

DRAFT MINUTES OF URSWICK PARISH COUNCIL

From the meeting held on Thursday 6th January 2011

At Bardsea School Room

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

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

Cllr. Janet Willis (CCC)

Mr. Martin Stables (Chairman Tarn Association)

PCSO Helen Madden, Police Inspector K. Spedding.

1. Apologies for absence

Cllr. Jackie Cooper - illness.

2. Declarations of interest

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

3. Approval of minutes of previous meeting (18th November 2010).

Martin Stables (TA) stated that item 5 of the minutes was an incorrect record.

After discussion it was agreed to strike the sentence in item 5 of the minutes beginning 'Once the letter had been replaced'. The amendment was signed by the Chairman. The minutes were then approved (Proposed NC, seconded DS).

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

Bardsea toilets – DW sent a letter to S. Rawnsley regarding 'pure costs' of running toilets. No response received. Planning application decision on Willow Grove (Item 8, Minutes 18th Nov 2010) – DW noted that no conditions of approval were listed on SLDC website. She will request an update.

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.

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Re the Tarn Association:

J. Abramson read a section from the Council Plan which commended the work of the Tarn Association in caring for the ecology of the Tarn, and noted the importance of the voluntary workforce. The Chairman (JK) stated that a letter had been sent to the TA committee and the Trustees inviting them to a meeting with the Council to discuss the issues arising from the TA's letter dated 8th December 2010. John Abramson stated that members of the TA were thinking of resigning en masse and that the response from the Council to the concerns expressed by members of the TA in the letter was totally inadequate.

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

Helen Madden reported that the crime figures in the Parish for Nov to Dec were low. A theft of a battery from a car at Bardsea was reported. SLDC has provided updated training for fixed penalty notices. Four dates for dog fouling patrols are planned in January and February. There were no questions for the PCSO.

Inspector Spedding explained the effects of the spending review on policing in the Low Furness area, and how resources will be deployed. All Ulverston officers are to remain and opening hours at Ulverston police station will remain unchanged.

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

Cllr. James Airey reported on the closure of Bardsea public conveniences. A letter indicating possible interest from Mr. Nichols, of South Lakeland Search and Rescue, was noted, but no further contact has been possible to confirm this. JK stated that the toilets are now closed and queried the actual costs of running the toilets. James Airey commented that for Aldingham the 'stripped down' costs were approximately £4,000 pa and offered to obtain similar costs for Bardsea.

JW commented on the flooding on the main road into Urswick, which has been reported to the Cumbria CC highways engineer. GJ said that the 'Better Highways' scheme should have started in December but nothing had happened. JW stated that the new system for Post Offices has made it virtually impossible for villages such as Urswick to set up a Post Office.

8. Planning Applications and Decisions

1. To consider/confirm the Council's response to the following applications:

SL/2010/0919

Bluebell Cottage, Little Urswick.

Replacement windows and patio doors.

SL/2010/0984

Dunnerholme, 11 Church Road, Great Urswick

Change of use of single storey extension from Post Office to domestic garage and living accommodation

SL/2010/0918

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The Reading Room, Neales Row, Great Urswick.

Sub-division of dwellings to form two self-contained dwellings.

2. To note decisions on the following applications:

5/10/9005 Change of use of blockworks building for use as a winter salt store and 5/10/9006 variation of quarry operating hours to allow 24 hour access to salt store

Stainton Quarry, Long Lane, Stainton with Adgarley, Barrow in Furness.

WITHDRAWN

SL/2010/0942

Town End, Bardsea

Demolition of agricultural buildings and replacement with live work units.

WITHDRAWN

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

Martin Stables raised the issue of dumping into the Tarn and Stubbs' fishing pegs (minuted 18th November 2010, item 9(3)). He stated that he did not accept that the Parish Council were unaware of the problems until the Environment Agency became involved. Mr. Stables then read out part of a letter from the Tarn Association to the chairman of Urswick Parish Council dated 8th December 2010, outlining the TA's grievances with the Parish Council. He stated that the meeting proposed by Urswick Parish Council between the Tarn Association and the Parish Council was unlikely to take place as two meetings had already been held. It was now up to the Parish Council to come up with proposals. DW commented that Urswick Parish Council had

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held a meeting on 4th January 2011 to discuss how to move matters forward. She stated that the Parish Council did not have the resources and the manpower to manage the Tarn. A discussion was then held about possible solutions but no resolution was reached.

10. Drains & Drainage. DS / GJ

GJ reported that programme of work has been hindered by adverse weather. More blockages appearing due to frost and grit have caused flooding – GJ to continue to follow up.

11. Vacancy for Bardsea Councillor – response to advertisement.

Clerk reported no response to advertisement. NC noted that there may be one possibility in Bardsea which she will follow up.

12. Local Area Partnership update.

Nothing to report.

13. LAP Tourist Information boards – update on progress PR

PR reported that funds have been received from SLDC for the information boards and that several estimates have been sought for the work. PR explained the nature of the boards to those present. GJ reported that money is available to paint the railings between the garage in Little Urswick and Urswick Recreation Hall. The work will be carried out by the Probation Service in Spring 2011.

14. Proposed development of the Coot and Bankfield House.

Cllr James Airey reported that revised plans for the development are awaited and will be reconsidered in Feb 2011. Urswick Parish Council will be consulted.

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

Clerk reported that a request for additional grit bins has been made to Cumbria CC Highways dept., following the original request from previous Clerk in August 2010. No reply has been received. Cllr James Airey agreed to help follow up.

Action: Clerk to follow up

16. Footpaths, posts and styles around the Parish. JK.

Cllr James Airey reported that the County Council had examined styles in the Parish – no subsequent action. He noted that the County Council is cutting funding in the forthcoming budget.

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Action: JK to check available grant funding for footpaths etc.

17. Headlands to Headspace – Morecambe Bay Landscape Partnership Scheme bid to Heritage Lottery. GJ

GJ provided information about the funding bid and stated that the outcome will be made public in February 2011.

18. South Lakeland Local Development Framework – land allocations. GJ

GJ reported on South Lakeland Local Development Framework and land allocations in Urswick, Stainton and Bardsea. It was agreed that the maps of the proposed development be displayed on the Parish notice boards.

Action: Clerk to circulate.

19. CALC meeting on 25th November 2010.

Clerk read a report from the CALC meeting.

20. Signage on approach to Great Urswick from Birkrigg Common. JK

Clerk reported that an e mail sent to Cumbria CC Highways regarding funding for new signs.

Action: Clerk to follow up.

21. Request for support from Citizens Advice, South Lakeland. Clerk

The Council resolved by a majority that it was regretfully unable to meet this request.

Action: Clerk to send letter to CAB.

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

Clerk's salary Dec (HG)	£353.20
Clerks expenses (HG)	£61.60
Job advert	£350.86
Keys cut	£3.60
Room hire	£37.50
Grass cutting	£893.00
Clerk's salary (HG)	£75.81
Clerks salary 18 Nov – Dec (PA)	£413.90
PAYE on clerk's salary	£103.40

Payments held over from meeting on 18th Nov (due to previous Clerk's illness):

Wreath	£16.50
Paint	£9.99

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Room hire	£20.00
Clerk's salary Nov (HG)	£353.20

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

The following correspondence received was noted:

- Police Community Liaison Forum meeting, Barrow Forum 28, 13th Jan @ 7.00pm
- The Localism Bill
- CALC circular Dec/Jan
- Cumbria CVS Issue 4 Dec/Jan
- Budget consultations:
 - SLDC
 - Cumbria County Council (documents made available to public)
- Cumbria County Council NoW card
- West Cumbria Managing radioactive waste update
- Publication of register of electors 2011 (ordered by Clerk)
- Eric Pickles – circular re council preparations for Diamond Jubilee event
- Barrow Borough Council – Adoption of Statement of Community Involvement
- Cumbria County Council Local News and Views
- E mail from CALC dated 24th Dec - re Parish Paths Initiative etc.
- Letter from SLDC re Tree Preservation order No 99 Daisy Hill, Great Urswick (Cllr. G. James declared an interest). DW proposed that this should be an item on the agenda for the meeting on 17th February and this was agreed.

Clerk read the letter from Tarn Association dated 8th Dec 2010, response from UPC dated 14th Dec 2010, and letter to Tarn Association and Trustees dated 5th Jan 2011.

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

Tree Preservation order No 99 Daisy Hill, Great Urswick

Vacancy for Bardsea councillor

25. Date and time of next meeting.

Thursday 17th February 2011, 7.30pm Urswick Parish Room

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