

MINUTES OF URSWICK PARISH COUNCIL

FROM THE MEETING

Held Thursday 29th October 2009

At Stainton Recreation Room

Prior to the meeting the Council was addressed by Mr D Churchman architect in charge of the Bankhouse/Coot project who outlined the proposed planning application.

Present: Mr J Keen (JK) (Chairperson), Mrs N Cowsill (NC), Mr J Winder (JW), Mr P Rixom (PR), Mr P Wren (PW) Ms Denise Westfield (DW) Mrs H Gregson (Clerk)

Councillors Jane Carson, and James Airey

Martin Stables (Tarn Assoc), PCSO Helen Madden

1. Apologies for absence Cllr Geoff James, Cllr J Willis, Cllr Jackie Cooper
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 (1st October 2009) Proposed by PR seconded by JW.
4. To note the progress of items for action agreed at previous meetings, not on today's agenda.
Litter Bins – are now in position and will be emptied monthly.
Boating – JK has spoken the individuals who had been using the tarn without a licence and the boat concerned has been removed from the water.
Council owned land in Stainton re letter read at last meeting JK & NC to visit resident concerned.
'Owning' Village Green JK has visited the author of the letter read at the last meeting.
5. Public Forum: Comments, questions or concerns from any local resident:
Concern was expressed about bracken and gorse bushes being cut down on Birkrigg Common. It was pointed out that bracken is a carcinogen and it could be positively beneficial to remove it. Gorse needs to be left in place during nesting time. Cllr Airey said there is a lot of discrepancy as to who is allowed to remove it. Cllr Carson agreed to make enquiries. **ACTION: J CARSON**
Mr Stables asked for permission to hire a skip to remove rubbish which was accumulating around the bonfire stating that it would cost £96 + VAT – AGREED
6. Report from Police on any matters of local concern and /or interest to Councillors and residents.

PCSO Madden stated that there had been hardly any crime reported during September and that the only complaints were of anti social behaviour. There have been three local burglaries (Dalton, Lindal & Marton) but the culprits have been arrested. Work has been done with schools during 'Respect Fortnight' including security marking bikes. Extra patrols have been scheduled for Halloween. Police are also looking for volunteers to be part of a message scheme where individuals can be texted, phoned or emailed by the police to pass messages within the community. Volunteers would only be contacted a handful of times a year. Forms will be available at the next Council meeting.

7. Report from District and County Councillors on matters of interest to Councillors and residents

Cllr Airey stated that the report on public toilets would be finalised next year but that Bardsea Toilets would remain open during 2010/11.

South Lakeland District is currently cutting down on Tourist Information, Ulverston Council will be working with local businesses to provide some kind of alternative services.

A possible merger with Eden District Council is being discussed, more details are to follow and costings will be brought to the next meeting.

Cllr Carson said that re Information provision for tourists, SLDC intend to transfer resources to grant scheme to communities. This executive decision has been called in and will be discussed at a special meeting of the Community Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 4th November. There is also a scrutiny task group looking at this issue at present. It was due to report early next year; this may now be brought forward.

Regarding public toilets several options were proposed for consultation, SLDC investing in upgrading the area's most used toilets, transferring some toilets to willing town and parish councils keen to retain theirs, setting up fund to help communities part fund toilets which they want to keep open, linking up with shops and businesses to make their toilets available to the general public as an alternative to a council run block or, withdrawing the service entirely.

Cllr Carson also drew to Councils attention the new joint waste disposal arrangements with Barrow Borough Council.

8. 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

9. Tarn Association. Report on anything of concern and/or interest to Councillors and residents. Mr Stables asked about fencing which has not yet been put around the Jackson property and stated that tanellised poles should be used. He also queried parking arrangements on land near the Wright property Clerk to check with David Foot. ACTION:CLERK

10. Red Telephone Boxes to discuss possible adoption from BT. JK brought a letter from BT regarding the three red boxes in the parish (Little Urswick, Stainton and Bardsea). The boxes would cost £1 each to adopt and £40-50 per annum for electricity. BT would remove the telephone equipment and make them safe. NC pointed out that Stainton has negligible mobile phone coverage but JK stated that BT had already made the decision to stop the service. Cllr Carson stated that Penny Bridge have adopted theirs and use an 8 watt bulb to light it at a cost of £12 per year. COUNCIL RESOLVED NOT TO ADOPT.

11. Need for road repairs in Little Urswick. JW reported a number of deep potholes by the Old Swan. To be reported to Highways Steward. ACTION JK

12. Bardsea Public Toilets.
Toilets are to remain open during 2010/11 RESOLVED

13. Bardsea Open Spaces. No progress made, Clerk to obtain maps ACTION:CLERK

14. Allotments, to review research done since last meeting. No progress made. GJ is understood to be researching. ACTION:GJ
15. Dog Fouling – to note any progress made. JK has put up disposal bags and bins have been installed. RESOLVED
16. Byelaws. Forms have been obtained but clerk needs to consult with previous clerk before progressing. ACTION: CLERK
17. Community Travel Plan. To be removed from agenda until there is anything further to discuss. RESOLVED
18. Village Design Statement. To be removed from agenda until there is anything further to discuss. RESOLVED
19. Village appearance. To discuss action taken since last meeting.
NC reported that the owner of the ground floor is currently trying to obtain the upstairs of the property from the current owner who resides in Russia. The owner intends to do up the property and appreciated the Council's concern regarding the gardens. RESOLVED
20. Maintenance of War Memorial. No progress made ACTION:GJ/CLERK
21. Stainton Green Footpath. NC Reported that the work had been done as a village project with help from 10 members of the public and stone donated from the quarry. The path isn't quite finished but has been topped off. Articles/photos to be sent to the Evening Mail and Westmorland Gazette. ACTION:NC
22. Stainton Green, residents access update. All letters delivered around the residents and no further problems are anticipated. RESOLVED
23. To add and remove signatories from Councils bank accounts.
The following names are to be removed from both accounts – MM Stainton, B Abbot, B Butterfield, D Foot.
The following signatory is to be added to both accounts – H Gregson
RESOLVED
24. Precept for 2010/2011. To discuss any amendments needed before submission.
Councillors agreed allowances for some items have increased whereas other have decreased. An amount of £9918. was agreed for 2010/11. Clerk to submit application to SLDC
ACTION: CLERK

Clerks Expenses from 01/10/09 to 29/10/09

Mileage	@ 42.9ppm	£24.79
Extra Broadband allowance	@ £10 pm	£10
Hours	2 @ £8.91	£17.82
Stamps		£4.56
Printer paper		£5.69
		Total £62.86
Nails & wood to fix fence (JK)		£10.17
CALC Training (Clerk)		£65
Hire of Stainton Recreation Rooms		£10 (2 hours)

25. To note correspondence received and decide on any response required.

Invitation to Stainton Quarry Meeting

Invitation to CALC AGM

26 Items to be added to agenda for next meeting.

To be submitted to Clerk asap.

27 Date and time of next meeting 10th December 7.30pm Bardsea School Rooms

HG 23/11/09