

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE WINDERMERE TOWN COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, BROAD STREET, WINDERMERE ON 14TH JANUARY 2009

COUNCILLORS PRESENT

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

Also present was District Councillor Mr D Williams

235. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs C Hallatsch and Mr H Stephenson and Messrs D J Fawcett, L J Hallatsch and H E Hatley. The Police had also sent their apologies.

236. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No Councillor declared any interests in connection with matters on the Agenda.

237. MINUTES

The Council approved the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on Monday 22nd December 2008.

238. MATTERS ARISING

Letters of Thanks relating to Grants were received from the Volunteer Centre, South Lakeland and Goodley Dale School.

The Management at Troutbeck Bridge Swimming Pool had invited the Council to attend the Pool. It was agreed to accept the suggestion of Saturday 24th January and hoped that any Councillors who could not attend on that day could attend subsequently.

The County Council Area Engineer had replied in connection with the Council's queries concerning Road Treatment during the recent snowfalls.

Roads had been treated in accordance with their assessed priorities. It was accepted however that not salt bins or heaps were filled before the onset of the weather but that work has now been completed.

The Council received a copy of a letter from District Councillor David Williams relating to the proposed United Utilities Holding Tank on the Glebe that had been addressed to South Lakeland District Council.

The Clerk had contacted the County Council relating to the footpath that runs from Park Road towards Oldfield Court that had been undermined by tree roots. It had eventually been discovered that the path was classified as a divorced footway which is part of the highway network. Accordingly, the Highways hotline had been contacted.

It was noted that the Tree obscuring the footway light outside Wetherlam House on Park Road had now been trimmed by the property owner. Work needed to be put in hand to clean the glass and paint the column.

239. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

- 7/08/5270 Strawberry Gardens, Far Sawrey – Replacement Jetty – Like for Like – Approve
- 7/08/5673 Far End, Victoria Road – Replacement dwelling (re-submission) – Approve
- 7/08/5674 Adj. St Annes School, Patterdale Road – Erect mobile phone mast and associated equipment – The proposed site is very close to Boarding facilities at the School and there are concerns as to the effects on the children. The road at this location is narrow and no equipment should be sited at this point – Consider an alternative site in the lay-by to the North
- 7/08/7675 Boots the Chemist, 10 Crescent Road – 1 externally illuminated fascia sign and 1 non- illuminated hanging sign – Approve
- 7/08/5687 10 College Road – Demolish Garage & Erect replacement with dayroom over – Approved provided that the day room is not used for commercial storage and no commercial vehicles are parked within the curtilage of 10 College Road.

240. COMMENTS FROM DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS AND MEMBERS OF THE LAKE DISTRICT NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY

Mr D Williams reported that the District Council Cabinet were recommending the re-introduction of car parking charges throughout the District between 6 – 9pm.

It was agreed to write to the District Council deploring the effects that this would have on residents who had no home parking and tourism where guest houses have no parking. The Rayrigg Road Car Park in Bowness was needed to support the Old Laundry Theatre, and concerned was expressed that there had been no consultation with the Town Council.

Mrs J Stocker reported that Consultation Meetings were to take place shortly relating to the proposed Community Transport Plan covering Troutbeck and Troutbeck Bridge.

The Annual General Meeting of the Windermere Youth Project would be taking place on the 20th January.

241. REPRESENTATIVES ON OTHER ORGANISATIONS.

Mrs J S Borer and Mr A Legge had attended a recent Windermere Waterfront Meeting. Further Information was to be circulated in the future.

Mrs J Stocker reported on a recent Community Safety Partnership meeting. It was noted that representatives from the Lakes School Council attended those meetings regularly.

Mrs Stocker also reported on the Windermere Community Plan held the previous week. Further meetings had been arranged for the 21st January and 4th February.

The Mayor reported that the renovated flag pole in the Library Gardens was now operational and the Flag was flying.

242. MODEL PUBLICATION SCHEME

The Council had adopted the revised Model Publication Scheme on the 12th December 2008.

The Clerk had prepared the Guide to proactively published information detailing information available from the Town Council under the Model Publication Scheme, how the information can be obtained and whether any cost was to be charged.

It was resolved to accept the Guide as prepared and to publish it accordingly.

243. PUBLIC INQUIRY RELATING TO FOOTPATH AT ELLERAY WOOD

Councillors had been circulated with copies of the statements received from Dr Fryer and the Council's neighbour Mr Unsworth. Councillors also had copies of the Statement relating to the Town Council's objection that had been forwarded to the Planning Inspectorate having previously been approved by the Committee established by the Town Council.

It was resolved to approve the Statement that had been submitted on behalf of the Town Council.

It was further resolved that since the written statement contained all the points that the Council wished to put forward to the Inquiry that the Town Council would not be formally represented at the Inquiry and to advise the Planning Inspectorate accordingly.

244. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

The Council received notification of Tree Preservation Orders at Ferry Nab and Wynlass Beck. Notification was also received relating to work to trees covered by Tree Preservation Orders at the Perch, Cleabarrow and 11 Fairfield. It was resolved to make objections.

It was agreed to send letters of support to the Lakeland Trails Festival to be held in Staveley on the 6th June and also to the Skipton-East Lancashire Rail Action Partnership who were campaigning for the reinstatement of the missing rail link between Skipton and Colne.

The Council noted an email from the Manager at Fallbarrow Park giving advance notice that following consultation with the Lake District National Park, some large trees on the boundary between the park and Rayrigg Road would be felled in the near future.