

LAKES PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on 4th July 2018 in the Council Chamber, First Floor, Ambleside Library at 6.30pm

PRESENT: Cllrs Mrs L Waterhouse (In the Chair), B. Hewitt, Mrs J. Birkett, Mrs F.M. Sparrow, Mrs E Footit, L. Johnson, K. McCarten, N.C. Martin, Mrs V. Rees, Mrs A. Sowerbutts, P.A.Thompson, P.Truelove and Mrs D. Wood

IN ATTENDANCE: County Councillor Will Clark, David Switzer and Bruce Wilkinson from LDNPA

APOLOGIES: R. Moody, P. Simpson

ALSO: M. A. Johnson, J Renouf and 4 members of the public

32 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 6th June 2018 in the Council Chamber, Ambleside Library were approved as a correct record.

33. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST/DISPENSATIONS

- ◆ Cllr Martin declared an interest in Finance (Orders for Payment)
- ◆ Cllr Hewitt declared an interest in Finance (Grant application Rotary Club childrens quiz)
- ◆ The Chairman declared an interest in all Planning as a member of the LDNPA Development Control Committee
- ◆ Cllr Mrs Rees declared an interest in Finance (Grant application from Grasmere Village Hall)
- ◆ There were no other declarations of interest or requests for dispensations

34. ITEMS OF INFORMATION FROM MINUTE 32

Cllr Thompson asked if there was an update from the item relating to traffic congestion in the Market Place, Ambleside. The County Councillor will update later in the agenda.

35. POLICE REPORT

Police not present and no report available.
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36. PRESENTATION BY OFFICERS OF LDNPA

The two Officers of LDNPA gave a presentation on proposals for Routes to Resilience flood recovery programme to replace two significant bridges in Lakes Parish at Greenhead Gill and Troutbeck Ford. They answered Members questions and the Chairman thanked them for their attendance.

37. REPORTS

1. 27th June 2018 – Meeting with Lowther Estates at White Moss – the Clerk reported on a successful meeting where it has been agreed that Lowther will

provide two Dog Bins on the lower car park and the Parish Handyman will empty them on a regular basis.

2. 29th June 2018 – Lake Admin Committee – Cllr Johnson reported on an interesting meeting that had 9 new SLDC Councillors in attendance and where a new Chairman had been elected. He has been appointed to the Steering Group to monitor the Windermere 5 year plan

3. The Chairman reported on a meeting with CALC Lake District Parishes new Chairman that had been a familiarisation visit to the area. Lakes Parish had been chosen as proactive example. It was a good meeting that included a walk around White Platts.

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38. FINANCE

- i. RESOLVED - Councillor Thompson moved the Minutes of the Finance/Outside Projects sub-committee held on 2nd July 2018 that included Orders for payment together with additional invoices since the Meeting in the sum of £16559.88. The bank statement was circulated showing the current account balance. These were AGREED.
- ii. Members AGREED the recommendations contained within the Minutes including an increase in the payment to the cleaning team at Grasmere toilets; to pay £216.30 for the children's quiz and to allocate £1000 towards the grant application amount requested by Grasmere Village Hall.

The Chairman Adjourned the Meeting to allow the public to speak. One member of the public expressed concern about a planning application adjacent to the burial ground in Great Langdale and highlighted the problems it will cause mourners if approved. One member of the public thanked the Council for its generous donation to the play area at Castlefield/Greenbank and that further funding has been received from the Holehird Trust. She also said that the accommodation planning issue at the north end of the University site is still live with antisocial behaviour by students still a concern and that a meeting has been arranged between the University SLDC and LDNPA. She said that the 'no access' signage is finally in place. The meeting was Reconvened.

39. PLANS FOR CONSIDERATION

1. 7/2018/5304 Thrang Farm, Chapel Stile, Langdale
Cattle housing, manure storage and separate underground dirty water storage tank - Council decided to recommend a site visit for this application. The development is very close to the graveyard and will impact on a highly sensitive area particularly for the 200 or so people who have relatives buried there. The proposed building will impact on significant tranquility and views up the Valley. The Council while supporting Valley farming feel a compromise on siting of the barn should be reached with it being moved slightly away from the graveyard

2. 7/2018/5332 High Green House, Troutbeck
Proposed kitchen/dining extension – No Comment

3. 7/2018/5334 Wordsworth Hotel, Grasmere
Demolition of existing staff accommodation and erection of two storey extension to rear elevation and single storey extension to front elevation – Refusal on the grounds this is an overdevelopment of the site. It is a huge extension and if staff are displaced will create unnecessary pressure on the need for affordable housing in Grasmere.

4. 7/2018/5335 Broadrayne Farm, Grasmere
Installation of two eco glamping pods adjacent to the existing biomass boiler – Refusal on the grounds that these are visually intrusive close to the Helvellyn route and are more like lodges with toilets and kitchens rather than a wild camping experience. There are no modern buildings on the site and this is not the right place for this kind of development. It does appear they are already in situ and this should be a retrospective application.

5. 7/2018/5344 Bridge House, Rydal Road, Ambleside
The repair of storm damaged masonry retaining walls – No Objection

6. 7/2018/5360 Land at Greenhead Gill, Grasmere
Construction of 14.5m steel beam foot bridge with timber deck, upright and railings supported on stone faced reinforced concrete abutments – No Objection

40. MATTERS OF INFORMATION

A. From the Chairman - The Chairman said that the Troutbeck Day on June 16th had been the only rainy day but £650 had been raised.

B. From the Clerk - Windermere Agenda and Minutes; Coniston Agenda and Minutes; Councils and Clerks Direct July.

C From Members – Cllr Mrs Sparrow reminded Members that Ambleside Sports will be on Thursday 26th July. Cllr Mrs Birkett had made further enquiries about the Phone mast in Elterwater quarry and had been told it is up and running for emergencies and it is expected if will be fully operational by October. Cllr Johnson said that NALC were discussing volunteer operations/Lengthsman issues on the highway and it is expected that Cumbria CC will have a solution to this problem by October.

D. From District Councillors – Cllr Mrs Rees highlighted the importance of local bungalow accommodation for elderly people and is concerned about a property at Greenbank that appears to be advertised for use by tourists on social media. SLDC are investigating.

E. From County Councillor – Cllr Clark said he will follow up the Ambleside Market traffic issue and he had already emailed about it. He also referred to the Lengthsman discussions going on at the County Council and finally the project 'Get Will up the Hill'.

41 LAKES LINE OXENHOLME TO WINDERMERE

The Chairman reported on recent events on the line with a temporary service now running as a stop gap. She said that we need to keep the pressure on to the Government as this is an extremely important link particularly for our overseas visitors. She said that the Council should continue to lend its support to the considerable local effort going into getting this line back in use without the massive cancellations and inconvenience to everyone using it.

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42. WATERHEAD PLANTING IMPROVEMENTS

The Clerk said that absolutely nothing has been done since the meeting with SLDC on May 1st and emails sent to SLDC Officers had not been answered.

The District Councillor present had no information.

RESOLVED To write to the CEO of SLDC expressing the Councils total disgust and raise an official complaint about this issue. The Clerk will draw up a plan for the devolvement of the area in 2019 so that Lakes Parish can have a direct input into what happens in this location.

43. TREE WORK

T/2018/0084 – Crag Cottage Grasmere – fell Willow, Fell and replant with shrubs, Laurel hedge – coppice, Leylandii hedge – fell and Laurel – cut back

RESOLVED To recommend a site visit

44. PLANNING DECISIONS

None received

The Meeting closed at 8.20pm