

## LAKES PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2019 in the Council Chamber, First Floor, Ambleside Library at 6.30pm

PRESENT: Cllrs Mrs L Waterhouse (In the Chair), W. Clark, Mrs J. Birkett, Mrs G. Hodkinson, L. Johnson, N.C. Martin, Mrs V. Rees, P.A.Thompson and P.Truelove

APOLOGIES: Cllrs, B. Hewitt, Mrs E. Footit, C. Shepherd, P. Simpson, Mrs A. Sowerbutts, Mrs D. Wood, District Cllr M. Lamb, District Cllr Mrs V. Hughes and The Police.

ALSO: M. A. Johnson, Peter Winter (Planning Consultant), 1 member of the public and Jane Renouf

Prior to the commencement of the Meeting the Chairman reported that Cllr Mrs Wood is in hospital after suffering a Stroke. The Council wish her well in her recovery.

### 67 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> September 2019 in the Council Chamber, Ambleside Library were approved as a correct record.

### 68. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST/DISPENSATIONS

- ◆ Cllrs Martin and Thompson declared interests in Finance (Orders for Payment).
- ◆ The Chairman declared an interest in all Planning.
- ◆ There were no other declarations of interest or requests for dispensations

### 69. ITEMS OF INFORMATION FROM MINUTE 67

None

### 70. POLICE REPORT

PCSO Jackson is now on Maternity leave for a year and no report has been received.

### 71. REPORTS

1. Cllr Thompson and the Clerk reported on a positive meeting with Urban Crazy at White Platts to confirm ideas for the refurbishment of two crazy golf holes. Together with Cllr Johnson they had visited Lakeland Miniature Village to discuss progress with the feature items, the Bridge House and the Lakeland Cottage.

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### 72. FINANCE

- i. RESOLVED - Cllr Thompson moved the Minutes of the Finance/Outside Projects sub-committee held on 30<sup>th</sup> September that included Orders for payment

together with additional invoices since the Meeting in the sum of £24439.74. The bank statement was circulated showing the current account balance.

AGREED.

- ii. Members AGREED the recommendations contained within the Minutes including a grant to the Great North Air Ambulance of £1000; donations of £250 each from Cllrs Mrs Hodgkinson and Clark towards the Rydal sign and £5535 to Urban Crazy as the initial deposit required to commission the work on the upgrade of the Crazy Golf at White Platts. Members also agreed an advance to Lakeland Miniature Village in the sum of £1075 towards the two feature buildings for the Crazy Golf upgrade.
- iii. Members agreed to defer the request for a donation towards the Community Transport Project pending a breakdown of the costs and a presentation from Juliet Cunningham from Ambleside Parish Centre at the next Plans Meeting.
- iv. Appointment of Parish Steward. Two interviews had taken place and the Finance Committee recommended the appointment of Gordon Emery as Parish Steward from December 1<sup>st</sup> 2019. Council agreed to this appointment.

The Chairman Adjourned the Meeting to allow the public to speak. Peter Winter spoke on Planning Application 7/2019/5598. One person spoke on traffic issues at Millans Park where construction to the rear of the Coop had taken part of the road causing difficulties for local motorists etc. Big trucks are now reversing through Millans Park. Other issues raised included parking on double yellow lines with no apparent enforcement action being taken.

The Meeting was RECONVENED. CLLR THOMPSON IN THE CHAIR

### 73. PLANS FOR CONSIDERATION

#### 1a. 7/2019/5563 1 A Lake Road, Ambleside

One Hoarding – Refusal on the grounds that this is a large sign, far too big and completely out of character in the Conservation Area. If approved it would set a precedent in this area where there has been previous refusals of this kind of unsuitable signage.

#### 1. 7/2019/5294 Brathay Fell Cottage, Clappersgate, Ambleside

Proposed front extension to garage – No Objection as long as this is for domestic use and not business.

#### 2. 7/2019/5521 Co-op, Compston Road, Ambleside

Installation of an ATM unit within the existing shopfront facing - Refusal on the grounds of pavement safety and probable congestion. This is a very narrow pavement which is a major thoroughfare in Compston Road and it is important that pedestrian right of way is maintained.

3. 7/2019/5545 Land to the south of Rydal Road, University of Cumbria Ambleside  
Installation of a permeable ground reinforcement system to provide additional car parking area to the existing car park. – No Objection
4. 7/2019/5547 High Crag, Gale Rigg, Ambleside  
Replacement balcony and replace existing windows with powder coated aluminium windows and doors, colour Anthracite – No Objection
5. 7/2019/5550 Cragwood House, Ecclerigg  
Alterations to existing driveway entrance at Cragwood Country House Hotel – No Objection
6. 7/2019/5559 1 Orchard Mount, Troutbeck  
Alter pitch roof to gable end. Replace windows with folding doors with balcony. – No Objection other than the windows which are Upvc and inappropriate in the conservation area of Troutbeck.
7. 7/2019/5568 Mill Brow Farm, Skelwith Bridge, Ambleside  
Erection of bungalow following demolition of agricultural building not in compliance with Condition 4 of planning permission 7/2019/5166 – removal of occupancy restriction from existing farmhouse. – This is a technical issue and the Council are concerned about the implications of the application.
8. 7/2019/5583/5584 – Allan Bank, Grasmere  
Erection of glass house in kitchen garden. Deer fencing. Alterations to both buildings in walled garden. Reinstatement of dipping pool including installation of railings. Laying of services from main house to kitchen garden. Laying of pipework from reservoir to kitchen garden. Reinstatement of paths through pleasure ground. – No Objection other than the fence proposed should be suitable for the surroundings of the area.
9. 7/2019/5585 Lily Tarn, Neaum Crag, Skelwith Bridge  
Amend to permitted occupancy to include 1 March to 4 January every year – No Objection
10. 7/2019/5595 Carr Crag Cottage, Skelwith Bridge Ambleside  
A two storey extension and refurbishment, in addition to the garage demolition and subsequent minor driveway alterations (following withdrawal of 7/2019/5380) – Refusal on the grounds of overdevelopment of the site.
11. 7/2019/5598 Overmere, The Barn, Pavement End Grasmere  
Local Occupancy Dwelling (following withdrawal of application 7/2018/5387) – No Objection
12. 7/2019/5602 Angle Tarn, Neaum Crag, Skelwith Bridge  
Amend to permitted occupancy to include 1 March to 4 January every year – No Objection

CLLR MRS WATERHOUSE IN THE CHAIR

74. MATTERS OF INFORMATION

A. From the Chairman - The Chairman reported that the drain at Troutbeck is being done. She read salient parts of a recent report on National Parks that identified various issues including diversity, cultural change and a bureaucratic hierarchy. The LDNPA Rights of Way Committee will decide shortly on the Tilberthwaite issue. She has a list of Enforcement issues that is available from the Clerk on request. She mentioned Gorilla gardening at the request of District Cllr Vicky Hughes.

B. From the Clerk - Windermere Agenda September, Minutes August. Coniston Agenda and Minutes September. The Office will be closed on Tuesday and Wednesday next week due to the Clerk being in hospital for a cataract operation.

C. From Members – Cllr Mrs Birkett reported issues with a hole in the road in Langdale that had been repaired one day but the next day it was twice as big and twice as deep. She is concerned about work at Halfway House where a wooden bungalow has been put up overnight with no planning authorisation. Problems there are ongoing. She also expressed concern about the cost of two houses in Chapel Stile.

D. From District Councillors – Apologies from both.

E. From County Councillor – Cllr Clark reported on highways matters he is dealing with. He highlighted the A591 overnight closures at Waterhead on 4<sup>th</sup> November and said the road will be clear prior to the Ambleside Christmas Lights switch-on weekend. He will take Members queries to the relevant department of the County Council.

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75 CLOSURE OF BT TELEPHONE BOXES IN LAKES PARISH

A consultation is now underway by BT to close every telephone box in Lakes Parish on the grounds of non-use. SLDC are the responsible authority and are minded to object to all closures. The Parish Council are now asked to submit comments on the list of boxes where closure is proposed.

RESOLVED - To object to the removal of those boxes where usage is proven especially those on the Coast to Coast route through Grasmere.

76. CALC AGM AND NOMINATIONS FOR CALC EXECUTIVE

The Clerk had circulated information on this. Nominations close for the Executive on Friday 4 October.

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77. COOPTION OF A COUNCILLOR FOR LANGDALES WARD

The Clerk reported that Cllr Mrs Wood was seriously ill in hospital and it may be some time before it is known whether she is able to continue with her duties as a Councillor.

RESOLVED To defer this issue until more information is available on the progress of Cllr Mrs Wood.

#### 78. ROTHAY PARK

Cllr Thompson reported on an altercation with cyclists in Rothay Park and said that pavement markings to indicate 'Cyclists Dismount' may have more effect. When the main gates are open it is an invitation to cyclists not to dismount but cycle quickly through the Park.

RESOLVED To write to SLDC

#### 79. ARMITT CHARITABLE ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE

The Clerk had circulated information on this reorganisation at the Armitt  
RESOLVED To object to the change of Articles of the Charity and request the Trustees that, given the long standing support of the Council, a representative of the Council continues on the Board.

#### 80. TREE WORKS

T/2019/0147 – Loughrigg Brow, Under Loughrigg – Crown raise trees over tennis court. Fell 2 x dead Hollies. Fell small diseased Ash and small Dying Oak

T/2019/0153 – Jawnie Wife House, Troutbeck – Pollard 1 x paulownia tomentosa

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#### 81. PLANNING DECISIONS

Approvals

7/2019/5067 – Hacket Forge, Little Langdale – single storey extension etc

7/2019/5440 – Springfield Rydal Road Ambleside – use as single dwelling

7/2019/5445 – Silverthwaite Cottage, Skelwith Bridge – new single storey extension

#### 82. CLERK SUCCESSION

Members agreed to defer this item to a future meeting when most Councillors are in attendance

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The Meeting closed at 7.50pm