

DRAFT MINUTES OF URSWICK PARISH COUNCIL

FROM THE MEETING

Held Thursday 15th April 2010

At Bardsea School Room

Present: Cllr Jeff Keen, Chairman (JK), Cllr Nancy Cowsill (NC), Hilary Gregson (Clerk), Cllr Denise Westfield (DW) Cllr Peter Rixom (PR), Cllr Jeff Winder, Vice Chairman (JW), Cllr Paul Wren (PW), Cllr Geoff James (GJ)

Cllr Jane Carson, Martin Stables (Tarn Assn) Kathryn Crowe (Trading Standards), Rodger Mallett (Traffic Management), PCSO Helen Madden, Cllr James Airey

1. Apologies for absence - Cllr Janet Willis, Cllr Daniel Stubbs (DS)
2. Declarations of interest- NC grazing rights Stainton Green, JW Commoners rights Little Urawick Village Green, GJ Tarn Assn
3. Approval of minutes of previous meeting (4th March 2010) proposed PW, Seconded NC
3. To note the progress on items for action agreed at previous meetings, not on today's agenda. None.
4. Public Forum: Questions, comments or concerns from any local resident. **NB.** The Council may wish to consider a matter in more detail at a later date before making a full response.
Martin Stables stated that the recent litter pick was poorly attended 15 bags were collected and as much as possible was recycled. Agenda not put up in Little Urawick JK apologised saying this was an oversight.
5. Report from Police on any matters of local concern and /or interest to Councillors and residents. (see items 11 Cold Calling and 18 Speeding past Low Furness School)
6. Reports from District and County Councillors on matters of interest to Councillors and residents.
Jane Carson - nothing to report.
James Airey reported that road sweeping has taken place in the area as there had been complaints. The required number had not been done but hopefully will now improve. JK commented that soil from the road had been piled up on grass verge but was not sure who was responsible. MS offered to get rid of it.

GJ commented regarding the potholes at Brow End and stated that Cllr Janet Willis was aware and was taking action.

7. Planning Applications and Decisions

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

SL/2010/0196 Brow View, Church Road, Great Urswick. Conversion and extension of barn to form a new dwelling with attached garage and store.

Councillors have until 20th April to comment.

SL/2010/0189 16 Orchard Road, Bardsea. Conversion of single dwelling to two dwellings. Clerk is in receipt of several objections from councillors and will write to the planning authority detailing these.

NC commented that the property has a double driveway, needing to cross the pavement but this is not legally binding access for one car width. There is only a small turning circle with vehicles parked on pavements.

8. Tarn Association. Report on anything of concern and/or interest to Councillors and residents in particular.

Martin Stables reported that the Tarn Association AGM will be on Tuesday 11th May 7.30 at Urswick Sunday School GJ to attend as PR will be away

The fence around the Jackson property is now in place with 3 strands of wire.

John Hill has been appointed as the new Bailiff.

At Waters Edge a thorn hedge has been planted alongside the wall, is this on council land?? Clerk to check.

ACTION: CLERK

9. Website. To discuss the progress of the Council's newly designed website and future web hosting.

DW all councillors have updated their details for the site. The intention is to put site up as live, taking down the old site and have the new site as a work in progress. DW has spoken to Bill Rawlinson welcomed offer of putting the Tarn Association on the website. At AGM next meeting dates will be provide to put on site. Ray Wilson owns Urswick.com so we can't take info from that as it is subject to copyright or, direct people to it, as it contains personal views. The new site will include rolling news and anything relevant to the parish and items should be sent to Denise. We have permission to use the photos from the old site temporarily.

Re Web Hosting, the Council intends to stay with the existing host, Red Abbey and review in 11 months time.

ACTION: DW/ALL

10. Local Area Partnership, awaiting notification of next meeting. Dates have not been posted on web but the next meeting is due week beginning 19th May 2010. Main topic will be highways. PW will attend but it was suggested that councillors should all attend at least one meeting.

ACTION:PR/DW/PW

11. Cold Calling. PCSO Madden has arranged for Katherine Crowe from Trading Standards to attend the meeting.

Katherine Crowe introduced herself as a Senior Trading Standards Officer based in Ulverston No cold calling zones are intended to deter rogue traders from entering an area. Action is taken against them in court. It is not an offence to cold call but the intention is to deter cold callers who are classed as rogue traders. Need 75% majority of the residents in the area. Rampside, Hawcoat and West Shore Park are already set up. The zones can result in an 80% reduction in cold calling because residents are more aware. There is a number to call if they are approached and police can attend with trading Standards to check them out. Stickers need to be displayed by all so that people are not singled out. Has number printed on for easy reference? This is a Joint partnership with police. Meeting needs to be set up to invite residents or letters can be sent out with a ballot slip. DW suggests Julie Dawes may be able to help through Age Concern. A generic letter is sent to householders. JK meeting not well attended so letters would be the way forward. GJ asked if the whole village could be covered. KC said that defined areas work more effectively and signs go on lampposts in the area. PCSO Madden and I are collating info as to the best places. NC suggested all of the area should be covered or it would drive the problem elsewhere. Notices would be placed at the point of entry and exit but not littering every lamppost. A whole village has not been done before so it should be interesting to see how it works.

Resolved to start one village at a time and see what the response is. It is important to note that this isn't intended to stop the Avon lady etc. The intention is to give residents the power to say no and somebody to contact in the event of a problem. The delivering of leaflets is not a problem. Trading Standards will deliver letters to residents in a particular area but will remain in negotiation with the parish council.

ACTION: K CROWE

12. Maintenance of War Memorial to discuss plans for cleaning. Progress report.

JK Still has a sample and has been waiting for better weather and would need the parish rooms to be open for hot water.

ACTION: JK

13. Stainton Green Footpath. Completed, invoice sent to Cumbria CC

RESOLVED

14. Council Grant re Urswick Church yard. Agreed in principle by meeting of Council on 21st January 2010. To discuss amount.
£100 proposed GJ seconded JW

RESOLVED

15. Grass cutting, quote £595 1 cut a month. Suggested 2 cuts a month £760 July/August 14 cuts £840.
£760 GJ proposed JW seconded Carried
JK stated that two benches have been ordered WI will pay for theirs the council's will be paid from a £365 grant from local forum.
Permits already obtained.
GJ has sprayed dock leaves down by old people's home.

RESOLVED

16. Joint meeting with Aldingham PC re public toilets. To discuss outcome.
Closure of toilets in Aldingham outcome they will close these.
SLDC don't want to close any but Cllr Carson pointed out that but the costs are prohibitive
Aldingham church gets most of the benefit of the Aldingham toilets.
The agreed action was that the councils would write a letter to SLDC saying that they consider these toilets are an essential public amenity. JW commented that the Bardsea building was deteriorating and would need maintenance.

RESOLVED

17. Need for clearing of verges from Bardsea village past Golf Course. To discuss.
Bardsea resident not feasible on both sides provide safe walking area along that road.
Highways steward
GJ to check out

ACTION: GJ

18. Speeding past Low Furness School. To discuss the possibility of funding a flashing speeding sign and the qualifications needed for a Lollipop Patrol.
PCSO Madden unveiled a 'Speed Kills' sign paid for by police and designed by the school children. Rodger Mallett addressed the council regarding speeding between Gt and Little Urswick saying that the driver should take responsibility as the 30mph speed limit and narrowness of the road acts as traffic calming. Open aspects encourage an increase in speed. The school is hidden behind bushes and its sign is on offside of the road and so is easily missed. Narrower you think the road is the slower you will go. In Kirkby hatch markings have been painted at sides of the road to make

road appear narrower. Illuminated signs illuminate when you hit the speed limit and flashes if you are going over limit. On commuter routes apathy sets in and signs need to be taken away for a while. Some have more than one message. Mr Mallett noted that traffic in Urswick is not a big problem compared to that in other areas. Previously a community 'speedwatch' was done on a volunteer basis with 6 volunteers in pairs going to different points to monitor speed with a speed gun to record details of speeding vehicles the drivers of which would then be sent a letter. PCSO Madden stated that police will support the council in whatever way was necessary. GJ asked if a scheme had been drawn up Mr Mallett replied that the council would need to apply to Cumbria CC to ask an engineer to come and talk to the council. Mr Stables asked whether if you see somebody clearly speeding can you take reg and report them? Mr Mallett replied that opinion is not sufficient proof. The police will accept dangerous driving reports but speeding is so subjective. Looking at education in the long run. Cllr Airey suggested that he would pass on details of someone who sets up schemes like this will email details to the clerk. NC commented parking is natural traffic calming. JC asked if support was available in budgeting terms –No.

19. Proposed development of the Coot and Bankfield House – to discuss.

DW declared a potential interest as a possible future neighbour of the site.

The planning application has been submitted but items were missing from application so consultation process has not started. The application is one proposal for both properties.

NC not in favour JW agreed

GJ proposed that once application is underway that the council leaflet the whole village and hold an information meeting to show the plans.

Mr Stables commented that regardless of the Bankfield site they need a change of use as have to prove Coot isn't viable.

Cllr Carson stated that at a planning meeting any individual can come and speak for 3 mins groups can have 5 mins.

Losing a community facility will be taken into account in considering the application.

It was suggested that a flyer should be prepared in advance. GJ will draft something in preparation.

Cllr Carson is to check if the consultation period can be extended.

ACTION: GJ & CLLR CARSON

20. Fencing around Jackson property at Urswick Tarn. Progress report.

Done. JK proposed this remains fallow land and in the possession of the parish council. JW needs to be defined area/length of time. JK said that the area has never been worked on.

RESOLVED

GJ proposed an amendment to ask the Tarn Association not to work within 30 meters of the fence. Mr Stables wished to clarify this. No works to be carried out within 15 meters for 12 months was proposed by JW and seconded by NC Carried.

RESOLVED

21. Colne to Skipton railway line, request for support. Contacted all councils to support re opening the line. The request is for a letter of support. GJ to do.

ACTION: GJ

22. To discuss non attendance of councillors at council meetings and the importance of notifying clerk of holiday dates. Also to rearrange date of next meeting (which will be the AGM.)

Councillors are to notify clerk of holidays so that meetings can be rearranged if necessary. JW proposes letter to councillors who have been absent from meetings for some time. JK suggests a face to face meeting.

ACTION: ALL/JK

23. To authorise payment of bills and expenses received since the last meeting.

Clerks Expenses from 21st January to 15th April 2010

Broad band allowance at £10 per month (Feb/March/April)	£30
Postage	£5.74
Sealing wax	£3.99
Stationery	£4.27
Printers ink	£18.73
Printer paper	£4.49
	Total
	£67.22
Nancy Cowsill (Stainton footpath)	£117.50
Martin Stables lowering manhole cover (Stainton footpath)	£300.00
SLDC toilet contribution	£275
CALC membership	£250

Evening Mail Byelaws advert (paid credit card by HG)

£236.53

Bank requisition as of 9th April 2010

Current account balance £ 241.57

Deposit account balance £ 6389.99

SLDC invoiced for £1104.91 re Stainton footpath

Suggested transfer from Deposit Account to Current £2000.00

Precept payment is expected to be received during the first week in May.

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

Seaside Rock Holiday Club 2010 – request for grant towards expenses. £250
proposed by NC DW seconded **RESOLVED**

AmeyMouchel – Notification of works on A590 at Swarthmoor

CCC Winter Maintenance in South Lakeland- Review deadline for responses 30th
April 2010 **ACTION: DW**

NFU Annual Review

Red Abbey Invoice for 141.00 for 2010/11 web hosting (see item 10)

SELRAP request for message of support (see item 22)

Ray Wilson- web extracts re aspects of research programmes involving Urswick Tarn.

25. To receive items for the agenda for the next meeting.

Items to be forwarded to the clerk asap.

26. Date and time of next meeting.

AGM Thursday 13th May 2010, 7.00pm

Followed by -

Thursday 13th May 2010 at 7.30pm in Urswick Parish Room.

HG 17/04/10