

## LAKES PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> June 2017 in the Library, Kelsick Road, Ambleside at 6.30pm

PRESENT: Mrs F.M. Sparrow (In the Chair), B. Hewitt, L. Johnson, N.C. Martin, P. Simpson, Mrs A. Sowerbutts, P.A.Thompson and Mrs D. Wood.

IN ATTENDANCE: None

APOLOGIES: Cllrs Mrs L Waterhouse, Mrs J. Birkett, Mrs E Footit, K. McCarten, R. Moody, P.Truelove, County Cllr Will Clark, District Cllr Vicky Hughes and the Police.

ALSO: M. A. Johnson, J Renouf and 5 members of the public

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the Meeting and commended Jane Renouf for her factual reporting of Council meetings.

### 18 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Council on 10<sup>th</sup> May 2017 in the Library, Kelsick Road, Ambleside were approved as a correct record.

### 19 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST/DISPENSATIONS

- ◆ Cllr Martin declared an interest in Orders for Payment.
- ◆ There were no other declarations of interest or requests for a Dispensation.

### 20 ITEMS OF INFORMATION FROM MINUTE 18

None.

### 21 POLICE REPORT

A Police crime report had been submitted by PCSO Jackson and tabled by the Clerk showing 12 crimes in the Ambleside area that included 2 x Theft 1x Malicious Communications 1 x Shoplifting 1 x Drunk in charge of a child 1 x Theft ATM 2 x Harassment – Both linked 3 x Assaults – 2 linked to same wedding 1 x Criminal damage and 1 x Anti-Social behaviour – neighbour with mental health issues.

There had been four crimes in the Grasmere/Langdale area that included 1 x Theft 1 x Shoplifting 2 x Criminal damage.

A Male drunk in charge of a child, was caught by PCSO Jackson. A 3 month old child was taken to hospital to be checked, however the child was fine no issues. Enquiries are ongoing to see where male had been drinking.

Natwest ATM has been attacked causing three small holes to the card reader. Vigilance is requested when using the ATM machines. Two males were arrested for the Tesco ATM thefts, one answered his bail the other didn't turn up so he is now wanted. The other male was charged to court with both offences. PCSO Jackson highlighted crime prevention measures that can be taken by the community and also the work done by Cumbria Community

Messaging who can be contacted by visiting:  
[www.cumbriacommunitymessaging.co.uk](http://www.cumbriacommunitymessaging.co.uk)

This scheme is managed by the Cumbria Neighbourhood Watch Association

## 22 REPORTS

There were no reports.

## 23 FINANCE

- a. RESOLVED - Councillor Thompson moved the Minutes of the Finance/Outside Projects sub-committee held on 5<sup>th</sup> June 2017 that included Orders for payment together with additional invoices since the Meeting in the sum of £23005.69. The bank statement was circulated showing the current account balance. Additional cheques and the Bank Reconciliation were also circulated for members to view. The Clerk answered Members queries on the additional orders for payment. These were AGREED.
- b. Members also considered the recommendations for Council approval contained with the Minutes of the Finance Committee including to a grant application from Ambleside Parish Centre for grant funding of £3000 towards supporting a new project to secure evidence for the creation of an older persons work co-ordinator. They also agreed the quotation from Hayes for environmental improvement works at Chapel Stile toilets in the sum of £818.10p and Cllr Footit's request for £500 from her Ward allocation towards the restoration of the Tower at St Oswalds Grasmere.. AGREED.
- c. Members agreed to receive and accept the report of the Internal Auditor for the 2016/17 accounts and to confirm the re-appointment of Mrs Lees for the financial year 2017/2018.
- d. Members agreed and affirmed the Governance statement for the 2016/2017 Accounts previously considered at the AGM on 10 May 2017.
- e. Members agreed and affirmed the Annual Accounting Statement for 2016/17 previously considered at the Meeting on 10 May 2017.

The Chairman then Adjourned the Meeting. One member of the public spoke on trees at Lesketh How. She gave information on the Armitt, an update on the Greenbank/Castlefield children's play area and also the impending Traffic Order for the area. The Council were in general agreement to support the making of a TRO. The Meeting was then Reconvened.

## 24 PLANS FOR CONSIDERATION

1. 7/2017/5101 The Daffodils, Stock Lane, Grasmere  
Retention of self contained holiday letting studio in association with main dwelling.- No Comment

2. 7/2017/5245 Red Screens, Sweden Bridge Lane, Ambleside  
Vary condition 2 (flat roof to garage, solid structure balcony) on planning application 7/2015/5682 – extension and internal alteration of the existing single storey dwelling) – No Objection
3. 7/2017/5247 St Mary's Church PCC, Vicarage Road, Ambleside  
Landscaping, car parking and signage – No Objection apart from the over-signage proposed also any items of concern should be discussed with Historic England.
4. 7/2017/5265 Former Radio House, Church Street, Ambleside  
Raise roof, erect porch, extend patio and erect new balustrade – No Objection provided neighbours are consulted and their concerns taken into consideration.
5. 7/2017/5281 Loughrigg Flat, 3A Cheapside, Ambleside  
Works affect rain water goods to Nos 2a 3a and 3 to 4. Fascia boards front and rear replaced to match existing. Front grey PVC guttering black painted replaced with black PVC, new proposed front black PVC downpipe connected to existing downpipe serving flat roof etc – No Objection.
6. 7/2017/5303 3 High Fisherbeck, Blue Hill Road, Ambleside  
Detached outbuilding (resubmission 7/2016/5293) – No Objection
7. 7/2017/5304 Brockhole – The Lake District Visitor Centre  
Re-development of existing Adventure playground at Brockhole in an area known as Moss Brow.- No Objection
8. 7/2017/5305 Lancrigg, Grasmere  
Conversion and extension of barn into functions space – No Comment
9. 7/2017/5328 No.4 Coniston, Neaum Crag, Loughrigg  
Extend occupation to include 21 Dec to 4 January – No Objection
10. 7/2017/5223 The Samling Hotel, Ambleside Road, Windermere  
Creation of a traditional timber jetty for use by guests of the hotel and associated access works.- Refusal on the grounds of highway safety where serious danger may occur to users of the jetty due to poor sightlines on the extremely busy A591 road.
11. 7/2017/5338 11 Castlefield, Ambleside  
Proposed side extension – No Objection

## 25 MATTERS OF INFORMATION

A. From the Chairman – The Chairman highlighted parking issues in her Ward at Skelwith Bridge that are spoiling the grass verge – this will be placed on a future agenda for discussion.

B From the Clerk - Windermere Town Council agenda and minutes. The Clerk will be on leave from 23<sup>rd</sup> June until 7<sup>th</sup> July inclusive.

C From Members – 1. Cllr Mrs Sowerbutts reported on problems with speeding cars in the Slack/St Marys Lane/Compston Street area – this will be placed on a future agenda.

2. Cllr Mrs Sowerbutts complained about the proliferation of A Boards particularly in Church Street – this will also be placed on a future agenda

3. Cllr Mrs Sowerbutts complained about the broken down walls in the Parish – this will be placed on a future agenda.

4. Cllr Martin expressed concern about weeds etc at the Market Cross – this will be placed on a future agenda.

5. Cllr Mrs Wood relayed a problem that has arisen with 4x4 vehicles in Little Langdale – this will be placed on the next agenda for discussion.

6. Cllr Johnson congratulated Cllr Martin on becoming Chairman of the Kelsick Trust.

7. Cllr Hewitt is concerned about the environmental issues in Ambleside and appealed to Guest House owners and the general public to be aware and do their best to address these issues.

8. Cllr Johnson said the Cumbria in Bloom Judges will be in Ambleside on July 30<sup>th</sup>

D. From District Councillors – Not present. Apologies from Cllr Vicky Hughes.

E. From County Councillor – Apologies

## 26. RUBBISH AT STONECROFT, AMBLESIDE

Cllr Thompson highlighted issues at Lower Stonecroft where a local resident had been cleaning up but had now given up. Due to the number of cars parked it is impossible to get a street sweeper up.

RESOLVED That the Clerk write to SLDC to ask that some attention be given by their street sweeping team.

## 27. CALC ELECTION OF PARISH MEMBER TO LDNPA

The Clerk reported that Cllr Mrs Waterhouse has been elected by ballot to be the Parish Member to represent the South Distinctive Area of the National Park.

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## 28. PLAY AREA ROTHAY PARK

Cllr Martin said his original concerns about dog fouling and cyclists had now been overtaken by a safeguarding issues because of the size of the new play area.

RESOLVED That the Clerk write to SLDC outlining the concerns of the Council and ask for a meeting to discuss the issues now that the play area is in operation and has become a huge success.

29. TREE WORKS

T/2017/0076 – Ambleside Salutation Hotel – prune conifer away from building by one metre and balance crown. – No Objections

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30. PLANNING DECISIONS/APPEALS

None received.

The Chairman MOVED part 2 on the grounds of confidentiality of the business to be discussed. This was carried unanimously.

31. AMBLESIDE LIBRARY

Members discussed proposals from the County Council relating to improvements planned to the Library including a new lift and the involvement of the Parish Council in the future of the building. A comprehensive breakdown of rental and overheads has been provided.

RESOLVED That Lakes Parish Council inform Cumbria County Council that they are prepared to sign a Heads of Terms Lease as outlined to be the key anchor tenant of the Library for a period of 5 years from January 2018.

The Meeting closed at 8.03pm