

MINUTES OF URSWICK PARISH COUNCIL

From the meeting held on Thursday 27th October 2011

Urswick Parish Room

Present: Cllr. J. Keen (Chairman), Cllr. B. Abbott, Cllr. N. Cowsill, Cllr. J. O'Donovan, Cllr. D. Westfield, Cllr. J. Winder, Dr. P. Attree (Clerk).

District and county councillors: Cllr. C. Airey, Cllr. J. Airey, Cllr. J. Willis.

PCSO: M. Hearn.

1. Apologies for absence
Cllr. G. James, Cllr. D. Stubbs.
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. J. Winder declared a personal interest in item 12 on this agenda; Cllr. N. Cowsill declared a personal interest in item 13.

3. To authorise the chairman to sign as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 15th September 2011.
RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting held on 15th September 2011 be signed by the Chairman as a true record.

4. To note progress on matters not on today's agenda – for report and observation only (items requiring a decision to be placed on agenda of next meeting).
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.
A member of the public queried the decision made at the extraordinary meeting of the Council on 18th August 2011 to issue an unlimited number of boat licences for the Tarn (with the proviso that only five boats be present on the Tarn at any one time). It was stated that this was a major policy shift which should have been open to public consultation. The Clerk pointed out that the agenda and minutes of the extraordinary meeting were publicised. Cllr. Westfield stated that the new policy for boat licences was a trial for this year, and would be policed by Councillors. If a problem arose it would be reviewed.

Draft minutes to be approved at the next meeting PA 9 Nov 2011

The Chairman proposed to bring forward discussion on item 14 on the agenda – agreed by councillors.

The Clerk read the main points of an e mail dated 26th October 2011 from D. Hughes, Senior Monitoring and Enforcement Officer, Cumbria County Council, regarding the tipping of waste material on the Daisy Hill site, Great Urswick, and the County Council's decision not to pursue removal of the waste by the landowner. Councillors and members of the public expressed their dismay at this decision.

RESOLVED: to contact Cumbria County Council regarding removal of waste from the site as a matter of urgency.

Action: Clerk to write to the Senior Monitoring and Enforcement Officer, Cumbria County Council.

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

PCSO Mike Hearn had nothing to report. He answered questions from a member of the public about speeding in Urswick village – noting that a recent radar trap had brought no results. The Chairman asked that if a motorist is perceived to be speeding it would be useful to report the registration number, time and location to the police.

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

Cllr. Willis stated that there is funding available for drainage work in the Parish and that hopefully some action will be taken on flooding in Horse Close Lane. The highways engineer had offered to meet with members of the Parish Council to discuss matters. Cllr. Cowsill noted that this had already taken place through the Local Area Partnership. Cllr. J. Airey had nothing to report. He agreed to take up the Council's concerns about tipping at the Daisy Hill site with Cumbria County Council.

8. Planning Applications and Decisions

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

SL/2011/0741

Land adjacent to Daisy Hill Cottage

Great Urswick

Dwelling, detached garage and access

The clerk read the Council's draft response objecting to this application – this was agreed.

SL/2011/0786

Shaw Cottage, Long Lane,

Stainton with Adgarley

Two storey side extension

The Council has no objections to this application.

SL/2011/0685

Standish Cote & Mean Moor, Marton & Harlock Hill,
Pennington, Ulverston

Installation of five 99.5m high (2.3Mw) wind turbines, incorporating the removal of five existing turbines on Harlock Hill, formation of on-site access tracks, associated infrastructure works and carriageway widening works.

It was agreed that the Council's main objections to this development are height of the turbines, visual impact on the landscape, and noise pollution.

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

SL/2011/0708

Arnaby, White Ghyll Lane,
Bardsea

Erection of garden store/outbuilding

An amendment to this application has been received by the Council.

SL/2011/0761

Bolton Manor Farm
Little Urswick

Erection of temporary 40.5m anemometer mast

SL/2011/0773

2 Gleaston Lane

Stainton with Adgarley

Single storey side extension

The Council's comments on these applications have been forwarded to SLDC.

- c) To note decisions on the following applications:

SL/2011/0613

2 Cragland Park

Great Urswick

Extension to detached garage

GRANTED with conditions

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

The Chairman reported on a meeting with Graham Wheelhouse, of Cumbria County Council highways department. It was agreed that the highways department will examine the flooding problem on Horse Close Lane, clean the drain adjacent to Daisy Hill Great Urswick, install two new drains next to Smithy Cottage, Great Urswick, and blast out the drains on the other side of the road.

10. To receive an update from the Tarn working group and agree any actions. (DS/DW)

Cllr D. Westfield reported on a problem with signs notifying the new byelaws for the Tarn and surrounding areas disappearing. A new sign has now been erected. Fly tipping

on the Landing has been cleared. Boat licences are now ready for issue, and will be dated from 1st November 2011. Flyers and notices have been prepared for issue to advertise the licences, and the website updated with application forms for boat and fishing licences. A complaint had been received about a remote-controlled boat seen on the Tarn.

11. To receive an update on the Local Area Partnership (NC).
Cllr. N. Cowsill again highlighted that there is LAP funding available, for projects for the benefit of the community.
12. LAP tourist Information boards – to receive an update on progress and confirm the site of the board at Little Urswick Green (JK/JW).
It has been agreed to site the information board at Little Urswick Green at the apex of the Green, accessible both to walkers and local residents. When the boards are ready for installation, the Chairman will arrange a site visit with BB Design Associates.
13. To receive an update on bonfires at Urswick and Stainton with Adgarley and agree any actions. (Clerk)
The Clerk reported that an article had appeared in the North West Evening Mail, explaining the situation regarding bonfires. No-one in Urswick or Stainton with Adgarley has responded to the Council's invitations placed in the Tarn News to arrange a bonfire. Material illegally tipped on the Landing site is being removed by members of the Tarn Working Group.
14. To discuss the condition of the site at Daisy Hill, Great Urswick. (JK/Clerk)
Discussed earlier in the meeting (see item 5).
15. To receive an update on new grit bins (Clerk).
The Clerk read an e mail received from Cumbria County Council regarding the Council's request for new grit bins. A progress report is expected from the contractor.
Action: Clerk to follow up.
16. To approve standing orders for the Council (Clerk).
Proposed by Cllr. J. Winder and seconded by Cllr. Denise Westfield that standing orders be approved – agreed with one abstention.
RESOLVED: The Council resolved to approve the adoption of standing orders.
17. To approve and accept the Annual Return for the year ending 31 March 2011 (Clerk)
RESOLVED: The Council resolved to approve and accept the Annual Return for the year ending 31 March 2011.

18. To approve the Council budget and precept for the financial year 2012-2013 (Clerk/JK).
Proposed by Cllr. J. Winder and seconded by Cllr. Brian Abbott that the budget and precept be approved – agreed.

RESOLVED: The Council resolved to approve the Council budget and precept for the financial year 2012-2013.

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

RESOLVED that the following accounts be paid:

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| BB Design Associates - interpretation panels | £575.00 | J. Simmonds – poppy wreath | £17.00 |
| BDO LLP - external audit fee | £162.00 | Urswick PCC - room hire | £10.00 |
| DMH Solutions Ltd – risk management software | £103.43 | BB Design Associates – interpretation panels | £400.00 |
| Clerk’s salary Sept-Oct 2011 | £570.72 | J. Winder – refund masonry paint | £8.99 |
| Clerk’s expenses Sept-Oct 2011 | £32.99 | | |

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

The following items of correspondence were noted: South Lakeland District Association – notification of meeting on 24th November 2011; Low Furness and Ulverston Local Area Partnership – notification of meeting on 10th November 2011; minutes of LAP meeting 9 August 2011; e mails from M Balderson and T. Naylor, SLDC re memorial bench; CALC - broadband meeting at Castle Street Centre; Community Green Spaces; South Lakeland Housing Advisory Group – second homes/holiday lets; CALC circular Oct 2011; CALC survey of key service centres in Cumbria and parishes in South Lakeland; SLDC standards committee meeting agenda 11 Oct 2011; Boundary Commission for England initial proposals for reviewing parliamentary constituencies in England; letter from Millom without Parish Council re proposed planning law changes; Leader of Cumbria County Council re Cumbria’s fire and rescue service; Barrow Bus Users Surgery 23rd September 2011; e mail from D. Hughes, Cumbria CC re land adjacent to Old Mill, Bardsea; e mail from S. Scott SLDC re community litter picks; SLDC - One minute read re Local Area Partnerships; e mail from D. Hughes dated 26th Oct 2011 re Daisy Hill, Great Urswick & Land adjacent to Old Mill, Bardsea; e mail from K. Masser, Cumbria County Council dated 20th Sept 2011 re grit bin request.

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

Council meeting dates for 2012.

Approval of quarterly accounts to September 2011.

22. Date and time of next meeting.

Thursday 8th December, Stainton Recreation Hall, 7.30pm

