

KESWICK TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Keswick Town Council held in the Council Chamber, 50 Main Street, Keswick, on Thursday 18th August 2016 at 7.30pm.

Present:

Chairman
Councillor David Burn

Councillors

Allan Daniels	Martin Jordan	Denstone Kemp
Susan Leighton	Tony Lywood	Duncan Miller
Adam Paxon	Peter Price	Martin Pugmire
Paul Titley		

Also present were Lynda Walker (Town Clerk), Catherine Parker (Responsible Financial Officer), 2 members of the press and 12 members of the public.

Prior to the meeting, Keswick Flood Action Group (K FAG) delivered a presentation on the future management of Thirlmere Reservoir including the Group's concerns regarding the condition of the "wave wall" along the road side on the crest of the dam that this structure was acting as a reservoir retaining wall at times. The presentation also explained K FAG's concerns over the way the bridges along the River Greta performed during the winter storms of 2015/16.

75. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Andrew Lysser (work), Geoff Davies (LDNPA), Borough Councillor Ron Munby and PCSO Catherine Smith.

76. Minutes

RESOLVED that the Chairman be authorised to sign as a correct record the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 21st July 2016 (pages 12-15).

77. Requests for Dispensations

The Clerk reported that no requests for dispensations had been received.

78. Declarations of Interests

Declarations by elected and co-opted members of interests in respect of items on this agenda were received from:

All Councillors – item 8 (i) application no. 7/2016/2181 (members of Fitz Park Trust)
Councillor Kemp – item 7 – employed at Keswick School

79. Police Report

RECEIVED the report of the Allerdale Rural Policing team for July. No Police representative was available to attend for this item. 19 crimes had been reported in the Keswick area during July 2016 with 7 anti-social behaviour incidents reported during the month.

80. Matters received from the Public

- i) Councillor Leighton raised the issue of the current visitor/resident experience of Keswick in the light of roadworks, high parking charges, parking in side streets partly as a result of this causing damage to vehicles, high charges for the toilet facilities, threats to Keswick Hospital posed by the review of the 'Success Regime' and flooding problems. She stated that all

relevant organisations needed to work together in the future to secure improvements for the benefit of Keswick.

- ii) Mr Stuart Cresswell of Threlkeld presented his views on flood alleviation in Keswick, in particular his assertion that removal of debris from the River Greta, as requested by the Town Council, would have a detrimental effect on flooding as it would ensure that flood water reached the town more quickly and place all bridges and buildings near the rivers at risk. Mr Cresswell was thanked for his presentation.

It was agreed to bring forward item no. 8 on the agenda

81. Applications for Development

- i) **RESOLVED** that the following observations be submitted to the Lake District National Park Authority:-

Plan Ref.	Description of Development Location
T/2016/0095	Fell 2 x silver birch trees located in the guest house car park Cumbria House, 1 Derwentwater Place <i>Support – some management of these trees. There is very little green in this area and it does benefit from some greenery. Retain smaller tree and fell larger one and replace with new young tree</i> SUPPORT
T/2016/0097	Remove 1 x Silver Birch 13 Church Street <i>Support – Site visit made. The tree is damaging walls and this could be undermining the foundations and it should be removed</i> SUPPORT
T/2016/0102	Fell 1 cypress (T1) and 1 spruce (T2) 19 Hewetson Court, Main Street <i>No comments made</i> SUPPORT
T/2016/0105	Prune 1 mature oak tree 19 Latrigg Close <i>Support – large healthy tree but needs managing (branches touching roof of house)</i> SUPPORT
T/2016/0109	T1 Thorn - reduce height; T2 Sycamore - crown lift; T3 Rowan - reduce height; T4 Sycamore - pollard down to first union; T5 Ash - pollard; T6 Sycamore - pollard; T7 Oak - reduce overhanging branches Claremont House, Chestnut Hill <i>Support – trees overhanging neighbours garden reducing light and it is good to see neighbours working in a sensible way</i> SUPPORT
T/2016/0110	T1 Sycamore - crown lift; T2 Sycamore - cut back lowest limb to boundary; T3 Oak - cut back lowest limb to boundary Claremont House, Chestnut Hill <i>Support – Good to see neighbours working in a sensible way</i> SUPPORT

- 7/2016/2027** Development of a water supply connection from Thirlmere to West Cumbria comprising of (within the Lake District National Park) - a) a twin underground pipeline from Bridge End Water Treatment Works, Thirlmere to land off the A595 near Blindcrake; b) a single underground pipeline to the north of Blindcrake between Williamsgate and Quarry Hill; c) the slip-lining (renewal of existing pipeline) of a section of existing water pipeline from Southwaite Farm, Cockermouth and Cornhow Water Treatment Works, Loweswater; d) the decommissioning of Cornhow WTW and Ennerdale incorporating the development of associated kiosks, valve chambers, excavation and landscaping, temporary vehicular accesses, working areas, compounds, hard standing and other associated development along the route
Bridge End Water Treatment Works
Support – the comment in the application that UU will assist by emphasising ‘Keswick is still open for business’ needs to be done carefully. Many visitors will have no idea that any works are taking place at all. (The restoration of the A591 is a case in point, it was huge news here but ‘no news’ elsewhere as many had no idea it was blocked)
SUPPORT
- 7/2016/2152** New roof lights into existing roof structure both front & rear
1 Myers Street
Support – (conservation area) surprised that the conversion of kitchen space needs 3 roof lights
SUPPORT
- 7/2016/2169** Change of use of part of existing commercial storage building (Use Class B8) to residential use (Use Class C3). Replacement of porch on enlarged footprint
23 Station Street
Support – application has a Section 106 clause attached. This is an empty building, the plan looks sympathetic and the building seems appropriate for residential use (local needs)
SUPPORT
- 7/2016/2172** Repair bridge following partial collapse in December 2015 floods
Forge Bridge, The Forge
Site visit made
Object – On the grounds of unsafe structure and reinstating bridge to its original state. Concerns over flood risk to adjacent properties (some of which are listed) if the bridge was reinstated as was. Now the millrace has gone the threat is greater than in the past. We would like to request that the Lake District National Park Authority look at the stability of the abutments and take urgent action if the structure is unsafe. The application also needs to have an up-to-date Flood Risk Assessment and Access Statement.
Objection letters received by the Town Council from:
Mike & Sally Stubbs
Peter & Chloe Johnson
OBJECT
- 7/2016/2174** Rear kitchen extension
48 Wordsworth Street
Support – There has been a lot of kitchen extensions on this street and it fits in. Visually this will improve appearance of the rear of this property
SUPPORT

7/2016/2181 New 'Knightsbridge' across River Greta to replace existing lost in floods and associated site works
Lower Fitz Park, Station Road
Keswick Town Council application - Declared Interest

ii) **RECEIVED** update on National Park planning decisions.

82. Request for Funding

Consideration was given to a request from Keswick School for financial support towards providing activities for German exchange students visiting in September.

RESOLVED that match funding be offered up to a maximum of £300 from the Youth Projects budget for 2016/17.

83. Reports from Ward Representatives

RECEIVED reports from the following representatives:

- i) Lake District National Park Authority – Geoff Davies
- ii) Allerdale Borough Council Ward Representatives – Councillor Pugmire
- iii) Cumbria County Council Ward Representative – none received.

84. Mayor's Engagements

RECEIVED details of the Mayor's Engagements and meetings attended.

85. A Boards

Consideration was given to a report of the Mayor outlining the current situation with regard to management and policing of A boards in the town centre by Cumbria County Council and proposing that a working group be set up to devise a street furniture and A board policy for Keswick.

RESOLVED that the Mayor and Councillor Daniels liaise with the Borough Council and the local Retailers Association to develop a possible scheme for Keswick and report back to a future meeting.

86. Neighbourhood Plan for Keswick

Consideration was given to the report of the Working Group following exploratory work and discussions regarding the potential benefits of developing a Neighbourhood Plan for Keswick.

RESOLVED that Tom Woof of Prospus be approached to provide a presentation prior to the next Town Council meeting before a formal decision to proceed is considered.

87. Payment of Accounts

RESOLVED that the accounts for August 2016 as approved by the Inspection Committee be authorised for payment for:

- i) The Town Council, vouchers 97 – FR5 amounting to £15,971.27(fifteen thousand nine hundred and seventy one pounds and twenty seven pence)
- ii) The Trusts, vouchers HP64 – FP79 amounting to £26,625.88(twenty six thousand six hundred and twenty five pounds and eighty eight pence)

Item 14 (Review of Keswick Conservation Area) was withdrawn from the agenda for lack of information from the Strategy and Partnership Adviser for the Lake District National Park Authority.

88. Clerk's Report

RECEIVED the Clerk's report. The Mayor reported on the meeting which had now taken place with Karl Melville of Cumbria Highways who had agreed to avoid roadworks in Keswick during the main holiday periods wherever possible.

89. Correspondence

RECEIVED the following correspondence:

- i) Joanne Horsburgh - Town Council logo
- ii) Glenn Savage – parking in Blencathra Street area
- iii) Allerdale BC – Tour of Britain Handy Guide

The meeting closed at 9.05 pm

Chairman

Date