DRAFT MINUTES OF URSWICK PARISH COUNCIL

FROM THE MEETING

Held Thursday 13th May 2010

At Urswick Parish Room

Present: Mr J Keen (JK) (Chairperson), Mr J Winder (JW) (Vice chair), Mr G James (GJ), Mr Daniel Stubbs (DS), Mrs N Cowsill (NC), Ms D Westfield (DW), Mr P Wren (PW), Mrs H Gregson (Clerk)

Cllr Caroline Airey, Cllr Janet Willis

The Chairman welcomed new Councillor for Mid Furness Caroline Airey.

Martin Stables (Chairman -Tarn Assoc), PCSO Helen Madden

1. Apologies for absence
   Cllr Jackie Cooper, Cllr P Rixom, Cllr J Airey

2. Declarations of interest
   N Cowsill- Stainton Green,
   J Winder- Little Urswick Village Green
   G James- Tarn Association
   DWestfield- Conflict re Coot development

3. Approval of minutes of previous meeting (15th April 2010)
   Proposed D W Seconded GJ

4. To note the progress on items for action agreed at previous meetings, not on today's agenda. None.

5. 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.

   (See item 17 Coot Development)

6. Report from Police on any matters of local concern and /or interest to Councillors and residents. (See item 16 -Speeding.) PCSO Madden reported that the temporary electronic speeding sign outside the school can continue for short while but asked if the council have any long term plans? Cllr J Airey had stated at the last meeting that he knew of somebody who could come up with a plan for the area and had intended to forward the details to the clerk.

The police are happy to continue for time but don't want to stop and then have things return to normal. The yellow lines are painted as small as possible so as not to 'urbanise' the area. GJ commented that every school in Scotland has 20 mph flashing signs which operate when schools starts and ends. JW stated that in Little Urswick when very few cars are parked there can be a problem. DW agreed that the area just before the Derby is a challenge. Cllr J Willis commented that all the way down this road is a problem which was remarked upon by the public when she was canvassing in the village.

Fortunately there have been no accidents. A flashing sign would cost about £5000. Could funding be found elsewhere?

The Council agreed to continue with the sign for 6 weeks and to ask J Airey to attend next council meeting.

(See No 12 – Cold Calling) PCSO Madden has spoken to Katherine Crowe from Trading Standards. The initial plan was to start sending letters out in Little Urswick but it was decided that as traders would have to drive through Great Urswick to reach it would be safer to include both villages. There will now be a delay of a month and then letters can go out to both villages.

Low Furness School cycle training has now been taken over by police to save the school some money.

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

Cllr J Willis reported that regarding the potholes in the roads, they have been marked for repair. Unfortunately the engineer dislocated shoulder before he could do the work. GJ asked about repairing damaged railings. Cllr Willis said there had been no undertaking to repair railings. GJ replied that there had been an undertaking made at the Local Area Meeting.

Regarding the Village Design statement - £1000 has been ring fenced but the project had been put on hold. This is an extension to parish plan to decide what village should look like including types of streetlights etc keep our own village identity.

Cllr J Cooper had arranged for some dropped kerbs to be put in place. It was commented that the dropped kerb opposite the recreation ground is of very poor quality. Cllr Willis to chase & liaise with NC re village design statement.

Cllr C Airey stated that as she had been elected less than a week ago she had nothing to report as yet. **ACTION: NC/J WILLIS**

8. Planning Applications and Decisions

i) To consider/confirm the Council's response to the following applications
SL/2010/0196 Brow View, Church Road, Great Urswick

SL/2010/0189 16 Orchard Road, Bardsea. The Council's opinions have been forwarded to SLDC but have had notification of decision on either application at time of writing.

9. Tarn Association. Report on anything of concern and/or interest to Councillors and residents in particular.
   Martin Stables reported that the AGM was held on Tuesday and was very poorly attended, he is still chairman, but there was nothing of note to report.
   GJ commented that a lady had attended on behalf of Mr & Mrs Davis who suffered from flooding in Church View and asked if the District Councillor could assist in matter of getting beck cleaned out regularly. Mr Stables commented that this was nothing to do with the level of the tarn and that if the level drops too much there would be nothing in the reed bed. He added that the house concerned is subsiding with brick vents at water line. He has connected the Environment Agency who police this and has left a message. The water does come up periodically but this isn't the problem. GJ asked to be notifed when Mr Stables has spoken to the officer concerned.

10. Website. To discuss the progress of the Council's newly designed website.
    The website is now up and running at www.urswickparishcouncil.co.uk DW has not spoken to Bill Rawlinson from the Tarn Association but this will be on agenda next month.
    Election results will be updated and photos needed to be supplied by DS & PW
    The site will be updated weekly.
    To advertise local events there will be a link to contact DW

11. Local Area Partnership.
    Next Wednesday 19th May @ Gleaston PW/PR to attend.
    Cllr J Willis stated that the available budget will be announced and priorities for spending discussed.

12. Cold Calling. Update on any action taken since meeting of 15th April.
    (See section 6 PCSO Madden's Report)

13. Maintenance of War Memorial to discuss plans for cleaning. Progress report.
    JK reported that the lower part of the back has been cleaned lower part using a sample of cleaner and looks ok. A hoist would need to be borrowed/hired to complete the job.

14. Need for clearing of verges from Bardsea village past Golf Course. GJ to report.
    GJ reported that he had had a look at it and noted that it isn't very different to any other verge at the moment. NC pointed out that brambles grow out during the summer, which would be an issue for the highways steward.

15. The condition of road surface on road between Bardsea and Urswick. To discuss any action needed to be taken.
    This area has been marked up for attention by highways dept. GJ to report the damaged gate in this area. **ACTION: GJ**

16. Speeding past Low Furness School. To discuss any action needed following previous meeting with Rodger Mallett from Traffic Management.
    (See earlier section 6 - PCSO Madden's Report)

    made re the application.
    Planning application received 11th May 2010 (SL/2010/0182) SLDC have agreed to extend the consultation period extended until 22nd July, the application will then be considered by the Planning Committee on the 28th.
    GJ stated that council opposed to the application which has altered since we first heard about it. The plan is to hold a public meeting to show plans and to collect responses from parishioners. He emphasised that individual letters carry more weight than a petition. In the week commencing 31st May we will have a public meeting and try to formulate a view. In the last 3 planning applications the loss of historic view, loss of employment and changing nature of the village were all considered
    In the 2nd application the Coot conversion was approved & then additionally 3 cottages were applied for and were turned down. Change of use is needed dependant on how they deal with moving employment from the Coot to Bankfield House.
    The development is worth a lot of money and perhaps SLDC should be asked to put bond of 1 million pounds on the project to make sure the whole thing is carried out
    A private meeting will be held to organise public meeting which will then be advertised around the villages.
    SLDC guidelines on objecting to planning application will be put on website and handed out at meeting.
    It was suggested from the floor that as this is a fundamental change to Urswick , could a cooperative in village be formed to buy part of site?
    Martin Stables stated that this has been mooted previously but was a non starter. It was stated that the proposed housing was unlikely to come within the remit of 'affordable housing'
    It should be borne in mind that planning has been granted for footprint of existing Coot in the past. **ACTION: ALL**

17. Colne to Skipton railway line. Clerk to update on action taken since last meeting. Letter sent supporting the opening of the railway line. **RESOLVED**
18. To discuss non attendance of councillors at council meetings. JK to report on any action taken since last meeting. JK has spoken to DS who wishes to continue. Councillors were reminded to notify the clerk of forthcoming holiday dates.

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

Expenses April 17th to May 13th 2010

Clerks extra hours 4 x £8.32	£33.28
Broadband allowance	£10.00
Envelopes	£2.95
Clerk salary	£353
Little Urswick Village green maintenance	£150
Seaside Rock Holiday Club	£250
Jeff Keen benches x 2 in accordance with grant	£608
Urswick Church Yard	£100
Room hire Urswick Parish Room	£10

2010/11 Precept of £9,918 was received on 28th April 2010

CCC remittance of £1,104.91 received on 20th April 2010

20. To note correspondence received and decide on any response required.
    Planning apps received subsequent to publication of agenda
    SL/2010/0324 Smithills, Bardsea – application for single storey rear extensions.
    SL/2010/0290 Land Adjacent to Beckside Farm, Little Urswick – application for agricultural building, loose boxes and ménage for farriery business
    SL/2010/0326 2 Reeds Gardens, Little Urswick – application to build garden shed.

    Cumbria Association of Local Councils notification of meeting on 17th June 2010
    Cumbria Playing Fields Association- annual appeal for funds. (to be added to next agenda.)
    Urswick Playground Association appeal for donation towards equipment (to be added to next agenda)

21. To receive items for the agenda for the next meeting.
    Playground association donation
    Cumbria playing fields association
    Dog fouling
    Village design statement

22. Date and time of next meeting.
    Thursday 8th July 7.30 @ Stainton (J Willis unable to attend & apologies in advance)

Meeting Closed 8:40 HG 17/05/10