

## MINUTES OF URSWICK PARISH COUNCIL

From the meeting held on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2011

### Bardsea School Room

Present: Cllr. J. Keen (JK) (Chairman), Cllr. B. Abbott (BA), Cllr. N. Cowsill, Cllr. G. James, Cllr. J. O'Donovan (JO), Dr. P. Attree (Clerk).

District and county councillors: Cllr. J. Airey

1. Apologies for absence  
Cllr. D. Westfield, Cllr. J. Winder. District and county councillors - J. Willis, C. Airey.  
**RESOLVED: that the apologies be noted and the reasons noted.**
2. Declarations of interest  
To receive declaration of interests by members in respect of items on this agenda  
Cllr G. James declared a personal interest in items 11 and 18 on this agenda; Cllr. N. Cowsill declared a personal interest in item 17.
3. To authorise the chairman to sign as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> August 2011 and the extraordinary meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> August 2011.  
**RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> August 2011 and the extraordinary meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> August 2011 be signed by the Chairman as a true record.**
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.  
Cllr. B. Abbott noted the recent appearance on Bardsea Coast Road of a large marble memorial bench. He queried whether planning permission was necessary.  
**Action: Clerk to contact SLDC to check.**  
A member of the public noted that minutes of the meeting for 4<sup>th</sup> August 2011 were not on the Council's website.
6. Report from Police on any matters of local concern and /or interest to Councillors and residents.  
None.

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**Action: Clerk to contact neighbourhood policing team to request that a representative attends the next Council meeting.**

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

Cllr. J. Airey reported on the County Council's decision to move the control centre of Cumbria's Fire and Rescue Service to Warrington. He explained that this would lead to an improved, and more economical, service. The change will take effect in June 2012.

8. Planning Applications and Decisions

- a) To confirm the Council's response to the following applications (on which councillors' comments/objections forwarded to the planning officer at SLDC by the Clerk):

SL/2011/0613

2 Cragland Park, Great Urswick

Extension to detached garage

- b) To note decisions on the following applications:

SL/2010/1014

Greenbank Gardens

Little Urswick

Replacement dwelling and new garage

GRANTED with conditions

5/11/9007

Section 73 application to vary condition 19 of planning permission 5/10/9001 to allow vehicles carrying armour stone to leave the quarry and enter the public highway unsheeted.

Stainton Quarry, Long Lane, Stainton with Adgarley

GRANTED

9. To receive an update on drains and drainage. (DS/GJ)

Cllr. G. James reported that he had received no reply to e mails regarding previously agreed work to drains on the Hagg. Cllr. J. Airey offered to contact Cumbria County Council about this and report back to the Chairman.

10. To receive a report from the Tarn working group and agree any actions. (GJ/DS)

Cllr. G James reported on a meeting held by the Tarn working group, which discussed the following:

**Fishing** - fishing licences are to be redesigned and the period of the licences reconsidered.

**Short-term objectives** – tidying-up of vegetation on the Landing has been carried out.

Contacts will be made with the Environment Agency and Cumbria Wildlife Trust to arrange meetings, with a view to revisiting the Management Plan (1996). A long-term plan for the Landing area will be developed, to improve accessibility.

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**Funding** – working group plan to develop an application to ‘Awards for All’ – Big Lottery funding scheme.

11. To discuss the boulders at the Landing. (GJ/JK)

Cllr. G. James noted that boulders had been placed at the Landing to prevent vehicle access to fishing pegs. This was approved by the Chairman. No objections were voiced.

12. To discuss priorities for highway repairs in advance of the ‘Better Highways’ team visit. (GJ)

A list of priorities for highway and footpath repairs was identified in the Urswick and Bardsea areas.

**Action: Clerk to notify ‘Better Highways’ team of priorities.**

13. To receive an update on the refurbishment of the parish railings (GJ)

Cllr. G. James reported that no further progress is likely until Spring 2012.

14. To receive an update on the Local Area Partnership (NC).

Cllr. N. Cowsill reported that LAP now has a new co-ordinator. Drainage and flooding problems in the Parish have been reported. NC invited members to think about priorities for future projects in the Parish which could attract a small amount of LAP funding.

15. LAP tourist Information boards – to receive an update on progress (GJ)

Cllr. G. James reported that the design of the boards is now finalised. A decision now needs to be made about the siting of the board in Little Urswick. To be placed on the agenda of the next meeting.

16. To consider the Council’s contribution to Bardsea toilets for the financial year 2012-2013.

Cllr. James Airey reported on progress with the Bardsea Beach Toilet Committee and its fund-raising activities. The committee may apply to become a registered charity, which would qualify for an 80% rate reduction.

Cllr. N.Cowsill proposed that the Council contribute £825 to the toilets in the 2012-2013 financial year. Seconded by Cllr. G. James and agreed by all present.

**RESOLVED: that the Council contribute £825 to Bardsea Beach Toilet Committee in the 2012-2013 financial year.**

17. To discuss the proposed bonfire at Stainton with Adgarley. (NC/Clerk).

The Clerk read a letter from Mr. S. Walsh about the Stainton bonfire. The Clerk also outlined the advice received from Cumbria Association of Local Councils and the Fire Service about the liabilities associated with allowing bonfires on Council-owned land. It was agreed to repeat a notice in the Tarn News inviting residents in Urswick and Stainton to take on the

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task of organising a bonfire. Plans would then need to be brought to the Council for approval before a bonfire could take place.

**Action: Clerk to place a notice in the Tarn News and write to Mr. Walsh on the Council's behalf.**

18. To discuss the condition of the wall and field at Daisy Hill, Great Urswick. (JK)

A number of complaints have been received by the Council about tipping and soil spread on this site. The Clerk read an e mail from E. Huddleston, planning officer at South Lakeland District Council, about soil tipped on the field and planning permission for the wall. SLDC stated that planning permission for the wall was unnecessary, as the owner is replacing like with like.

**Action: Clerk to write to South Lakeland District Council to follow up complaints.**

19. To approve the purchase of local council risk system software. (Clerk)

The Clerk explained the need for the software. Proposed by Cllr. G. James and seconded by Cllr. N. Cowsill that the Council purchase the software - agreed.

**RESOLVED: that the Clerk order the local council risk system software on the Council's behalf.**

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

**RESOLVED that the following accounts be paid:**

Clerk's salary August 2011	£285.56
Clerk's expenses August 2011	£12.50
PAYE on clerk's salary July-Sept 2011	£214
Bardsea toilets – contribution 2011-2012	£825
Bardsea Schoolroom Association – room hire	£22
General Burgoyne Inn – room hire	£5

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

The following items of correspondence were noted: CALC circular September 2011; invitation from John Woodcock MP to a severe weather preparedness forum; e mail from SLDC re affordable homes in Baycliff; e mail re aspirational Observational documentary; CALC – managing radioactive waste safely, meeting dates; e mail from personnel from Cumbria Fire & Rescue Service Control re proposed North West regional fire control room; Cumbria County Council consultation on adult day services; NALC legal briefing on the Bribery Act 2010 – impact on local councils; acknowledgement from Cumbria County Council Highways Dept re query from UPC re parking in Greenbank Gardens; agenda of District Association 149<sup>th</sup> meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> September 2011; invitation from Dan Hudson,

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Development Strategy Manager SLDC to informal discussion with councillors re Local Development Framework site allocations; e mail from CALC re business rates; CALC – ‘developing your skills’ training and development itinerary; letter from SLDC re change in service delivery to the bulky household waste collection service; e mail from M. Balderson, SLDC, re wall at Hewitt Close, Great Urswick; Cumbria Registration Service Modernisation – invitation to stakeholders to comment; Morecambe Bay Partnership press release re Heritage Lottery Fund support; CALC – government consultation on draft National Planning Policy Framework; Letter from SLDC Democratic Services re Parish Remuneration Panel; NALC policy consultation – streamlining the planning process for nationally significant wastewater transfer; CALC – re public toilets in South Lakeland; e mail from D. Trigg re bus timetables/transport issues; Local Area Partnership minutes of meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> August 2011 and list of priorities, June 2011; SLDC Electoral services manager – publicity for the annual electoral registration canvas; SLDC – neighbourhood planning pilot (no action); Letter from H. Stables re condition of reeds at Tarn – **action: letter to be issued reminding local residents that damaging reeds is an offence; note to be kept of which properties receive letter**; Cumbria Police Authority – publicity for independent custody visiting scheme; Cumbria County Council on behalf of Gary Strong, cabinet member for community safety and local services re Cumbria Fire and Rescue Fire Control.

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

Council budget 2012-2013

Draft standing orders for approval

Location of information boards in Little Urswick

Daisy Hill – condition of site

23. Date and time of next meeting.

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> October, Urswick Parish Room, 7.30pm

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