting closed at 12:10

RESOLVED – To agree the Minutes of the Finance Committee held on Monday 28<sup>TH</sup> June 2021 and the Orders for Payment previously circulated.

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

Mr Biggs spoke on Lowther and their lack of planning permission in relation to several carparks they run using 'Initial' system. The LDNP has confirmed that Lowther does not have planning permission but it is of low priority to enforce. The camera systems in use also record data which is illegal as they are running without planning permission. Mr Biggs requests input from Lakes PC onto LDNP to address matters. Camping on White Moss also becoming a problem with waste disposal and 'portaloos' on site which counts towards that of the 56 day rule.

The Meeting was RECONVENED.

Cllr Hewitt IN THE CHAIR

#### 48. PLANS FOR CONSIDERATION

**7/2021/5420: Howe Head:**

No objection - Lakes PC want to make it clear that use should only be for home office and NOT additional accommodation of any sort.

**7/2021/5435: 2 Syke Villa:**

Recommend Refusal on the grounds that this retrospective application is overbearing and unneighbourly.

**7/2021/5387: Netherbeck:**

Recommend refusal - Refusal of the change of use to a holiday let from a house of multiple occupation on the grounds that this would be a loss of important accommodation for the community and this should be resisted. There are already numerous holiday lets in the village and surrounding area. No objections to the dormer improvements.

**7/2021/5388: Wooded Area:**

Recommend Approval

**7/2021/5444: The Old Mill:**

Recommend Approval

**7/2021/5471: Loughrigg Avn:**

Recommend Approval

**7/2021/5350: Wainwrights Inn:**

Recommend Refusal as this development is proportionately out of scale and does not fit in with surroundings of local area.

**7/2021/5503: Howe Bank:**

Recommend Approval

Councillor Mrs Waterhouse in the CHAIR

#### 49. REPORTS

Cllr G Hodgkinson reports that she was due to meet from member of Armit  
– however due to a ‘technical glitch’ – this didn’t happen.

#### 50. CLLR J BIRKETT – ROAD SIGN REQUEST

The councillors discussed this matter in depth and concluded that it is a  
highways matter. Cllr W Clark (CCC) to take it further.

#### 51. MATTERS OF INFORMATION

##### A. From the Chairman.

Reports that bins at Rothay park and Waterhead and now being lifted twice  
daily – with thanks to Cllr M Lamb (SLDC) and that the retirement  
celebrations of Clerk, M Johnson, will be planned for September -  
dependant on Covid regulations.

##### 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.

##### C. From Members

-Cllr B Hewitt comments that Highways completed a wall rebuild at Roan  
Court (on Wansfell Rd) several months ago but they had not removed  
barriers or sand bags which are now spilling out. Cllr W Clark (CCC) to  
address.

- Cllr J Birkett comments that Ambleside is looking messy with litter  
issues all over. Cllr Lamb reminds councillors that all agencies are  
stretched to capacity. Lakes PC Lenghtsman, Mr Lees, reported to have  
picked up 104 facemasks in the month of June. Lakes PC thanks Mr  
Lees for continued efforts on keeping this large area clean.

- Cllr P Truelove amplifies Mr Biggs’ comments on Lowther and points  
out that 2 of the parking machines have been in place for 2 years  
therefore should become an enforcement request and also requests that  
this matter becomes an agenda item.

-Cllr P Truelove comments that Lakes PC, along with Coniston and  
Skelwith PC’s will receive invite for next meeting, in October, regarding  
Tilberthwaite 4x4’s.

- Cllr P Truelove also comments that LDNP will place a bin nr the start of  
the footpath in Grasmere.

##### D. From District Councillors – Cllr M Lamb comments that waste issue at local pub has been looked at by SLDC and Environmental Health aware of issue. The contractor currently in place will soon be replaced by a new one. Hoping for a resolution in the near future.

Use of pavement to serve alcohol by local pub has been referred to  
CCC and enforceable action might take place.

##### E. From the County Councillor –

County Cllr Clark will follow up on letter as mentioned above in min 50.

#### 52. DRAFT LIST OF MEETINGS FOR REMAINDER OF 2021

RESOLVED To amend the list of meetings with the cancellation of the plans meeting in July and venue change for July & September full council meetings.

### 53. TREE APPLICATIONS

Application #	Area	Description
T/2021/0093	Ambleside Inn, Market Place	elm tree
T/2021/0091	Ambleside Inn, Market Place	elm tree
T/2021/0087	Ambleside Park Hotel, Borrans rd	
T/2021/0092	Lyndhurst, Millans Park, Ambleside	
T/2021/0095	Lesketh How, Rydal Rd, Ambleside	
T/2021/0096	Carlton, Wansfell rd, Ambleside	hemlock lift of lower branches

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### 54. PLANNING DECISIONS

Approvals

7/2021/5246	Allan Bank, Grasmere	Reduction and consolidation of former yard wall abutting billiard room	granted
7/2021/5270	Ambleside Salutation Hotel, Ambleside	Enclosure of Existing Balcony	withdrawn
7/2021/5301	Littlerigg, Sweden Bridge, Ambleside	Demolition of two outbuildings, erection of garage extension and new bay window	approved
7/2021/5312	Cross Syke Cottage, Rothay Rd, Ambleside	Demolition of existing gable wall, erection of extension, replacement of external doors	approved
7/2021/5316	Site of former toilet block, Neaum Crag, Loughrigg	Lodge for estate manager	approved
7/2021/5321	Cluan, Rydal Rd, Ambleside	1st Floor bathroom extension	approved
7/2021/5322	The Sheilings, Holbeck Ghyll, Windermere	Loft Conversion	
7/2021/5326	1 waterhead close, ambleside	Erection of timber cabin - hobbit hut in garden	approved
7/2021/5329	Garth Hill House, Birch rd, ambleside	Amendment to design for front elevation to off rd parking	approved

7/2021/5344	Yew Tree Cottage, Troutbeck	Conversion of ground floor ancillary acc to home study	Approved
7/2021/5370	Churchill Inn, Lake rd, Ambleside	Signs, banners, awnings	withdrawn
7/2021/5352	Grove Farm, Stockghyll Lane, Ambleside	Conversion of barn into holiday let and swimming pool	
7/2021/5367	Barclays Bank Chambers,, Market Place, Ambleside	Change of use of first floor to two flats	Approved
7/2021/5375	Fieldside, Millans Park, Ambelside	Removal of existing carport	
7/2021/5386	Low Brow Barn, Waterhead, Ambleside	Proposed extension and alterations	

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The Chairman MOVED Part 2 and this was AGREED

55. TO CONSIDER COOPTION FOR GRASMERE WARD OF THE COUNCIL  
RESOLVED To co-opt Will Clark as a Councillor for Grasmere Ward of Lakes Parish Council

56. CLERK (M JOHNSON) REPORT

RESOLVED To appoint Charlene Bell as Proper Officer, RFO and Clerk to Lakes Parish Council. The Chairman signed her Contract of Employment.

57. CLLR P THOMPSON TO PRESENT VERBAL REPORT ON WHITE PLATTS  
Cllr Thompson gave a verbal report on the link between the public conveniences and White Platts operations for the benefit of Councillors who were not on the Council in 2012.

58. REPORT OF CLERK INTO AN INCIDENT INVOLVING A LAKES PARISH COUNCILLOR.

The retiring Clerk reported on an incident that had taken place with a member of the public where a Councillor had been verbally abused. This is now with Cumbria Police and is the subject of a current investigation. To write a letter to member of public in question and to sought advice from CALC/NALC.

The Meeting closed at 19:34pm