

LAKES PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 17th May 2021 in the Parish Centre, Vicarage Road Ambleside at 6.30pm

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, P. Truelove and P. Wileman

IN ATTENDANCE: Cllr V. Hughes District Councillor in virtual reality

APOLOGIES: Cllr Malcolm Lamb

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

1 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Cllr Louise Waterhouse was nominated as Chairman by Cllr Hewitt and seconded by Cllr Mrs Footit. There being no other nominations, Cllr Louise Waterhouse was duly elected by Councillors present. The Chairman signed her acceptance of Office and thanked everyone for their confidence in her.

2 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the following meeting was approved:

- Council meeting held on 29th March 2021.

3 ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN

Cllr Brian Hewitt was nominated by Cllr Johnson and seconded by Cllr Mrs Waterhouse. There being no other nominations, Cllr Hewitt was duly elected.

4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

Cllr Mrs Waterhouse declared an interest in all Planning. Cllrs Martin and Thompson declared an interest in Finance (Orders for Payment). Cllr Martin also declared an interest in Planning Application 7/2021/5329. Cllr Clark declared an interest in Agenda item 19, Speed signs at Grasmere.

There were no other declarations of interest or requests for dispensations.

5 MATTERS OF INFORMATION FROM ITEM NUMBER 2

None

6 NOTIFICATION OF ANY MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL in receipt of a gift or hospitality over the value of £10, or of changes to registered financial and other interests. To remind members of the provisions of the Local Government Act 2000, in connection with gifts and hospitality and registered interests. Forms for such declaration are available from the Clerk on request.

No such declarations were made.

7 AUTHORISATION OF MONETARY TRANSACTIONS

(i) Cumberland Building Society

To approve signatories to cheques – currently Cllrs L Waterhouse, Johnson, Martin and Thompson. Members also agreed to add the Vice Chairman of the Council, Cllr Brian Hewitt to the list of signatories. Members also agreed to add the new Clerk, Charlene Bell, to read only to receive bank statements and cheque books but not to sign cheques. Approved.

- (ii) National Savings Bank To approve signatories to Withdrawals – currently Cllrs Johnson, Martin and Thompson. To add Cllr Hewitt to the signatories and remove Cllr Thompson - Approved.

8 CHAIRMAN'S ALLOWANCE FOR 2021/22

This was approved at the rate of £750pa.

9 APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES

The following appointments were agreed:

- i. CALC – South Lakeland Committee: Cllr P. Wileman
- ii. Lake Windermere Administration Group: Cllrs Johnson, Wileman and Hewitt.
- iii. Ambleside Community Christmas Lights: Cllr B. Hewitt.
- iv. Kelsick Educational Foundation – Cllrs L Johnson and N Martin.
- v. Windermere Endowed Schools – Cllr N Martin
- vi. Cumbria Rural CAB – Cllr L Waterhouse.
- vii. Chairman of the Affordable Housing Task Group – Cllr Clark
- viii. Chairman of the Youth Task Group – Cllr W Clark
- ix. Finance & Outside Projects sub-committee – Cllr P. Wileman (Chairman), Cllrs N Martin, L. Johnson, W. Clark and the Chairman or Vice Chairman of the Council (ex officio). The terms of reference circulated by the Clerk were Agreed with appropriate amendments to reflect the composition of the Committee. All Council members are invited to attend Meetings as observers.
- x. Lakes Line User Group – Cllr Paul Truelove
- xi. University Liaison Group – Cllr Mrs Hodkinson

10. NOTICE OF MOTION

Proposed by Councillor Hewitt and Seconded by Councillor Mrs Waterhouse

That Minute Number 45 (f) of the Meeting held on 29th March 2021 be Rescinded and that the the following Minute be substituted...To agree the report of the Clerk on the introduction of contactless payment at all the Public Conveniences operated by Lakes Parish Council with exception of Chapel Stile and Rothay Park (until the new toilet block is in situ when this will be reviewed). That Healthmatic be asked to install contactless at Low Fold and White Platts asap and to modify the existing entry systems at Moss Parrock, Mechanics and Rydal Road to enable contactless only entry. That the charge for entry to all charging Lakes PC toilets be set at 40p apart from White Platts that will remain at 20p and that appropriate signage indicating this be obtained asap

RESOLVED A Vote was taken and by 9 votes to 4 votes the Motion was AGREED.

11 REPORTS

- a. Cllr Hewitt reported that there will be no Christmas Lights festival in Ambleside this year but that the lights will go up.

12. POLICE REPORT

No report received

13. FINANCE

RESOLVED – To agree the Minutes of the Finance Committee held on Monday 26th April 2021 and the Orders for Payment previously circulated.

The Chairman ADJOURNED the Meeting to allow members of the public to speak. One person spoke on a planning application at Neaum Crag. One person spoke on her application for co-option to the Parish Council. Charlene Bell, the new Clerk to the Council introduced herself to Members. The Meeting was RECONVENED.

Cllr Hewitt IN THE CHAIR

14 PLANS FOR CONSIDERATION

1. 7/2021/5246 Allan Bank, Grasmere
Reduction and consolidation of former yard wall abutting billiard room- No Objections
2. 7/2021/5270 Ambleside Salutation Hotel, Ambleside
Enclosure of existing balcony to front elevation – No Objections
3. 7/2021/5301 Littlerigg, Sweden Bridge Lane, Ambleside
Demolition of two outbuildings, erection of garage extension and new bay window
No Objections
4. 7/2021/5312 Cross Syke Cottage, Rothay Road, Ambleside
Demolition of existing gable wall. Erection of extension. Internal alterations.
Fenestration alterations and replacement external doors and windows.
No Objections
5. 7/2021/5316 Site of former toilet block, Neaum Crag, Loughrigg
Lodge for estate manager No Objections provided that the proposed development is
tied in perpetuity for the use of the Manager of the site only.
6. 7/2021/5321 Cluan, Rydal Road, Ambleside
First floor bathroom extension – No Objections
7. 7/2021/5322 The Sheilings Holbeck Ghyll Windermere
Loft Conversion – No Objections
8. 7/2021/5326 1, Waterhead Close Ambleside
Erection of a timber octagonal cabin known locally as a ‘hobbit hut’ in back
Garden. – No Objections
9. 7/2021/5329 Garth Hill House, Birch Road, Ambleside
Amendment to design for front elevation and alteration to off road parking
Planning permission 7/2020/5196 for replacement dwelling – No Comment
10. 7/2021/5344 Yew Tree Cottage, Troutbeck
Conversion of ground floor ancillary accommodation to home study etc.
No Objections provided that this is tied in perpetuity to the main building for local
Occupancy.
11. 7/2021/5370 Churchill Inn, Lake Road Ambleside
Illuminated fascia signs, 1 projecting sign, 2 banner signs, signage barrels
to entrance canopy, 2 wall fixed signboards, 4 fixed canvas awnings, 6 new wall
bracket lights and 4 new forward facing building floodlights – Refusal on the grounds
that this is an overbearing, over illuminated, dark skies light polluting proposal in the
Conservation area. There may also be some element of pavement obstruction and
the Council consider this an over intensive development.
12. 7/2021/5352 Grove Farm, Stockghyll Lane Ambleside
Conversion and restoration of the outbuildings to holiday let accommodation
Including extension to existing outbuilding and removal and redevelopment
of dog kennels and rear cattle shed into a guest leisure area with associated
landscaping – The Council would comment that there does not appear to be any
proposals contained within the application for the disposal of the water chemicals
associated with the proposed swimming pool nor does it appear the proposal has
any connections to utilities and services which should be in any site layout/design.

13. 7/2021/5367 Barclays Bank Chambers, First Floor, Market Place Ambleside
Change of use of first floor Office to two flats – No Objections provided they are for local occupancy.

14. 7/2021/5375 Fieldside, Millans Park, Ambleside
Removal of existing car port. Addition of new outbuildings and covered area.
Rearrangement of vehicle access to site – No Objection

15. 7/2021/5386 Low Brow Barn, Waterhead, Ambleside
Proposed extensions and alterations, addition of first storey over part of existing dwelling – No comment

15 MATTERS OF INFORMATION

- A. From the Chairman – The Chairman said she may not be on LDNPA from June as the South Area election is taking place and she has been excluded from the process. The Chairman of the Authority has written to CALC. She will keep the Council posted. She is also meeting with the Ullswater sustainable transport group to discuss matters that may be of mutual interest to the Lakes Parish area.
- B. From the Clerk – Minutes and Agenda Coniston Parish Council May. Minutes and Agenda Windermere Town Council May 2021. The Clerk May 2021, Clerks and Councils Direct May 2021. The Clerk reported that in conjunction with the new Clerk they will be compiling a list of Meetings for the remainder of 2021 for Members approval. It is hoped to go back to Wednesday meetings in September. The next Meetings will be 7th June and 28th June in Grasmere Village Hall.
- C From Members
 - a. Councillor Thompson informed Members that the Lakeland Miniature Village had been sold to another buyer. The charity miniature building placed on White Platts has been offered to the Council by the seller in the sum of £2000 and this will be referred to the next Finance Committee for a decision.
 - b. Councillor Mrs Hodkinson said that there will be a meeting on 17th June to discuss the yellow lining proposals for Rydal.
 - c. Councillor Martin raised various issues including A Boards in Ambleside, pavement obstruction outside of Churchills and skips in the layby near the Building Society. Cllr Clark offered to raise these issues with the County Council.
 - d. Cllr Hewitt raised the unauthorised illuminated advertising signs that had appeared at the Fisherbeck Hotel. LDNPA Planning had been informed.
 - e. Cllr Hewitt offered a warm welcome to the new Clerk to the Council, Charlene Bell.
- D. From District Councillors - Cllr Mrs Hughes highlighted the SLDC Local Plan
- E. From the County Councillor – County Cllr Will Clark reported he had been nominated to serve on LDNPA. The Traffic Orders for the Parish including Rydal were progressing and if any objections were raised they will be considered by the Local Committee and then hopefully they will be signed off.

16. GREEN LANES/TILBERTHWAITE TRAIL MANAGEMENT GROUP

Cllr Truelove commented on the Group Management Plan with Coniston, Skelwith and Lakes involved but with only one representative for the Parishes. Initially Coniston had been proposed for this role but then devolved this to Skelwith who had then failed to attend the meeting. There had been some confusion about this. Cllr Martyn supported Cllr Truelove. It was felt that consensus management was a lost cause with the group.

The Green Lanes Environmental Action Group had now written to the Council asked for support.

RESOLVED That Lakes Parish Council support the views expressed by the Green Lanes Environmental Action Group and ask that Minutes of any meetings be supplied to the Council via the Clerk.

17. LAKE DISTRICT SUSTAINABILITY CHARGE

Cllr Martyn spoke on this proposal that had already been rejected by Cumbria County Council. The proposal was for a feasibility study to initiate enquiries to see if a sustainability charge would be popular with the public. Cllr Clark felt that this could not progress at the moment with Unitary Cumbria coming in 2022 and that, as two thirds of the residents of County were outside the National Park, this could be a problem. Cllr Martyn proposed that the Council support and this was seconded by Cllr Truelove. The vote was taken and the proposal defeated.

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18. SPEED SIGNS AT GRASMERE

Cllr Truelove reported that Grasmere Village Society were asking for funding for advisory speed signs to be placed on the A591 in the vicinity of the Swan and on the road from Dunmail Raise.

RESOLVED That this be referred to the Finance Committee for discussion and a recommendation to Council.

19. CLOSURE OF BT TELEPHONE BOXES IN THE PARISH

The Clerk had circulated information on three boxes proposed for closure.

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20 RURAL MARKET TOWN GROUP

The Clerk had circulated information on this Group.

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22. PLANNING DECISIONS

The Clerk verbally reported on planning decisions received since the last meeting.

The Chairman MOVED Part 2 and this was AGREED

23. TO CONSIDER COOPTION FOR LANGDALES WARD AND GRASMERE WARD OF THE COUNCIL

Members considered the applications for co-option to the Langdales Ward received by the Council. It was AGREED to coopt Juliet Cunningham as a Councillor for the Langdales Ward of the Council. As no Electors had requested an election for the Vacancy created by Cllr Mrs Rees, Members agreed to advertise the Grasmere vacancy for co-option with a strict deadline for receipt of applications.

The Meeting closed at 8.29pm