

MINUTES OF URSWICK PARISH COUNCIL

From the meeting held on Thursday 19th January 2012

Bardsea School Room

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

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

PCSO Paul Harris.

1. Apologies for absence
Cllr. D. Stubbs; Cllr. J. Winder.
County councillor J. 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. D. Westfield declared a personal interest in item 8b – the planning application for Daisy Hill, Great Urswick; Cllr. G. James declared an interest in item 9.

3. To authorise the chairman to sign as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 8th December 2011.
Cllr. J. Willis requested an amendment to item 7 of the minutes – the amendment was made by the Clerk and signed by the chairman.
RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting held on 8th December 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).
Cllr. J. Willis stated that the damage to the sea wall at Bardsea has been reported to the highways engineer. Cllr. B. Abbott said that the erosion of the sea defences was getting worse and that there were three main areas of concern. He pointed out that the sea was undermining the boundary wall of the car park behind Kingfisher, and could lead to the loss of the car park. Cllr. Abbott queried whether this was the responsibility of the Environment Agency. Cllr. Willis agreed to investigate this. It was agreed to place the erosion of the sea defences on the agenda for 1st March 2012.

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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A member of the public queried whether the land adjacent to the Landings, an area of reed fen, had been registered by the Council. The land had been subject to a dispute between a resident and the Council in 2009.

Action: Clerk to check whether registration of the land was completed.

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

PCSO Harris stated that crime was still falling in the Parish. He reported that two fence panels had been stolen in Little Urswick and two plastic benches in Sea Wood.

Concerning the recent shooting of a dog on Birkrigg Common, PCSO Harris stated that three independent witnesses had seen the dog worrying sheep prior to the event. He asked the Council to publicise the new non-emergency number for the police – 101 (112 for mobiles), and handed out posters to members. Cllr. B. Abbott reported that benches had been burned on Bardsea beach. PCSO Harris stated that the police had received no reports of fires. Cllr. D. Westfield reported an incident of night shooting of geese in Great Urswick. PCSO Harris agreed to take this forward on the Council's behalf.

Members agreed to bring forward item 13 on the agenda – the enforcement of speed limits in the villages. PCSO Harris stated that 20mph speed limits in built up areas are meant to be self enforcing. Police policy is therefore not to introduce radar traps or provide additional policing. When police checked in Stainton the speed of traffic was within normal limits. Cllr. B. Abbot pointed out that speeding does cause concern in Bardsea, particularly regarding the safety of schoolchildren. However, residents do not want speed zones, with chicanes and speed humps. PCSO Harris agreed to pass on the Council's concerns. He also noted that the police have an interest in scrap collectors cold calling and requested that, if they are approached, residents ring 101 to report details.

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

Cllr. J. Willis stated that she will check with Cumbria County Council about mud on the road at the Daisy Hill site, Great Urswick. She reported a query from a Bardsea resident about the non-recognition of Well Lane by the Post Office, although the address appears on the electoral register. Cllr. D. Westfield stated that it might be possible to resolve the issue through Land Registry and that she would forward details of a similar instance to Cllr. Willis. Cllr. B. Abbott has received reports from a resident of holes in field walls on Shore Road, Bardsea and at the junction of the Coast Road and Brook Hill. He queried responsibility for carrying out repairs. Cllr. Abbott also reported complaints received about mud on the road from farmer's vehicles damaging the grass verge on Cooper Lane. Cllr Willis offered to bring these matters to the attention of the County highway engineer.

Cllr. C. Airey stated that, despite public opposition, the Local Development Framework was approved at a meeting of South Lakeland District Council. Further consultation will now take place, and an independent inspector will check land allocation documents in the Framework. Councillors queried whether the land allocations for Urswick Parish would be revisited as part of this process. Cllr. Airey stated that this was unlikely as there are limits to the amount of development in villages. She noted that a meeting is shortly to be held regarding proposed overnight car parking charges in Ulverston.

8. Planning Applications and Decisions

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

SL/2011/1053

The Cottage,

Great Urswick

Installation of ground floor patio doors and window at first floor

SL/2011/1070

Bardsea Green House,

Bardsea

Single storey side extension

The Clerk noted that no objections had been received to date for the above applications.

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

SL/2011/1003

Arnaby, White Ghyll Lane

Bardsea

Front porch

SL/2011/0839

Daisy Hill

Great Urswick

Erection of agricultural building to house sheep and store equipment and feed

SL/2011/0969

Land at 2 Longlands Cottage

Dalton in Furness

Erection of building for storage of agricultural machinery

SL/2011/0259

Eden Lodge Country House Hotel, Coast Road

Bardsea

Extension of decking area adjacent to conservatory (retrospective), additional plans

The Clerk noted that no objections had been received for the above applications.

c) To note decisions on the following applications:

SL/2011/0786

Shaw Cottage, Long Lane

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Stainton with Adgarley

Two storey side extension

GRANTED with conditions

SL/2011/0708

Arnaby, White Ghyll Lane

Bardsea

Erection of garden store/outbuilding

GRANTED with conditions

SL/2011/0886

Woodhead Bungalow

Hooks Lane, Wood Head

Ulverston

Replacement dwelling, detached garage and store and new vehicular access (Revised scheme SL/2011/0208)

GRANTED with conditions

The Clerk noted that the management plan for this site has been circulated to councillors.

9. To receive an update from the Tarn working group and agree any actions. (DS/DW/GJ)
 Cllr. D. Westfield stated that the planned meeting with Cumbria Wildlife Trust had been cancelled; a meeting is now planned for 26th January 2012. The Tarn Working Group had received comments from residents on the Tarn water level, which is higher than last year; however no blockages had been found. The Group will seek advice from the Environment Agency at a future meeting (date as yet not confirmed). Cllr. Westfield noted that she had reconciled Tarn licence fees of £175 with the Clerk; that Cllr. James has completed the bonfire clearance; and that the byelaws sign for the Tarn area will be replaced with new fixings before the next Council meeting. The Clerk then read two letters – the first from Mr. N. Penny requesting permission to cut back some of the willows in the Tarn reed bed; the second from Cllr. G. James requesting the Council's permission to coppice the willows at the Croft.

RESOLVED: to authorise the Tarn Working Group to meet Mr. Penny and agree the work to be carried out.

10. To receive an update on the Local Area Partnership (NC).
 Cllr. N. Cowsill updated the meeting on LAP budget allocations, which were voted upon by members in November 2011. Flooding issues have been highlighted across the parishes, which the County Council highways department will deal with on a rotational basis. Cllr. J. Willis noted that flooding on Horse Close Lane, Great Urswick should be addressed in the next two weeks. Cllr. Cowsill stated that a portion of the LAP budget may be allocated to improving drainage. She explained that £500 has been allocated to purchase diamond jubilee mugs for every child in Stainton aged under 18.

11. To consider the appointment of a representative for Bardsea Malt Kiln village hall committee.
Councillors discussed the appointment of a representative to the committee: no volunteers were forthcoming. Cllr. Abbott stated that he would attend the AGM.
Action: Clerk to write to the Bardsea Malt Kiln secretary to explain that no Council representative has been identified.
12. To discuss the demolition of the Coot, Great Urswick (DW).
Cllr. D. Westfield noted that the Coot and Bankfield are both currently for sale. She raised the question of what action, if any, the current owners of the Coot need to take before demolition is carried out.
Action: Cllr. Westfield to contact Kate Lawson, South Lakeland District Council, to clarify the situation.
13. To discuss the enforcement of speed limits in the villages (BA).
Discussed at item 6.
14. To consider a request for a donation from the charity 'Paddlers for Life' (Clerk).
RESOLVED: The Council resolved to refuse the request for a donation.
Action: Clerk to contact the charity with a regretful refusal.
15. To approve the Council's quarterly accounts to December 2011 (Clerk).
RESOLVED: the Council resolved to approve the quarterly accounts to December 2011.
16. To approve the Council's entry on the Data Protection Register, at an annual cost of £35 (Clerk).
The Clerk explained the need for the Council to register as an organisation. A discussion followed about whether councillors need to register as individuals. Cllr. J. O'Donovan explained how councillors' e mails should be handled, with reference to the Data Protection Act. Further advice from NALC is awaited on this issue.
RESOLVED: The Council resolved to approve entry on the Data Protection Register, at an annual cost of £35. (Data Protection Act 1998)
Action: Clerk to process the Council's application to the Register.
17. To authorise payment of bills and expenses received since the last meeting (Clerk).
RESOLVED that the following accounts be paid:

The Information Commissioner- Data Protection registration	£35.00	P.M. Attree – clerk's expenses Dec 2011-19	
		Jan 2012	£29.99

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P.M. Attree – clerk’s salary Dec 2011 £285.56	BB Design Associates - interpretation panels £1270.00
SLDC – Bardsea bus shelter rental £60.00	The Tarn News – associates’ fee £8.00
Abbey Building Contractors – re-siting Parish notice board £160.00	Bardsea Schoolroom Association – room hire £22.00

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

The following items of correspondence were noted: Action with Communities in Cumbria – revising community-led plan – **action: Clerk to circulate website address to councillors**; E mail from K. Lawson SLDC re replacement trees and wall at Daisy Hill site, Great Urswick; South Lakeland District Council – e mail re condition of wall bordering quarry on Birkrigg Common; Cumbria County Council draft budget consultation; Cumbria County Council public consultation on Cumbria’s waste recycling centres; NALC – ‘Planning explained’ booklet; CALC – Hydro schemes in South Lakeland 2011; Rural housing event 27th January 2012 at Kendal Town Hall; E mails from Cumbria County Council and South Lakeland District Council re planning application for Woodhead Bungalow, Hooks Lane, Ulverston; Department of Communities and Local Government – local government finance 2012-2013; CALC – Localism Act, local council precepts; BT News Release – super-fast broadband in Cumbria; copy of correspondence from a member of the public to SLDC re Bardsea Beach planning management; GDA manager, Environment Agency – e mail re assessing new nuclear power designs; Low Furness and Ulverston LAP – projects and next meeting date; CALC – Queen Elizabeth 11 Field’s challenge; Cumbria County Council – e mail re promotion for bus service 11; CALC – notification of extended deadline to end January 2012 for responses to Local Government Boundary Commission draft recommendations for revised electoral arrangements; NALC communications briefing re the Queen’s Diamond Jubilee Beacons; Connecting Cumbria update December 2011; Northern Rural Housing week 27th January 2012 – 3rd February 2012; Action with Communities in Cumbria (ACT) – notification of free ‘Energy Best Deal’ training for Parish Councils and community groups; Cumbria County Council – changes to Highways Hotline; CALC – bulletin from the West Cumbria Managing Radioactive Waste Safely Partnership (MRWS) Jan 2012; Morecambe Bay Partnership – progress and update January 2012; NPS Group re disposal of Council assets – land at Wadhead Hill, Bardsea; Friends of the Lake District & Cumbria Farmer Network, Farming Landscapes project call for volunteers; CALC – Cumbria County Council heating oils; SLDC training – community-led planning, reminder; Walney Extension Offshore Wind Farm – mini consultation report and newsletter No 1, Winter 2011/2012.

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

Revision of the community-led plan
Bardsea sea wall defences

20. Date and time of next meeting.

Thursday 1st March 2012, Urswick Parish Room, 7.30pm

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