

LAKES PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on 8th January 2020 in the Council Chamber,
First Floor, Ambleside Library at 6.30pm

PRESENT: Cllrs Mrs L Waterhouse (In the Chair), B. Hewitt,
W. Clark, Mrs J. Birkett, Mrs E. Footit, Mrs G. Hodgkinson,
L. Johnson, N.C. Martin, Mrs V. Rees, C. Shepherd,
P. Simpson, P.A.Thompson and P.Truelove

APOLOGIES: Cllr Mrs D. Wood and The Police

IN ATTENDANCE: District Cllr M. Lamb

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

Prior to the commencement of the Meeting the Chairman wished everyone a
Happy New Year.

106 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on December 11th 2019 in the Council
Chamber, Ambleside Library were approved as a correct record.

107. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST/DISPENSATIONS

- ◆ Cllr Waterhouse declared an interest in Finance (Orders for Payment) and
an interest in all Planning.
- ◆ There were no other declarations of interest or requests for a dispensation.

108. ITEMS OF INFORMATION FROM MINUTE 106

None

109 POLICE REPORT

The new PCSO for the area is Debbie Ross and her report was circulated to
Members.

110. REPORTS

1. There were no reports

111. FINANCE

- i. RESOLVED - to agree the Orders for Payment in the
sum of £18857.19.
- ii. There were no other financial matters.

The Chairman Adjourned the Meeting to allow the public to speak.
Two people spoke on the application for a Certificate of Lawfulness by Lowther
Estates. The Meeting was RECONVENED

CLLR HEWITT IN THE CHAIR

112. PLANS FOR CONSIDERATION

1. 7/2019/5656 High Green Lodge, Troutbeck
Single storey extension and alterations – No Comment
2. 7/2019/5736 Wainwrights Inn, Chapel Stile, Langdale
WC alteration and extension works to improve existing facilities – No Objections
3. 7/2019/5756 Stamp Howe, Troutbeck
Demolition of garage and construction of studio/gym – No Objections
4. 7/2019/5792 Grasmere Garden Centre, Grasmere
Single storey industrial unit – re-submission of approved planning
7/2016/5597 – No Objections
5. 7/2019/5796 Co-op, Compston Road, Ambleside
Installation of illuminated and non-illuminated Co-op signage - No Objections
6. 7/2019/5795 The Samling Hotel, Ambleside Road, Windermere
New Gatehouse – No Objections
7. 7/2019/5808 Grasmere Lake, Grasmere
Application for Certificate of Lawfulness for proposed use of land for the mooring of up to 10 boats to be used for residential use and overnight holiday accommodation. – Strong REFUSAL on the grounds this is an unlawful application as there is no proven historical use of this lake for the purposes that have been applied for. Grasmere is a small tranquil mere where the previous surface usage over generations has been mainly for rowing boats. It is also an important part of the UNESCO Lake District World Heritage designation as cultural landscape of international significance. This application, if approved, will have a significant visual impact on that landscape. This application appears to be in contravention of bylaws from 1973 governing usage of the Lake that prohibits power driven vessels. This bylaw may require updating to include the term ‘any vehicle propelled by machinery’ to reflect modern society. In the opinion of Lakes Parish Council, this requires a full planning application for change of use of the Lake and not a Certificate of Lawfulness.
8. 7/2019/5812 The Wordsworth Museum and Dove Cottage Grasmere
Site signage – No Comment
9. 7/2019/5834 Ambleside Salutation Hotel, Lake Road, Ambleside
Amendment to vehicle access, fenestration and external walls of lift shaft (condition 2 plans) on 7/2018/5642 – extensions and alterations at ground and first floor levels to form hotel suites, staff accommodation, additional parking and lift access. – No Objection
10. 7/2019/5823 EE Telecommunications Wilson Place Farm Little Langdale
Install 12.97m Mast with 3 antennae and 2 transmission dishes plus ground equipment and compound. – Refusal on the grounds that there is an

unproven need in the locality, it is in an area of outstanding landscape value and is an unneighbourly development.

CLLR MRS WATERHOUSE IN THE CHAIR

112. MATTERS OF INFORMATION

A. From the Chairman - The Chairman congratulated Cllr Mrs Rees on her award of an MBE in the New Years Honours list. She had sent flowers to ex Cllr Mrs Sowerbutts on behalf of the Council and is still following up complaints about the Lodge at Halfway House where a turret and concrete foundations have now been installed

B. From the Clerk - Windermere Agenda January, Minutes December. Coniston Agenda and Minutes December. The next meeting is Plans at 6.30 on Wednesday 22nd January. The informal session with Steve Ratcliffe at 5pm on that day is cancelled due to his continuing absence from LDNPA due to ill health.

C. From Members – Cllr Johnson reported on the AGM of the Civic Trust that had a small attendance and no update on Stockghyll Park. Cllr Mrs Footit was concerned about traffic travelling the wrong way up College Street at Grasmere. Cllr Clark will investigate.

D. From District Councillors – Cllr Lamb reported on discussions that District Cllr Mrs Hughes is having with the LDNPA Solicitor over Grasmere lake and the houseboat issue.

E. From County Councillor – Cllr Clark reported on highways matters he is dealing with. He will take Members queries to the relevant department of the County Council.

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113. ROAD AND FOOTPATH SWEEPING

Cllr Simpson and Truelove reported on issues with autumn leaf fall and the need for additional sweeping of footpaths

RESOLVED – That the Clerk write to SLDC to ask that this be given attention.

114. A BOARDS IN THE PARISH

The Clerk asked for Council permission to progress a Protocol with LDNPA and the County Council similar to that in place in Keswick. Cllr Hewitt said that he welcomed any progress before summer on this issue as it is a particular problem in Ambleside.

RESOLVED That the Clerk progress this and report back to a future meeting of the Council.

115. HIMALYAN BALSAM IN THE PARISH

The Clerk had circulated a report from Ken Taylor asking for formal support from the Parish Council as he is about to apply for a 'Locally Important Project' grant

RESOLVED To formally support this project.

116. TREE WORKS

T/2019/0207 Gallow Howe Cottage, Town Head Troutbeck

Fell self seeded trees around house, remove overgrown conifer hedge between the house and Queens Head Hotel and fell 2 x conifers either side of steps at front of house.

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117. PLANNING DECISIONS

Approvals

7/2019/5545 – Land to the south of Rydal Road, University of Cumbria – to install a permeable ground system to provide additional car parking area.

7/2019/5557 – Pool Bank Farm Troutbeck – Farm diversification – demolish garage and erect 2 local occupancy dwellings/holiday lets install 5 camping pods.

7/2019/5651 – Brockhole, Lake District Visitor Centre – solar car park canopy charging points and battery store.

7/2019/5686 – 8 Gale How Park, Ambleside – balcony and external alterations.

7/2019/5700 – Brockhole, Lake District Visitor Centre – underground source heat pump convert storeroom into new plant room.

7/2019/5703 – Unit 3, first floor, 1 Church Street, Ambleside – change of use of first floor retail unit into a 1 bedroom flat.

7/2019/5711 – Oak Bank Hotel, Broadgate, Grasmere – replacement of two windows and creation of one new window in existing wall.

7/2019/5704 - The Howes, 1 Gale Crescent, Ambleside – vary condition for the conversion of existing hotel to student accommodation etc.

Refusals

7/2019/5709 – Land to the north of Green Gate, Troutbeck – demolish existing barn and erect one dwelling with associated landscaping

7/2019/5708 – The Old Smithy, The Slack, Ambleside – change of use of chip shop (in part) to create one new dwelling

Notification of Appeal

7/2019/5263 – Lancrigg, Grasmere – Appeal against refusal of planning permission for 3 shepherd's cabins – to be dealt with by written representations.

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The Meeting closed at 7.24pm