

# MINUTES OF URSWICK PARISH COUNCIL

## FROM THE MEETING

Held Thursday 1st October 2009

At Urswick Parish Room

**Present:** Mr J Keen (JK) (Chairperson), Mrs N Cowsill (NC), Mr J Winder (JW), Mr P Rixom (PR), Mr D Stubbs (DS), Mrs H Gregson (Clerk)

Councillors Jane Carson, Jackie Cooper and Janet Willis

Martin Stables, Paul Wren, Denise Westfield

1. Apologies for absence Cllr Geoff James, Cllr James Airey, PCSO Helen Madden,
2. Declarations of interest: NC family member has commoner's rights to Stainton Green, JW rights over Urswick Green.
3. Approval of minutes from previous meeting (13<sup>th</sup> August 2009) Proposed by PR seconded by JK.
4. Chairman Jeff Keen formally welcomed Denise Westfield and Paul Wren to the meeting and expressed the intention to formally co opt them onto the council at the end of the meeting.
5. To note progress on items for action agreed at previous meetings not otherwise on the agenda. None.
6. Public Forum: Comments, questions or concerns from any local resident: No issues raised.
7. Report from Police on any matters of local concern and /or interest to Councillors and residents: No issues raised
8. Report from District and County Councillors on matters of interest to Councillors and residents

Cllr Carson reported that Peter Ridgeway (Chief Excec SLDC) is gradually returning to work after his heart attack during the summer. The restructuring of the Council is continuing. Matters coming before the Cabinet include Joint Waste Disposal arrangements with Barrow, information provision for tourists and public toilet provision, the latter issue being up for consultation at the moment.

The results of a Place Survey showed that there was higher than average satisfaction with services provided by SLDC but SLDC itself rating below average which raises the question as to whether its services are being confused with those provided by the County Council.

The first Ulverston and Low Furness Local Area Partnership Meeting is to be held on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November at Bardsea Malt Kiln at 7pm and asked that Urswick Parish Council consider which services they wished to see devolved to PC level.

Grants are available from South Lakeland Strategic Partnership for amounts of up to £750 for projects in Parish plans (deadline 21<sup>st</sup> October).

Cllr Jackie Cooper reported that although some dropped kerbs had been installed in Urswick more were needed at St Mary's Garth. People appear to be parking across dropped kerbs particularly when the recreational hall is being used. The situation needs to be monitored with the possibility of applying for a line to be painted. Cllr Cooper stated that she intends to apply for four more dropped kerbs at St Mary's Garth.

Cllr Janet Willis raised discussions she has been having with the highways department and the way in which they deal with enquiries and pointed out that the Environment Directorate are keen to improve their customer care.

9. Planning Applications and decisions

i) To confirm the Council's response to the following applications

SL/2009/0719 Causey Wood Bungalow, Great Urswick. Extension to agricultural building.

SL/2009/0788 Longrigg Farm, Hooks Lane, Little Urswick. Siting of static caravan for use as ancillary accommodation.

SL/2009/0650 Penny Cottages, Little Urswick. Replacement of windows

ii) To note SLDC's decision on the following local planning applications

SL/2009/0521 Brow View, Church Road Great Urswick. Conversion and extension of barn to form new dwelling and attached garaging for the new and existing dwellings. GRANTED with conditions.

SL/2009/0572 2 The Barns, Barn End, Great Urswick. Replacement UPVC windows and doors. GRANTED with conditions.

SL/2009/0571 Land adjacent to Hooks Lane, Urswick. Field shelter (Retrospective) GRANTED

SL/2009/0537 Land on the north side of Laurel Cottage, Great Urswick. Engineering operation to form access to field and hard standing. REFUSED

SL/2009/0502 Dale Garth, Marcalles, Ulverston. Engineering work to infill water tank (Retrospective) GRANTED

10. Tarn Association: To report on anything of concern or interest to Councillors and residents. Mr Stables handed out copies of Urswick Tarn Association Outline Implementation Plan of Maintenance and Conservation Activities. This covers the

period from September 2009 to September 2011 but is to be reviewed again in September 2010. It was noted that fencing at the edge of the tarn has finally been done after 5 years and that it may already be discouraging some of the geese in the area.

The Tarn Association AGM will be held on 13<sup>th</sup> October in the General Burgoyne and an ordinary meeting will be held on 1<sup>st</sup> December.

11. Boating Licences for Urswick Tarn – to discuss enforcement. (DS Abstained) HG had been in contact with Cumbria Association of Local Councils for advice on this matter and was told that the general principle of the enforcement of bye laws relied on people behaving reasonably and that the police were unlikely to take action in the event of a breach.

Mr Stables commented that there are currently 12 licences with 2 in abeyance (to be used as day licences) NC asked that a notice be put up on the notice board at the Derby Arms indication that day licences are available. ACTION MR STABLES

12. Litter bins. To discuss the positioning of recently purchased bins and how often they will need emptying. JK reported that two of the bins are already in position, one near Little Urswick rec, and one just beyond the school. The third is to be placed nearly opposite the vicarage. HG stated that emptying would cost £2.50 per bin, per emptying. Councillors agreed that fortnightly emptying was acceptable. Clerk to arrange emptying. ACTION CLERK

13. Bardsea Public Toilets, to discuss Council's views on charges by SLDC and choose representative to attend a meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> October. JK and DS both agreed to attend the consultation with SLDC at Kendal Town Hall at 6.30pm on 6<sup>th</sup> October.

Cllr Cooper stressed the need to keep public toilets open. JK to contact Kirkby Lonsdale Parish Council who have purchased and run their own public toilets. Clerk to find out contact details. ACTION JK/DS/CLERK

14. Bardsea Open Spaces. To discuss current position. PR stated that the position is uncertain and suggested that a definitive map be obtained from the land registry showing areas of common land. ACTION CLERK

15. Core Strategy – to discuss Council's opinion in order to submit comments to SLDC by 23<sup>rd</sup> October. Councillors were of the opinion that the Parish Councils views have been expressed in detail on a previous occasion and have not changed. Clerk to pass this on to SLDC. ACTION CLERK

16. Allotments, to review research done since last meeting. Cllr Carson said it was difficult to get funding and that one option would be to set up a separate group to obtain funding. Sedburgh Parish Council have recently converted land into allotments. It is necessary to be mindful of site access and the effect on any neighbours in the area. The possibility of leasing land from local farmers was suggested subject to the

number of allotments required and how much applicants were prepared to pay. Mr Stables stated that SLDC currently charge £25 per annum. A survey is apparently to be sent out by SLDC to Parishes on this subject.

17. Dog Fouling, to note any progress made. It was noted that the situation seems to have been improved with the exception of bags which appear to have been thrown from passing cars.
18. Byelaws, to discuss current situation. Council formally agreed to adopt the bye laws. They will appear on the website and copies will be available from the Clerk on written request. ACTION CLERK
19. Community Travel Plan – currently in abeyance.
20. Village Design Statement – no progress reported
21. Village Appearance, to discuss action taken since last meeting. Re Greenbank House, Cllr Carson reported that if the premises don't represent a health hazard the only option is to write to the owner or his solicitor. The only action the Council are allowed to take is to tidy up the boundary. NC to try and find out more information from Land Registry as to current ownership/responsibility for the property. ACTION NC
22. Monitoring Council's Assets. Stainton has been visited, Council resolved to postpone further visits until the spring.
23. Ownership, insurance and maintenance of War Memorial. No further progress made.
24. Stainton Green Footpath. NC has ordered the necessary wood and requested £500 to purchase materials. She said that a BT manhole cover was going to cause problems because it was at the wrong height but had been quoted £ 1,800 to raise it. Ongoing work to be co ordinate by NC ACTION NC
25. Stainton Green, residents access update. NC due to deliver the last few letters by the end of the week. ACTION NC
26. Financial Regulations, these had been circulated amongst the Councillors and were formally adopted.
27. To authorise payment of bills and expenses received since the last meeting.

Clerks Expenses from 14/08/09 to 30/09/09

Mileage	12 m @ 42.9ppm	£5.14
Extra Broadband allowance @ £10 pm		£10
Hours	4 ¾ @ £8.91	£42.32

NB Clerk's salary review as of 1/04/09 Point 18 increased from £8.83 to £8.91

Back dating salary to 26/06	£10.68
Stamps	£2.34
	Total £70.48
Fixings for litter bins (G James)	£32.08
SLDC Public Conveniences contribution	£550.00
Hire of Urswick Parish Rooms	£10 (2 hours)
G Metcalfe (Stainton Green footpath)	£500

28. To note correspondence received and decide on any response required.  
Letter from Mrs Kenyon re Urswick Green as Common Land JK to visit to explain situation ACTION JK  
Letter re Stagger Inn. NC to research ACTION NC
29. Items to be added to agenda for next meeting.  
To be submitted to Clerk asap.
30. Date and time of next meeting 29<sup>th</sup> October 7.30pm Stainton Recreation Rooms

HG 12/10/09