

DRAFT MINUTES OF URSWICK PARISH COUNCIL

From the meeting held on Thursday 18th November

At Stainton Recreation Hall

Present: Cllr. J Keen (JK) (Chairman), Cllr. J. Winder (JW) (Vice chair), Cllr. P. Rixom (PR), Cllr. D. Westfield (DW), Cllr. N. Cowsill (NC), Dr. P. Attree (PA) (Clerk)

Cllr. Caroline Airey (SLDC), Cllr. James Airey (SLDC)

Mr. Martin Stables (Chairman Tarn Association)

PCSO Helen Madden

The Chairman introduced the new Clerk Pamela Attree

1. Apologies for absence – Councillors Janet Willis, Daniel Stubbs, Geoff James and apologies for lateness from Cllr James Airey

2. Declarations of interest – D. Westfield – member Tarn Association and neighbour of Coot Development site, N Cowsill – grazing rights Stainton Village Green, J. Winder – grazing rights Little Urawick Village Green.

3. Approval of minutes of previous meeting (7th October 2010). Proposed NC, seconded JW.

4. To note the progress on items for action agreed at previous meetings, not on today's agenda.

Re: Bardsea public toilets.

Action PR discussion with Bardsea business for public toilets funding – kiosk will supply £100 pounds and will open 6 months of the year but this is all they can offer. PR noted this should be an SLDC expected closure will be 31st December unless a plan can be devised for obtaining funding, this would then be extended until March 31st. PR queried whether it is normal for public toilets to close. Cllr C. Airey stated that this was due to budget cuts.

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.

J.Abramson – referring to letter from Cumbria Wildlife Trust – brought forward from agenda. Mr Abramson – comment that the letter was a great compliment to the TA and the work they continue to do, therefore advertising it seemed a very good idea. He expressed disappointment about the removal of the letter from the Council's notice board, which he deemed unnecessary. JK commented that the letter was removed because it had no addressee, as communicated in a telephone call. Mr

Stables did not agree with this. Once the letter had been replaced with a re-addressed letter there was no issue with this being on the notice board. Question from Mr Abramson as to whether the UPC felt that a complimentary letter should be available for people to view – JK agreed that this was a good thing. Mr Abramson stated that his intention for raising the issue was not an intention to disagree, but as a view to communicating that the TA and the UPC are working together. Comment from JW that he felt the letter should not have been removed from the notice board. Comment from PR that he does not wish to be involved in Tarn matters as Bardsea Councillor.

6. Report from Police on any matters of local concern and /or interest to Councillors and residents.

- I. Message from Janet Willis from a resident concerned about the level of the tarn. Janet has contacted the EA and is awaiting a response. The Council are of the opinion that the Tarn is naturally high and that there are no maintenance issues that need to be addressed. Comment Mr H Stables – this is not an issue for the TA; however the TA have done routine maintenance which would have had no impact.
Action: Council resolved that no action is necessary.
- II. PCSO Helen Madden stated that there were no crimes reported in the Parish in October 2010. Two incidents of anti-social behaviour were reported (although none to note). No issues at Halloween.
- III. 6th Feb MPT re-structure – it is not known how this will affect the PCSO and location base of the local force.
- IV. SLDC enforcement meeting 19th Dec 2010 re dog fouling.

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

Cllr. Caroline Airey – no reports.

Cllr. James Airey reported that:

- I. Grit is being made available to the Parishes for the winter, providing storage facilities can be found.
- II. Car parking charges are being raised again.
- III. Tourist Information Office is to be continued in the Coronation Hall, Ulverston.
- IV. No information on public toilets in the County – other than a private investment firm has an interest, but it is not known if this is for the ‘main’ toilets in the tourist areas only. Suggestion that Council request a presentation from SLDC as to the current status. PR commented that the Council cannot afford costs of £7,000 per annum for Bardsea toilets. Question from JK as to what the true costs of running Bardsea toilets are. Comment JA that he thinks the costs are inflated by re-charges.
- V. Thanks were expressed to Cllr. James Airey and others for the work done on the Coot and Bankfield House planning application.

Action: DW to send letter to Simon Rawley, SLDC regarding the ‘pure’ costs of running Bardsea toilets.

8. Planning Applications and Decisions

a) To note decisions on the following applications:

SL/2010/0715 Willow Grove, Great Urswick. Application for single storey front extension. GRANTED.

Action: DW to check website for conditions applied.

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

SL/2010/0942 Town End, Bardsea, Ulverston. Application for demolition of agricultural buildings and replacement with work units. Comments required from Council by 1st December 2010.

SL/2010/0918 Reading room, Neales Row, Great Urswick. Sub-division of dwelling to form two self-contained dwellings. Comments required from Council by 7th December 2010.

5/10/9005 Stainton Quarry, Long Lane Stainton. Change of use of blockwork building to winter salt store. Comments required from Council by 30th November.

Action: DW to circulate details of the above planning applications to councillors.

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

JK proposed that discussion of items 13 and 14 on the agenda be brought forward and councillors agreed.

- I. Excavation of earth at the Landing. TA reported that the spoil heap has been removed. JK noted that the Council was happy with the work carried out.
- II. Fishing peg at the Croft. To discuss "necessity" for planning permission. Minuted – that Kate Lawson has advised planning permission is required for the fishing peg at the Croft. Urswick Parish Council wish it to be minuted that this is required. All fishing licences have been allocated and paid for.
- III. Question raised by TA regarding Mr. Stubbs' 'fishing pegs'. The Council believes that Mr Stubbs has been visited by the Environment Agency – and has been advised by them as to the action that should be taken and the timeline. Mr Stables commented that this should have been dealt with officially through the meetings. JK commented that no official approach was made to the Council regarding this issue therefore the Council did not take action. The councillors were not aware until after the fact, and at this point the EA had already become involved. Comment from Mr H Stables – this is why one of the TA members have felt reason to resign due to the inequality of the actions of one of the councillors. It was also noted that there is re-growth on Mr Stubbs land from branches that were laid in the tarn.

Action: It was resolved that a letter from the Council be sent to Daniel Stubbs and JK will visit.

(proposed NC, seconded JW).

10. Drains & Drainage. DS/GJ

Email received from Cllr Geoff James regarding agreed actions for Capita for draining around the Hagg. Work will start in November to flush drains and carry out other essential works. Cllr James will continue to follow this up.

11. Vacancy for Bardsea Councillor

This vacancy has not yet been advertised. PR is awaiting information notices from Hilary Gregson so they can be advertised. It was again noted that we do need councillors for Bardsea and that focus should be on recruiting from that area.

Action: DW to e mail Hilary Gregson to obtain template and send to PR to display.

12. Local Area Partnership update.

Meeting was held on 17th November 2010.

- I. PR reported that it is believed that we will be successful in getting funding for the railings - to pilot 80 yards to estimate costs.
- II. Grit trolleys and spreaders – suggestion that a hand-operated spreader be provided for each parish – rejected by Council. Suggestion of tractor spreader, rejected by Council due to storage problem.
- III. Quotes have been obtained for the proposed tourist information panels in Great and Little Urswick. We believe we will get around £2500 to fund these – consultation will take place as to content.
- IV. Provision of mobile speed monitoring trolley between the 3 parishes, place will need to be found to store and charge but funding should be available. Question from NC re responsibility for maintenance.
- V. JK thanked PR for attending the LAP meeting.

13. Excavation of earth at the Landing. To discuss any progress on topsoil/picking.

Discussed earlier within the meeting.

14. Fishing peg at the Croft. To discuss “necessity” for planning permission.

Discussed earlier within the meeting.

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

DW had nothing to report. JA is to enquire on progress.

16. Grit bins. Clerk to update on request for grit bins for the parish.

Cllr James Airey stated that it is believed that grit bins have been ordered but none have arrived as yet.

Action: DW to e mail Hilary Gregson re update on grit bins.

17. To authorise payment of bills and expenses received since the last meeting.
Action: PA to contact Hilary Gregson re hand over of Council accounts

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

- I. JK read out Council's response to Cumbria Wildlife Trust.
- II. Notice of CALC District Association meeting to be held on 25th November in the Cumbria County Council Chambers at Kendal – JK and DW to attend.
- III. Notice of South Lakeland Local Development Framework meeting to be held on 30th November at the Coronation Hall, Ulverston.

Action: DW to scan and circulate item on site allocations to councillors

- IV. Request from Low Furness School for £250 to replace fence around pond.

Action: The Council resolved that it is regretfully unable to meet this request.
(proposed JW, seconded NC).

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

- I. Local Development Framework
- II. Proposed development at the Coot and Bankfield House
- III. LAP tourist information boards
- IV. CALC
- V. Bardsea public toilets
- VI. Footpaths, posts and styles around the parish

20. Date and time of next meeting.

Thursday 6th January 2011. Bardsea Parish Rooms.7.30pm

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