

LAKES PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Plans Meeting held on 19th June 2019 in the Council Chamber, First Floor, Ambleside Library at 6.30pm

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

ALSO: M. A. Johnson (Clerk), Prof. Lois Mansfield, Emma Bales (University of Cumbria), Danny Prescott (CEO Students Union), Duncan Richards (England Athletics), Peter Winter, Jane Renouf and 2 members of the public

APOLOGIES: Cllr B. Hewitt, P. Simpson

The Chairman welcomed guest speakers to the Meeting.

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST/REQUEST FOR DISPENSATION

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

2. FELL RUNNING – DUNCAN RICHARDS

A presentation was given by Duncan Richards on a fell running event taking place in Ambleside on June 20th 2020. This will begin on the Thursday with the opening event at Market Cross Ambleside on the Friday. The Junior Championship event will take place starting from Rothay Park on the Saturday morning followed by two international events on the afternoon. He took questions and the Chairman thanked him for his attendance

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3. UNIVERSITY OF CUMBRIA – PRESENTATION

Prof Mansfield and Emma Bales gave a presentation on Ambleside Campus setting out their mission vision and strategic principles. There are 450 on campus with 413 full time undergraduates. It is the only University in a National Park with a diverse environment and high-class facilities. They have a working relationship with Brathay and a new fitness facility. There are 223 residential spaces with 111 ensuite. Danny Prescott, CEO of the Students Union said they had 8000 members including the University of Cumbria Students Union (UCSU) and are an independent Charity. Other issues covered were Resilience in Hill Farming, the rural visitor economy, arts and culture and sustainable transport for the future. There are many volunteering opportunities with students keen to engage, however more spaces closer to home are needed. Members asked various questions and the Chairman thanked them all for an informative and interesting presentation.

4. LAKES PARISH PLAN/NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The Chairman reminded Members that the current Parish Plan is now quite old having been commissioned in 2005. She said that the Parish should either refresh the Plan or have a new Neighbourhood Plan.

RESOLVED That the Chairman investigate the cost of employing a Consultant to refresh the 2005 Parish Plan and report back to a future meeting of the Finance and Outside Projects Committee.

5. VACANCY LANGDALES WARD

The Clerk reported that the Council can now co-opt for the one Vacancy left on the Council for the Langdales Ward. Any elector from the Parish can write to the Clerk requesting co-option however it would be preferable for someone from the Ward to put themselves forward. The Clerk will publicise the Vacancy.

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The Chairman ADJOURNED the meeting to allow the public to speak. Peter Winter spoke on two Planning issues. Coachmans Yard and Stickle Barn. The Planning application for Stickle Barn involving 12 boreholes in the car park had not yet been received by Council. They were for ground source heat, would be 50-100 metres deep and have small manhole covers that would hardly be noticeable. This will be a National Trust application. The meeting was RECONVENED

6. PLANS FOR CONSIDERATION – Councillor Thompson IN THE CHAIR

a. 7/2019/5067 Hacket Forge, Little Langdale

Single storey extension, replacement dormer and minor alterations to north and west elevations – REFUSAL on the grounds that this is not a minor change to the building and is out of character and inappropriate in such a sensitive and visual site.

b. 7/2019/5237 Town End, Grasmere

The redevelopment of the Wordsworth Trust site at Town End to improve circulation and accessibility, including alterations and extension to the Museum, Shop, Town End Terrace and existing Café building; reconfiguration of the car park and circulation areas around the site, including Dove Cottage; formation of Wild Play Area and other associated works not in accordance with conditions previously attached to planning permission ref 7/2017/5656 (amended design) No Objection

c. 7/2019/5298 Miller Bridge Car Park, Ambleside

Additional spaces to existing car park together with change of use of adjacent land to car park, removal and replanting of hedge row. – No Objection other than the surface should be grass, growing through the honeycomb surfacing facilitating drainage, rather than hardcore. The parking bays should be 2.6 metres and not the standard 2.4 meters which is inadequate for modern day car size. The laying of the existing hedge should be considered before its removal. Finally a condition is required to allow parking for cars only.

d. 7/2019/5331 Langdale Estate, Elterwater

Extension to form Spa Pool Plantroom to the Leisure and Leisure and Fitness building. – No Objection

e. 7/2019/5328 Grasmere C of E School, Stock Lane, Grasmere

Proposed window and door replacement scheme – No Objection

f. 7/2019/5337 - Coachmans Yard, St Marys Lane, Ambleside

Erection of two business units with two self contained flats over (Retrospective) – Approval.

g. 7/2019/5358 – Maple Tree Corner, Maple Tree Café, Elterwater

Change of use to restaurants/café (Use Class A3) – No Objection

Councillor Mrs Waterhouse IN THE CHAIR

7. TREE WORKS

T/2019/0085 – Garden Cottage, Rydal – Fell Silver Birch.

T/2019/0088 – Above Beck, Grasmere - Remove 2 Yews, 1 Maple and 1 Monkey Puzzle. Reduce 1 Maple.

T/2019/0089 – Littlegarth, Kirkstone Road, Ambleside – Reduce 1 Japanese maple and 1 Cherry

T/2019/0090 – Wordsworth Hotel, Grasmere – Fell T8

RESOLVED To raise the issue of T8 at the Wordsworth Hotel which is an Ash Tree in the Conservation area.

8. PLANNING DECISIONS/APPEALS NOTIFIED BY LDNPA

Approvals

7/2019/5103 – Busk House, Blue Hill Road, Ambleside – Side Porch etc

7/2019/5185 – Anniversary Cottage 10 Church Street Ambleside – Replace door/windows etc

7/2019/5255 – Landower, Rydal Road, Ambleside – extensions to side and rear

7/2018/5236 – University of Cumbria, Hill Top, Ambleside – lawful development certificate for proposed use to replace existing vehicular and pedestrian gates located within perimeter boundary wall to the site.

The Meeting closed at 7.55pm