

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE WINDERMERE TOWN COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, BROAD STREET, WINDERMERE ON WEDNESDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> SEPTEMBER 2009**

**COUNCILLORS PRESENT**

Mr W Smith (Mayor) Mesdames J S Borer, J Garlick, E Greasley, C Houllihan, J Jewell, D Jones, and J Stocker. Messrs D J Fawcett, A B Legge, A Marsh, J H Morphet, M Stafford, J Walters and A Winrow.

Also in attendance was District Councillor Miss K Atkinson, Mr D Williams, County Councillor Mr J Bland and PCSO Livett

**97. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Mr and Mrs Hallatsch and Mrs H Stephenson together with County Councillor Mr J Stephenson.

**98. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The Mayor declared a personal interest in the planning application relating to 5 Orrest Drive, Windermere.

**99. MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 5<sup>th</sup> August were approved as a correct record.

**100. MATTERS ARISING**

**Casual Vacancy – Bowness North Ward**

The District Council had advised that no requests within the statutory period had been received to fill the vacancy by election and it was now open to the Town Council to co-opt.

It was agreed to place a notice in the Westmorland Gazette relating to the vacancies in both Bowness North Ward and Windermere Town Ward.

**Internally Luminated Signs**

In reply to a query raised by the Town Council, the National Park had confirmed that the long standing policy not to permit internally illuminated signs and fascias was no longer part of the development plan. There is therefore no specific policy which prohibits internally illuminated signs. Applications for such signage will continued to be considered on their merits and it may well be that such signage remains unacceptable because of the effect of visual amenities of an area,

**Kirkstone Pass**

Patterdale Parish Council had sent a copy of a letter received from the County Council stating that the Area Engineer for South Lakeland would liaise with his colleague in Eden to discuss whether HGVs could be prevented from using the A592 over Kirkstone Pass.

**A Letter of Thanks** was received from Windermere and Bowness Winter Lights Group relating to the Town Council's recent donation.

**Mr Fred Atkinson**

The Clerk read out a letter from Mr Atkinson thanking the Council for its recent gift relating to his work in Elleray Woods and wishing the Council well.

**Charboat Planter – Ellerthwaite Square**

The Civic Society had replied to state that it was still interested in contributing to the enhancement of the island on the west side of Ellerthwaite Square but would not wish to

consider providing a Char Boat for an alternative location. It was agreed to put this matter on a future Agenda.

**Further to Minute No. 92** on Page 26, the Mayor had had discussions with representatives from the Civic Society relating to their application for the Glebe to be classed as a village green. The Civic Society had advised that they would not consider withdrawing their application. The Mayor had received further confirmation from United Utilities confirming that this application prejudiced their proposals relating to their work at the Glebe and that it was unlikely that that work would proceed whilst the application was being considered.

#### **101. POLICE**

PCSO Livett advised that Crime Mapping Posters would be published regularly and it was hoped that these could be placed in the Town Council Noticeboards. The Street Safe Results were being analysed. There had been a minor increase in burglarly offences over the past few weeks. PCSO Livett then answered questions from Councillors.

#### **102.. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

9 planning applications were considered by the Council and it was resolved to send the following comments to the Lake District National Park Authority:-

- 7/07/5338 Lazy Daisy's Lakeland Kitchen, 31/33 Crescent Road – Replace shop window with windows and sliding doors – No objections in principle but prefer hardwood to UPVC. Negotiate on design and appearance.
- 7/09/5353 73 Windermere Park – Extend existing dormer - Approve
- 7/09/5360 1 Hodge Howe Cottage, Ambleside Road – Single Storey Extension – Approve
- 7/09/5373 Spring Cottage, The Common – Front Porch – Approve
- 7/09/5403 Crag House, Crag Brow – 3 new fascia signs & 1 projecting sign – Approve
- 7/09/5406 Cleabarrow – Remove existing stable/shelter and replace. Enlarge field gate – Approve.
- 7/09/5419 The Bield, Cunsey – New timber jetty – Approve
- 7/09/5431 5 Orrest Drive – Single car parking space in front garden. Approve in principle – prefer alternative material to tarmac
- 7/09/5433 Matson Ground – Agricultural Building – Approve.

#### **103. COMMENTS FROM DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS AND MEMBERS OF THE LAKE DISTRICT NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY**

Mr D Williams advised that the District Council was considering the Longlands Play Area as a possible allotment site. However, there may be restrictive covenants that prohibited its use as such.

#### **104. REPRESENTATIVES ON OTHER ORGANISATIONS.**

The Mayor circulated a list of his attendance at various events since the last meeting.

Mrs Jewell reported on the Windermere Taverners 25<sup>th</sup> Centenary Celebrations.

Mrs E Greasley reminded that the Councillors that the Windermere in Bloom Presentation would take place on the 8<sup>th</sup> August.

**105. PLANNING DECISIONS**

The Clerk read out decisions on recent planning applications determined by the Lake District National Park Authority.

**106. LICENSING APPLICATIONS**

The Council had received a letter objecting to the application for an extended licence at Beresford Restaurant and requesting the Council's assistance.

The Clerk advised that under the Licensing Arrangements, the Licensing Authority would not accept any objections from the Town Council acting in a representative capacity. The Clerk would respond accordingly to the letter.

**107. DALESWAY SOCIETY**

The Council had been advised that the Society was having a commemorative walk on the 12<sup>th</sup> September. All Councillors were invited. The Society had been asked whether it could provide refreshments. It was agreed to congratulate the Society on its anniversary celebration but to decline the provision of refreshments on the basis of the precedent that this would set.

**108. ACCOUNTS**

The following accounts were approved and passed for payment:-

1)	W Smith	Balance Mayors Honorarium	200.00
2)	South Lakes Development Trust	Amenity Grant	200.00
3)	G Hancox	Town Steward	345.79
4)	VFMS	Watering Hanging Baskets & Tubs	1,210.00
5)	B G Whittaker	Salary	483.40
6)	HMRC	PAYE	447.19
7)	Wolseley UK Ltd	Materials	16.35
8)	J Stocker	Windermere in Bloom Expenses	14.42

**109. POLICY & FINANCE MEETING**

It was agreed to hold a Policy & Finance Advisory Group Meeting on the 15<sup>th</sup> September, commencing at 6pm to be held at the Hydro Hotel before the Community Plan Meeting.

**110. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

The Council received a letter inviting the Council to an initial meeting of the Lakes Local Area Partnership.

It was agreed that the Council would attend at any convenient date. If acceptable to both Lakes and Skelwith Parish Councils, the Meeting could be held at the Council Chamber in Windermere or anywhere else that was convenient.

It was agreed to raise no objection to the proposal to prune a mature Cherry at 1 Laurel Bank, Lake Road. The Council also received the CALC Circular. Notification of Family Charity Walks

organised by the Rotary Club on the 12<sup>th</sup> September, the Lions proposed dates for activities on the Glebe for 2010 as well as the Agenda for the Lakes Parish Council.

Mrs Borer reported on an interview that she had with Border TV relating to the Chapel on Rayrigg Road Cemetery.

Mrs J Jewell suggested that Businesses and Residents in Windermere and Bowness were concerned at the lack of adequate parking and how this impacted upon the present financial climate. She also requested that no more building in Windermere and Bowness takes place until the sewerage system was improved.

Mr Morphet requested that the Council contacts South Lakeland District Council again as regards the current position of Robinson Place, together with proposals for reinstatement and future use.