

MINUTES OF URSWICK PARISH COUNCIL

FROM THE MEETING

Held Thursday 21st January 2010

At Urswick Parish Room

Present: Mr J Keen (JK) (Chairperson), Mr P Rixom (PR), Mrs N Cowsill (NC), Mr P Wren (PW), Mrs H Gregson (Clerk)

Cllr Jane Carson, Cllr Janet Willis

Martin Stables (Tarn Assoc), PCSO Helen Madden, Ray Stubbs

1. Apologies for absence Cllr J Airey (Illness), Cllr J Keen (Illness), Cllr D Stubbs (Family), Cllr D Westfield (Holiday), Cllr G James (Holiday)
2. Declarations of interest: NC Grazing rights on Stainton Green
3. Approval of minutes from previous meeting (10th December 2009) Proposed by PR seconded by PW.
4. To note the progress of items for action agreed at previous meetings, not on today's agenda.

Stagger Inn, Stainton Green. Clerk to write letter

ACTION: CLERK.

5. Public Forum: Comments, questions or concerns from any local resident:
Mr Stables asked when the Parish Council Agenda should be displayed on the notice boards in the villages. JK replied that the minimum notice was 3 days before the meeting. Mr Stables suggested that if the agenda was posted the weekend before more people would see it and may be more inclined to attend. The Clerk pointed out that posting the information too early would mean that information such as planning applications may not be up to date.
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6. Report from Police on any matters of local concern and /or interest to Councillors and residents.
PCSO Madden stated that crime figures were low although there had been an incident which resulted in several cars parked between the Derby and the General Burgoyne public houses being scratched with a key. There are no updates available on the attack at the Derby.
Regarding the issue of speeding near the school a competition has been set up for pupils to design a sign to put outside the school.

The offender mentioned at the last meeting as being responsible for the fly tipping in Stainton is currently in prison. NC stated that the rubbish on Gleaston/Stainton Lane still needed to be removed.

NC asked if PCSO Madden was aware of any problems regarding horse thefts in the area. PCSO Madden replied that none had been reported.

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

Cllr Willis produced a copy of the calendar for the Highways's Steward which she passed on to JK. She stated that 'Slow School' signs had been erected and another kerb had been dropped. JK commented that this had not been properly edged and that there were other signs which need replacing as they are now difficult to read. Cllr Willis asked the council to let her know which areas were in need of monitoring in regard to speeding. PR indicated that Bardsea Coast Road was in need of monitoring.

ACTION PR

Road grit had been put in place in October but certain areas were missed out. JK stated that the road towards Birkrigg from the tarn had remained ungritted. NC had received 6 tonnes in Stainton.

Cllr Carson reported that the issue of parking charges in Ulverston has been referred back to a meeting of the full council. Ulverston councillors argued that smaller towns function differently from places such as Kendal. The Scrutiny Committee will be looking into the issue. Cllr Carson is gathering examples of what happens in other areas. NC suggested looking into parking discs.

Regarding the Talk Toilets consultation JK pointed out that Bardsea toilets would be remaining open for 2010/11 but there was a possibility that keyholders could be appointed from nearby in order to keep them open. NC commented that it is difficult for a community to fund public toilets when local people wouldn't be using them.

The Shoreline Management Plan consultation which is relevant to Bardsea was supposed to have begun in December but was put back due to the floods. Details are available on www.coastline.org. The date for responses is 14th February 2010. It was suggested that the parish should flag any potential problems now to be dealt with at a later date. JK suggested that the area on the Coast Road between Kingfisher and Roosecote House is in need of protection.

There would be a Local Development Framework meeting on 4th Feb. On 16th March SLDC will begin meetings to examine Core Strategy.

8. Planning Applications and decisions

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

SL/2009/1001 Beech Cottage Bardsea. Application for two storey rear extension.

SL/2009/1069 10 Reeds Gardens Little Urswick. Application for extension and alterations.

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

SL/2009/1001 13 Church Road, Urswick. Application for two storey side extension and single storey front and rear extensions.GRANTED

SL/2009/0934 Ulverston Golf Club. Erection of building for driving range. GRANTED

SL/2009/0929 25 Kirk Flat Application for rear conservatory.GRANTED

SL/2009/1023 Redmayne Hall Farm, Little Urswick. Application for internal alterations and replacement windows to rear elevation.GRANTED

9. Tarn Association. Report on anything of concern and/or interest to Councillors and residents.

Mr Stables asked when the fencing was due to be put around the Jackson property. Apparently Mr Jackson wasn't aware that the issue had been concluded JK asked the clerk to forward a copy of the appropriate letter from the land registry.

Mr Stables also queried what was happening with the council website as Mr Wilson had now removed the Tarn Association information from there. Mr Wilson offered to set up a link between the two websites.

10. Local Area Partnership.

PR indicated that suggested dates for the next meeting were now available on the website.

11. Cold Calling. To discuss Council's views on joining the Trading Standards Dept's 'No Cold Calling Area' scheme as raised by PCSO Madden on the 10th December 2009.

PCSO Madden agreed to contact Katherine Crowe from Trading Standards to set up a suitable date for her to attend a council meeting to talk about this. Such an area would have to have distinct boundaries and would be provided with signage. The council agreed that this would be helpful to protect elderly residents.

ACTION PCSO MADDEN

12. Byelaws. To approve the alterations and formally adopt.

Proposed by PR, seconded by PW. Clerk to inform relevant authorities

ACTION CLERK

13. Maintenance of War Memorial to discuss plans for cleaning.

JK reported that he had purchased a cleaner for limestone which would not damage lead but that he would test an inconspicuous area first before carrying out the cleaning.

ACTION JW

18. Items to be added to agenda for next meeting. -

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Local Area Partnership.

19. Date and time of next meeting 4th March 2010 Stainton Recreation Room.

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