

LAKES PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on 7th November 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, M. Bosson, Mrs E Footit, L. Johnson, Mrs V. Rees, K. McCarten, Mrs F.M. Sparrow, Mrs A. Sowerbutts, P.A.Thompson, P.Truelove and Mrs D. Wood

APOLOGIES: Cllrs N.C. Martin, P. Simpson, County Cllr Will Clark, District Cllr Vicky Hughes and PCSO Laura Jackson

ALSO: M. A. Johnson, Emma Bales from the University of Cumbria and Jane Renouf

82 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 3rd October and the Plans Meeting held on 24th October 2018 in the Council Chamber, Ambleside Library were approved as a correct record.

83. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST/DISPENSATIONS

- ◆ The Chairman declared an interest in all Planning Applications.
- ◆ There were no other declarations of interest or requests for dispensations

84. ITEMS OF INFORMATION FROM MINUTE 82

Cllr Thompson asked if there was any more information on Waterhead planting.

85. POLICE REPORT

PCSO Jackson submitted a report for the previous month that included crimes and calls for service in the Parish.

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86. REPORTS

1. Cllrs attending reported on the LDNPA/CALC Parish Forum held in Lakes Parish Council Chamber on 10th October that had been poorly attended. Cllr Johnson had chaired the meeting. Cllrs Mrs Birkett and Hewitt had made various points on issues of concern. An officer from LDNPA had explained the limitations governing issues raised.

2. Cllr Thompson reported on the Lake Admin Committee held on 5th October that had considered new rates for moorings and resolved to increase them by 3%. New leases were to be offered.

2. The Clerk had met with Fire Officer of Cumbria County Council and discussed evacuation procedures in the event of a fire affecting the Library. A personal evacuation plan is necessary for Councillors of reduced mobility and the Clerk will discuss this with those Councillors affected and draw up a plan for their evacuation in the event of a fire.

3. Cllr Johnson reported on the most recent University Liaison Committee meeting that had been encouraging. A new Director of Ambleside Campus has been appointed.

4. Cllrs Hewitt and Mrs Sparrow reported on the Ambleside Community Christmas Lights that had new committee members and new ideas. Professional stewarding is to be introduced to safeguard the public at the fireworks display.

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87. FINANCE

- i. RESOLVED - Cllr Thompson moved the Minutes of the Finance/Outside Projects sub-committee held on 5th November 2018 that included Orders for payment together with additional invoices since the Meeting in the sum of £16595.65. The bank statement was circulated showing the current account balance. These were AGREED.
- ii. Members AGREED the recommendations contained within the Minutes including the requirement for tendering for White Platts and the Public Convenience cleaning. It was also agreed to draw up a job specification for a Parish Steward working on a self-employed basis. Members agreed that Cllr Johnson should serve on the Finance Committee until the elections in 2019. Members also agreed a one off grant of £1000 towards the Armitage Endowment Fund.
- iii. Members did not agree that two bus shelters were required and Council resolved that only one new bus shelters for Kelsick Road be ordered from BC Shelters as the Insurance Company had accepted the quote from them for the replacement of the damaged shelter

The Chairman Adjourned the Meeting to allow the public to speak. Emma Bales from the University of Cumbria updated the Council on the most recent University Liaison Meeting and current issues of concern. She said that Dr Mansfield had been appointed as Director of Campus Director and her focus would be on three issues; Student experience; Academic achievement and external dialogue with the community and stakeholders locally. A students union rep had been appointed to the University Liaison group and she is liaising with the Clerk on future University/Student input into Parish Council meetings with a presentation from students envisaged. The Meeting was RECONVENED.

88. PLANS FOR CONSIDERATION

1. 7/2018/5377 Langdale C of E School Chapel Stile, Langdale
Multi Use games area (MUGA) – No Objection

2. 7/2018/5587 Fisherbeck Mill, Old Lake Road, Ambleside
Proposed demolition of the existing single storey building and erection of a two storey building on a similar footprint. – No Objections

3. 7/2018/5600 Wall End, Great Langdale
Removal of roof slates and timbers for reinstatement following re-alignment of cruck frames and masonry repairs to address major structural movement including installation of addition timber bracing and a system of cable stays to provide structural restraint. – No Objection
4. 7/2018/5602 2E Strollers, Gale Crescent, Ambleside
Extensions and alterations – No Comment
5. 7/2018/5606 Lothlorien, Lower Gale, Ambleside
Demolition of existing dwelling and construction of a new replacement dwelling – Refusal on the grounds that the proposed replacement dwelling is out of character from the existing adjacent properties that were all built at the same time. The new proposed building will stick out like a sore thumb and is of an inappropriate design for this specific area.
6. 7/2018/5607 Underhelm Farm, Grasmere
Take down existing stone retaining wall and rebuild to structural engineers design. Wall to be finished using existing stone and laid to match existing stonework pattern – No Objection
7. 7/2018/5623 National Trust Camp Site, Great Langdale
Replace existing pod with a larger pod – No Objection
8. 7/2018/5627 Lancrigg, Grasmere
3 no glamping pods and package treatment units – Refusal on the grounds that this will have an adverse impact on this area of outstanding beauty and tranquillity. Allowing this development in this area of great landscape value with the consequential visual impact, the increased noise and the disturbance to the existing ecosystems, will detract from its special character and landscape value. This area is a unique place. A haven of beauty and peace through the year. This application is in contravention of Policy CS27 and will cause harm to the wider character of the cultural landscape in this area of outstanding universal value. The siting of the pods will have an adverse impact on the character and quality of that landscape. The siting of the pods may also have an adverse impact on the surrounding properties that are within 100m of the proposal
9. 7/2018/5639 Prospect house, Chapel Hill, Ambleside
Reconfiguration of Prospect house and adjoining Prospect Cottage to reinstate the former as a single dwelling and create two dwellings within the latter. Minor external alterations, improved access and parking whilst the number of dwellings on the plot remains unchanged.- The Council recommend a site visit.
10. 7/2018/5634 1 Garden Houses, Kirkstone Road, Ambleside
Proposed dormer window – No Objection.

89. MATTERS OF INFORMATION

A. From the Chairman - The Chairman informed the Meeting that the application for a zip wire at Honister had been approved at the Development Control Committee meeting. There will be a public inquiry into the appeal of refusal of lawful development at Bridge Lane Troutbeck. LDNPA has appointed a barrister to represent them at the appeal.

B. From the Clerk - Windermere Agenda and Minutes; Coniston Agenda and Minutes; Clerks and Councils Direct November. A list of provisional meeting dates has been circulated and Members formally agreed the dates shown. The Clerk was pleased to note the removal of business rates from public toilets as announced by the Chancellor in the recent budget. The planning application for Mill Brow Farm was being reconsidered and the Clerk had received a letter from the applicants thanking them for their support.

C From Members – Cllr Hewitt said he was laying the wreath on behalf of the Council at St Marys Ambleside on Sunday. Cllr McCarten reported that work had been completed on the culvert drain under the road at Stepping Stones. Cllr Johnson expressed his concern at the lack of attendance at Meetings by a member of the Council. Cllr Truelove is attending the Lakes Line AGM. Cllr Mrs Birkett and Mrs Wood had met with Lowther Estates to discuss issues in Langdale and on Elterwater Common. Cllr Thompson said that there had been a spate of coin jams over the past two weeks after a problem free summer.

D. From District Councillors – Cllr Mrs Rees reported on local problems that had arisen in Grasmere now that the Tithe Barn is no longer available.

E. From County Councillor – Cllr Clark had submitted his apologies

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90 COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW

The Clerk had circulated documentation from SLDC on this review. Members discussed possible issues including adding Limefitt Park to the Troutbeck Ward. The Chairman will consult with the Troutbeck Village Association.

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91. HIGHWAYS ACT – TABLES AND CHAIRS RATTLE GHYLL CAFE.

The Clerk had circulated information. A general discussion took place and it was AGREED to receive the letter from Highways which will be held on deposit for public viewing until 23rd November.

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92. TREE WORK

T/2018/0137 – Close House, Wansfell Road, Ambleside – Remove 1 Norway spruce; prune 1 magnolia and 1 conifer; reduce 1 holly, 1 crab apple and 1 conifer.

T/2018/0138 – The Rock Shop, North Road Ambleside – Reduce height of 3 conifers by 20%. Crown raise 1 conifer at corner of building.

T/2018/0147 – Hillhead, Ellerigg Road, Ambleside - Fell 1 x Lawson cypress (T1), 1 x Golden cypress (T3), 1 x rowan (T5) and 1 x thuja (T6). Reduce 1 cypress (T2) and 1 x cherry (T4)

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93. PLANNING DECISIONS

Approvals

7/2018/5536 – Prospect House Ambleside – 3 separate dwellings – cert granted

7/2018/5525 – Units 1 and 3 Above Beck, Grasmere – alterations.

7/2018/5510 – Silverthwaite Cottage Skelwith Bridge – new vehicle access etc

7/2018/5483 – 3 Smithy Brow, Ambleside – replace windows etc

7/2018/5535 – Regent Hotel Waterhead – 2 storey building to create 4 guest bedrooms

Withdrawn

7/2018/5545 – Land off Red Bank Road Grasmere – repair and refurbishment of existing church car parking area etc

Appeals

7/2018/5517 – High Barn, Seathwaite Lane Ambleside – appeal against refusal of planning permission for a detached two storey three bedroom dwelling (re-submission) – to be dealt with by written representations.

The Meeting closed at 7.59pm