

KESWICK TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Keswick Town Council held in the Council Chamber, 50 Main Street, Keswick, on Thursday 17th December 2015 at 7.30pm.

Present:

Chairman
Councillor Paul Titley

Councillors

David Burn	Allan Daniels	Martin Jordan
Denstone Kemp	Susan Leighton	Duncan Miller
Adam Paxon	Peter Price	Martin Pugmire

Also present were Lynda Walker (Town Clerk), Catherine Parker (Administration & Finance Officer), 2 members of the press, 5 members of the public and Sgt Gillian Atkinson.

130. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Lysser and Lywood (holidays) and Geoff Davies (National Park Authority parishes representative).

131. Minutes

RESOLVED that the Chairman be authorised to sign as a correct record the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on the 19th November 2015 (pages 27-30).

132. Requests for Dispensations

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

133. Declarations of Interests

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

Councillors Burn and Miller – item 8 (i) Planning ref. 7/2015/2254(close friends of premises owner)

134. Flood Response

The Mayor congratulated the Keswick community on the stunning effort made during the recent flooding and asked for this to be officially recorded. Councillor Pugmire reported on the setting up of the Allerdale Local Recovery Group. A number of issues were raised and an information sheet was circulated giving useful advice and contacts for those affected. The extent of damage to Hope and Fitz Parks was discussed and it was **RESOLVED** that an additional grant of £10,000 be made available to Fitz Park Trust to be funded from the Town Council's contingency budget to assist with clean up costs.

135. Police Report

RECEIVED the report of the Allerdale Neighbourhood Policing team. Sgt Gillian Atkinson was in attendance and advised on flood recovery work undertaken by the police. Additional security personnel had been employed and would be in place over the Christmas period. Sgt Atkinson agreed to liaise with County Highways regarding clarification of the misleading road closure signage on Chestnut Hill.

136. Matters to be received from the Public

Mr David Simpson expressed his disappointment that copies of all the reports relating to meetings of the Town Council were not available on the website, especially as Keswick library was now closed due to flooding. The Clerk assured Mr Simpson that all public papers would be included on the website in future. He also requested an explanation as to why the Town Council had objected to a planning application for

change of use of a property to provide holiday accommodation for disabled people and accused Councillors of discrimination. The Mayor refuted this accusation and Councillor Burn on behalf of the Planning Group explained that the reason for the objection was that the application was for holiday lets as opposed to housing for local occupancy.

Mr Roy Johnson spoke on behalf of Keswick Retailers Association objecting to Allerdale Borough Council's proposals to increase car parking charges in Keswick. He referred specifically to the proposal to suspend reduced price permits for the lower paid on the grounds of suspected fraud, and to concerns that the Borough Council does not consider the impact of increases on local people who shop in Keswick and are essential to the viability of businesses.

Rachel Swift of Theatre by the Lake protested against the proposed scale of the increases which would result in an additional £5 charge to theatregoers which would threaten the viability of the theatre.

A member of the public highlighted health and safety concerns which would arise if more indiscriminate parking on the residential streets of Keswick resulted from the increased charges.

Geoff Davidson of Above Derwent Parish Council spoke in support of the objection to the proposed increased charges.

The Mayor advised that representatives of Allerdale Borough Council would be present at the next Town Council meeting when this item would be on the agenda for discussion. In the meantime, the Clerk was asked to forward the concerns on to the Borough Council.

137. Applications for Development

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

Plan Ref.	Description of Development Location:
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7/2015/2169	Proposed dormer, change windows and internal alterations and associated works 25 Church Street <i>Object – Do not want to see use of upvc on front door and windows. Wood would be more in keeping.</i> OBJECT
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7/2015/2228	Proposed new orangery to replace existing conservatory, external ground works to provide boat launch ramp with vehicle access to Derwentwater, plus a new flood defence system incorporating a level lawn Waters Edge, Lake Road <i>Neutral – no concerns over new orangery (to replace existing sun lounge) etc. Presumably has right to boat access to Lake</i> NEUTRAL
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7/2015/2248	Variation of condition no. 2 (occupancy restriction) of planning approval 7/2005/2027 with current local occupancy restriction for the North Distinctive area of the Lake District National Park 19 Eskin Street <i>Support – Condition 2 restricted occupation of the 2 flats to proprietor or staff of F & W Green Ltd. Application is to substitute current local occupancy restriction instead. This would bring property into line with current applications</i> SUPPORT
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- 7/2015/2254 Conversion of existing A1 retail unit to A3 restaurant use
28 Lake Road
Declared interest – Councillors Burn and Miller
NEUTRAL
- 7/2015/2268 Installation of new windows
40 Wordsworth Street
Neutral - wood at front, UPVC at rear, this will match existing as close as possible
NEUTRAL
- 7/2015/2271 The construction of a single storey bedroom extension, conservatory, front porch and a first floor extension to accommodate a new stair with access to a first floor seating area.
Riverside, Crosthwaite Road
Neutral – potential overlooking issues have been addressed by use of opaque glass. Do have concerns about potential of increased flooding risk in the area.
NEUTRAL
- 7/2015/2272 Temporary use of agricultural fields to accommodate campers and caravanners attending the Keswick Convention in Summer 2016
Crosthwaite Conference Centre, Church Lane
Support – annual application – causes no problems
SUPPORT
- 7/2015/2273 Replace front porch and repaint previously painted features
6 Church Street
Support - replacement porch will match those on either side of this property
SUPPORT
- 7/2015/2277 Window replacement
7 Southey Street
Neutral – replacement windows (UPVC) will replace high level dormer windows and rear windows, should not detract from appearance of the property
NEUTRAL
- 7/2015/2279 Site upgrades and improvements including the conversion of 48 no. grass pitches to hardstandings, a new combined motorhome service point and service area, a new service area, regularisation of existing Site Manager's pitches, Site security access and egress barriers in two locations and amended location for reception block (permitted under ref: 7/2006/2048)
Walker Park, Crow Park Road
Neutral – Hardstanding are to be gravel. Flood Risk Assessment states will not increase flood risk elsewhere
NEUTRAL
- 7/2015/2281 Change of use of Greta Gardens from C3 use (Dwellinghouses) to C2 use (Residential institutions)
Greta Gardens, Crow Park Road
Object on grounds of effect and strain on services e.g. Social Care and local GP's
OBJECT
- 7/2015/2284 Modification of S106 Agreement on approval ref 7/2012/2034 to extend occupancy restriction to Cockermouth and/or local family connection
Greta Gardens, Crow Park Road

Support the local family connection aspect of this application only
SUPPORT
 Object to Cockermouth aspect as it is not within the National Park.
OBJECT

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

138. Mayor's Report

RECEIVED report from the Mayor including details of the Mayor's calendar of duties.

139. Payment of Accounts

RESOLVED that the accounts for December 2015 as approved by the Inspection Committee be authorised for payment):

- i) For the Town Council, vouchers 163 – FR7 amounting to £20273.42 (twenty thousand two hundred and seventy three pounds and forty 2 pence)
- ii) For the Trusts, vouchers HP95 – FP76 amounting to £3051.52 (three thousand and fifty one pounds and fifty two pence)

140. Budget for 2016/2017

The draft budget for 2016/17 was presented for approval including recommended grant payments to local organisations, together with the report of the Staffing Committee following the annual review of pay and conditions of service of employees as required by Standing Order no. 7.

RESOLVED

- i) That the list of recommended grants be approved with the addition of £500 to Pets Lifeline
- ii) that the draft Budget for the financial year 2016/17 be approved to include the recommendations in the report of the Staffing Committee and the additional grant
- iii) that the precept for 2016/17 be set at £201,554.

141. Consultations

Consideration was given to a report prepared by Councillor Daniels highlighting a number of issues of concern regarding the following consultation documents:

- i) Allerdale Borough Council – Budget Consultation 2016/17
- ii) Cumbria County Council – Consultation on new Council Plan, Budget Savings and new ways of working

RESOLVED that the comments contained in the report be submitted as the Council's response to the consultation documents.

142. Reports from Ward Representatives

RECEIVED reports from the following representatives:

- i) Allerdale Borough Council Ward Representative – Councillor Pugmire
- ii) Lake District National Park Authority Allerdale Parishes Representative

The Mayor thanked County Councillor Lysser in his absence for his tremendous efforts in the Emergency Control room during the recent flooding which were much appreciated.

143. Clerk's Report

RECEIVED the Clerk's report.

The meeting closed at 9.30 pm

 Chairman

 Date