

DRAFT MINUTES OF URSWICK PARISH COUNCIL

FROM THE MEETING

Held Thursday 8th July 2010

At Stainton Recreation Room

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

Cllr Caroline Airey, Mr Ray Wilson

1. Apologies for absence
Cllr Jackie Cooper, Cllr J Airey, Cllr Janet Willis
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 (13th May 2010) Proposed: GJ,
Seconded: NC
4. To note the progress on items for action agreed at previous meetings, not on today's agenda. No issues raised.
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. No issues raised.
6. Report from Police on any matters of local concern and /or interest to Councillors and residents. No representative present.
7. Reports from District and County Councillors on matters of interest to Councillors and residents.

Councillor Caroline Airey reported that according to Kate Lawson of SLDC planning dept they are waiting for a report from United Utilities and have asked for survey of limestone pavements and tree preservation orders. There is a 21 day consultation period every time there is an alteration to the plans.

8. Planning Applications and Decisions

To note decisions on the following applications

- i) To consider/confirm the Council's response to the following applications
SL/2010/0290 Land adjacent to Beckside Farm Little Urswick. GRANTED with conditions.
SL/2010/0196 Brow View, Church Road, Great Urswick GRANTED with conditions
SL/2010/0189 16 Orchard Road, Bardsea GRANTED with conditions
SL/2010/0324 Smithills, Bardsea, GRANTED with conditions
SL/2010/0326 2 Reeds Gardens, Little Urswick, GRANTED with conditions.

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

(See also items 14 & 15)

GJ commented that at the Landing, more soil has been taken than agreed and rubbish has been left in an ugly pile

There is also a large pile of tree roots. Glass is exposed in the loose, contaminated soil. Originally the plan was to lower the area area by 6 inches was original plan to allow ingress of water stated that spoil would be organic.

The Council wants to know what TA is proposing to do with it before next council meeting. Dead branches are being used to restrict access. Clerk to write to the secretary of the Tarn Association. **ACTION: CLERK**

10. Local Area Partnership update. Next meeting is on Wed 14th of July at Methodist Hall Ulverston at 7.30pm. PR & DW to attend **ACTION:PR&DW**

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

JW has purchased cleaning chemicals after speaking to an expert to find out what to use. NC could source a cherry picker but this would have to be hired. DS has ladders PR has scaffolding. **ACTION: JW&GJ**

12. Need for clearing of verges from Bardsea village past Golf Course. GJ to report to highways authority as a defect. **RESOLVED**

13. The condition of road surface on road between Bardsea and Urswick. GJ to report. Areas for repair have been marked up for attention. **RESOLVED**

14. Excavation of earth at the Landing to discuss following councillor's walk around Gt (Urswick see item 9.)

15. Planted Willows and concrete at the catwalk - to discuss following councillor's walk around Gt Urswick.

Councillors reported that a concrete pad of approximately 6ft x 4ft had been placed at the catwalk without Council permission and wished to know why this had happened and why concrete was used. The Council also requires an explanation for the planting trees in the tarn which appears to be an alteration of the character and general arrangement of the Tarn without the landlords consent. DW asked if the area is overplanted now what will it look like in ten years time? JW said that the Willows will root and silt up and should be removed within 4 weeks.

Ray Wilson indicated that he understood that earth removed at the Landing was for filling out Gleaston Beck. It has been indicated that a tractor could go on the land, but a trailer would sink in to the earth. The willows have been in for a considerable amount of time. There are several areas and at a discussion at last Tarn Association meeting Mr Wilson has asked their which was indicated as; 1) to protect reeds from geese and, 2) to provide refuge for the fish. There were rich reed beds already long before any willows were planted and the fish were numerous and didn't need a refuge. It has been suggested that the willows are floating but they appear to have rooted and are very difficult to remove. NC suggested that if the willows were cut down to below the water level and they would die. PR said that there are lots of shoots growing all up all the time so this might be difficult.

DW stated that willows are not native to the tarn and Mr Wilson agreed that there were never any willows in the tarn

There appears to be a breach of s3 of the lease. Councillors were concerned that the willows must be removed by hand and not by any mechanical means to avoid further damage to the area.

Mr Wilson suggested that one way would be to pull the willows out from the opposite side with a winch.

Concern was expressed about the lack of view from the fishing pegs where it is suggested that the reeds need to be splayed out or cut back to a 45 degree angle to allow a view as it is all over grown.

It was suggested that there appears to have been a loss of the balance between recreation and nature. And that the Trustees of Tarn Association should be asked to meet the council as there appear to be potential breaches of several areas of the lease.

Clerk to write to Secretary of the Tarn Association Bill Rawlinson.

ACTION: CLERK

16. Height of hedges at Church Road House and the possibility that they may be exceeding planning restrictions concerns raised by residents. DW to investigate.

It is understood that the hedges should not come above the level of the wall but are starting to grow up. DW cannot find anything on the planning website and applications from the 1990's are no longer held by the Parish Council. Ray Wilson offered to check to see if he had any documentation referring to the issue.

17. General maintenance of the churchyard particularly the bushes blocking the view of the church from the road concerns raised by residents.

DW reported that there may have been an incident with children frightening somebody in the graveyard. Trees at the entrance are becoming very large and church can't be seen as you drive past.

Clerk to forward churchwarden's details to DW.

ACTION: CLERK/DW

18. Proposed development of the Coot and Bankfield House – to discuss any progress.

GJ reported that David Poole has now done mock ups of what the development will look like. There are tree preservation orders on the back of Bankfield the front of the field and whole of woodland behind. It appears that new entrance would be affected by the tree preservation orders. No work can be done within 12 times the diameter of the tree to preserve the roots.

GJ has prepared the Council's letter of objection which is to be posted tomorrow. He also reported his meeting with Friends of the Lake District who have written a letter to SLDC regarding the amenity of the view of the Tarn. Clerk/GJ to write a letter of thanks.

It appears that some trees have been felled already on the Bankfield site. Clerk to write a letter to Kia leisure expressing concern.

Cllr J Airey is still looking into having planning meeting locally. The response date has now been put back until 11th August.

ACTION: CLERK /GJ

19. Application from Playground Association for donation – to discuss. Cllr C Airey reported that a donation has also been received from the Neighbourhood forum.

A donation of £100 was suggested to reflect the Council's acknowledgement of the excellent amenity provided by the playground. Proposed: JW Seconded: DS

RESOLVED

20. Cumbria Playing Fields Association annual appeal for funds – to discuss. No donation made as Council preferred to donate to local causes.

RESOLVED

21. Dog fouling to discuss any progress made in attempts to reduce dog fouling in the parish. There have been a number of complaints about dog dirt disposal bags being dumped in the middle of the road on the way into Stainton. The Dog Wardens number is 0845 050 4434 councillors to report individually so that this can be investigated. There also appears to be a similar problem with dog fouling in at Red Lane, High Carley.

ACTION: ALL

DS reported that the bins in Urswick which had been purchased to reduce the problem of dog fouling in Urswick were overflowing after the recent Craft Fair at the Recreation Hall put all their rubbish in there. Clerk to write to the Committee of the Recreation Hall.

ACTION: CLERK

22. Village design statement – update. Ray Wilson reported that there has been further consultation on the Local Development Framework for South Lakes. We were the

first area in Cumbria to do one but SLDC would not adopt the LDF but would 'Take it into consideration'. As we know planners only take into account legislation. It was decided to wait until after the general election to see what happens under the new government. We have not met the original schedule but the money is still ring fenced. In event that it isn't used it is to be refunded.

23. Grit bins. GJ reported that when the consultation document was issued (following the adverse weather conditions) about placement of grit bins we missed out and just have piles of grit. NC reported that when she asked for grit bin at end of Slop lane it took 3 years to arrive. Bins are required for the top of the Hagg, the corner Kirk Flat, Little Urswick Green and the road from Braddylls Arms down to the Coast Road.

ACTION: CLERK

24. Tree preservation orders in the parish. Is there a lists, clerk to write to find out if there are any in the area.

ACTION: CLERK

25. To approve accounts for 2009/10 which have now been internally audited.
Proposed: DW, Seconded: JW

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

Expenses 14th May – 8th July 2010

Broadband allowance for May & June	£20
Travel expenses 48 miles @ 42ppm	£20.16
Internet security renewal	£54.99
Stamps	£4.44
Extra Hours 2 @ 8.32	£16.64
	£116.23

Abbey Building Contractors

(bases for benches)	£325 (PAID 8/6/10)
Clerks salary May	£323.20 PAID
Clerks Salary June	£323.20 PAID
Stainton room hire	£7.50

27. To note correspondence received and decide on any response required.
Letter from Ray Wilson re photos on website.

Email re Organ donor register.

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

Dates for future meetings

Precept

29. Date and time of next meeting.

Thursday 26th August 2010, at Bardsea School Room.

HG 13/07/10