

MINUTES OF URSWICK PARISH COUNCIL

From the meeting held on Thursday 1st March 2012

Urswick Parish Room

Present: Cllr. J. Keen (Chairman), Cllr. B. Abbott, Cllr. N. Cowsill, Cllr. G. James, Cllr. D. Westfield, Cllr. J. Winder (Vice chairman), Dr. P. Attree (Clerk).

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

PC. J. Baldwin

1. Apologies for absence
Cllr. J. O'Donovan
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 prejudicial interest in item 14 on the 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 19th January 2012.
RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting held on 19th January 2012 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).
The Clerk noted that additional grit deliveries had been made in Urswick and Stainton, and that the minutes of Urswick Parish Council from 1993-2007 had been lodged in the Records Archive in Barrow in Furness.

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 spoke on item 8 of the agenda (SL/2012/0091) – the proposed wind turbine at Woodside Farm, Great Urswick. She outlined objections to the planning application on the grounds of its proximity to Birkkrigg Park residential estate, visual impact and noise disturbance, proximity to an important heritage site, potential damage to tourism, negative effects on the wildlife in the area, and the potential cost of dismantling the turbine when it is no longer in use. The resident asked the Parish

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Council to give consideration to the views of local residents when commenting on this application, and councillors agreed to do so.

A member of the public enquired whether the plot of land adjacent to the Landing, which had been the subject of a dispute between the Council and a resident, had been registered with Land Registry as belonging to the Council. The Clerk confirmed that the land had been registered with the Land Registry.

Cllr. G. James reported that he had received an apology from M. Shipman, Development Management Group Manager at South Lakeland District Council (SLDC), for tardiness in dealing with tipping at the Daisy Hill site, Great Urswick. The Clerk noted that Cumbria County Council has written to the landowner asking them not to tip on the site in future. The Chairman stated that, according to SLDC, the trees and wall on the Daisy Hill site should be reinstated by 31st March 2012. The site should be monitored to ensure that this is done.

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

PC Baldwin reported that crime within the Parish remains low. Across the wider district, there has been an increase in the theft of scrap metal, lead, and theft from motor vehicles. He stressed that valuables should not be left on view in vehicles. PC Baldwin invited councillors to identify community priorities for the Parish, which he would take forward to the Neighbourhood Forum. Councillors stated that priorities include speeding through villages, in particular the speed of tractors and contractors' vehicles, and dog fouling. PC Baldwin noted that more officers had been trained in the use of radar speed traps. Councillor J. Airey stated that he had received complaints of anti-social behaviour on the beach at Bardsea.

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

Cllr. J. Airey reported that there would be no increase in council tax for this year. He offered to take councillors' and residents' comments on the planning application for the wind turbine at Woodside Farm (SL/2012/0091) to the planning committee. Cllr. Airey noted that SLDC are to introduce evening car parking charges, and that he does not believe that this is appropriate. Councillors agreed that this is likely to deter visitors to Ulverston. Cllr. Airey noted that residents in Ulverston and Swarthmoor are unhappy with proposals in the Local Development Framework, and are to form community groups to oppose them.

8. Planning Applications and Decisions

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

SL/2011/0961

Town End, Bardsea

Change of use of agricultural buildings to business units with two live/work units
 Cllr. B. Abbott suggested that controls should be placed on exterior noise levels and working hours for the work units. He also stated that the roofing materials were inappropriate for the site and that traditional materials would be more in keeping. It was agreed that the Clerk should report these concerns to the SLDC planning department.

Action: Clerk to report to SLDC.

SL/2012/0091

Woodside Farm, Weint Lane, Great Urswick

Erection of 20.3M high (to blade tips) wind turbine

It was agreed to report councillors' and residents' objections to this application (see item 5) to the SLDC planning department.

Action: Clerk to report to SLDC.

b) To note decisions on the following applications:

SL/2011/0969

Land at 2 Longlands Cottage, Dalton in Furness

Erection of building for storage of agricultural machinery

GRANTED with conditions

SL/2011/1053

The Cottage, Great Urswick

Installation of ground floor patio doors and window at first floor

GRANTED with conditions

SL/2011/0839

Daisy Hill, Great Urswick

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

GRANTED with conditions

SL/2011/1003

Arnaby, White Ghyll Lane, Bardsea

Front porch and side extension

GRANTED with conditions

SL/2011/0259

Eden Lodge Country House Hotel, Coast Road, Bardsea

Extension of decking area adjacent to conservatory (retrospective)

GRANTED with conditions

SL/2011/1070

Bardsea Green House,

Bardsea

Single storey side extension

GRANTED with conditions

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9. To receive an update from the Tarn working group and agree any actions. (DS/DW/GJ)
Cllr. G. James read from a report on the working group's meeting with Cumbria Wildlife Trust (see report accompanying minutes), outlining plans for the Tarn and surrounding areas. He noted that there may be grants available for the work.
10. To receive an update on the Local Area Partnership (LAP) (NC).
Cllr. N. Cowsill stated that the LAP has now allocated grants for local groups, for Jubilee celebrations and for summer activities for young people in Urswick. She noted that the County Council Highways team have addressed flooding problems in Horse Close Lane, Great Urswick. Cllr. G. James stated that he has contacted the Probation Service about the next section of the Parish railings to be painted.
11. To discuss revision of the Parish Plan (Community-led plan) (GJ/Clerk)
It was agreed to defer this issue until the next meeting as Cllr. G. James is shortly to attend a training event on community-led plans.
12. To discuss damage to the sea defences at Bardsea (BA).
Cllr. J. Willis stated that she has reported this problem to Michael Keen at SLDC. Cllr. B. Abbott noted that if no action is taken the car park at Kingfisher will be lost to the sea.
13. To approve the use of Stainton village green for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Celebrations (NC).
Cllr. N. Cowsill reported that a committee has been formed to oversee the Diamond Jubilee celebrations in Stainton, to which all are invited.
RESOLVED: Council resolved to approve the use of Stainton Village Green for the Diamond Jubilee Celebrations.
14. To discuss granting permission to Cllr. D. Westfield, to apply for planning permission from South Lakeland District Council, to erect a wooden jetty at Tanah Lot, Great Urswick.
Cllr. D. Westfield left the room while this item was discussed. The Clerk read a letter from Cllr. Westfield requesting Council's approval to apply for planning permission from SLDC to erect a wooden jetty at the above property.
RESOLVED: The Council resolved (by a majority vote) to ask Cllr. Westfield for sight of plans for the jetty prior to making further comment.
15. To authorise payment of bills and expenses received since the last meeting (Clerk).
RESOLVED: that the following payments be authorised:
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| Clerk's salary Jan – Feb 2012 | £570.72 |
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| Clerk's expenses Jan – Feb 2012 | £31.41 |
| Urswick PCC - Room hire | £10.00 |
16. To confirm that the Clerk will now be employed on an indefinite contract (conditions as stipulated in the contract of employment dated 10th November 2010).
RESOLVED: the Clerk to be employed on an indefinite contract (conditions of employment to be reviewed at appraisal in November 2012).
17. To note correspondence received and decide on any response required (Clerk).
- The following items of correspondence were noted: Cumbria County Council Environment Directorate – Cumbria Minerals and Waste Development Framework, resubmission of the Site Allocations Policies and Proposals Map; Malcolm Wilson Rally 3rd March 2012; Cumbria County Council budget consultation events; CALC – e mail re parishes gritting of own minor roads; Low Furness and Ulverston Local Area Partnership – agenda for 26th January 2012 and notes from meeting; e mail from Cumbria County Council Integrated Transport Team re No 11 bus service; Connecting Cumbria newsletter; District Association meeting – agenda for 1st March 2012; e mail from Cllr. J. Willis re Green Acres, Little Urswick; e mail from H. Madden, PCSO re concerns reported by resident in Stainton; Completion of roadworks on A590 trunk road; CALC circular Feb 2012; CALC – projects in South Lakeland of wider interest; CALC – Lake District and Yorkshire Dales national park boundaries; NALC Legal Briefing guidance on using royal names and titles in the Queen's diamond jubilee year; Lieutenancy of Cumbria re the Big Jubilee lunch 3 June 2012; SLDC Standards Committee agenda for 7 Feb 2012 and minutes of meeting held on 11 Oct 2011; e mail re Fields in Trust; LGA/NALC joint localism conference; CALC – e mails, choice-based lettings and training events; LAP – consultations into how food law applies to community halls and to childminders; e mail re Queen Elizabeth 11 Field's Challenge; Public Information event – Onshore construction; Highways Agency – Route management A590 interim report; Coal Industry Social Welfare Organisation Autumn/Winter 2011; Morecambe Bay Local Nature Partnership – invitation to consultation event; West Of Duddon Sands offshore wind farm update; Information Commissioner's Office – confirmation of entry in the Data Protection Register; Cumbria County Council Integrated Transport Team – request for bus stop infrastructure information; Cumbria Rural Forum 'Localism – from theory to practice' 24th March 2012; NALC legal briefing Section 137 expenditure limit for 2012-2013; HM Revenue and Customs re dispensation notice; CALC Neighbourhood planning workshop; Centrica Energy – consultation on proposed application for a new biomass power station at Roosecote, Barrow in Furness and summary report of the Preliminary Environmental Information; CALC re Winter Warmth Fund; CALC South Lakeland District Association agenda for 1st March 2012, minutes of 150th meeting on 24th November 2011 and reports from representatives to other bodies; Environment Agency diversity and equality information and draft objectives consultation; Friends of the Lake District – Our Green Space; CALC Local Council Finance training; K. Masser, Area Highways and Transport manager, list of small highway improvement requests; Cumbria Highways Parish salt scheme; CALC circular March 2012; Environment Agency newsletter re new Internal Drainage Boards, Cumbria; Land Allocation One minute read, No. 1; SLDC re planning decision notices; Low Furness & Ulverston Neighbourhood Forum summary of meeting held on 1st Feb 2012; Letter dated 28th Feb 2012

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from resident enquiring about completion and adoption of the road at Reeds Gardens, Little Urswick: **Action – Clerk to respond to resident and investigate query.**

18. To receive items for the agenda for the next meeting.
 - Request for funding for holiday club 2012
 - Review of Daisy Hill site
 - Update on demolition of Coot
 - Insurance for war memorial
 - Review of Parish Plan
 - Land at St. Mary's Garth

19. Date and time of next meeting.
 - Thursday 12th April 2012, Stainton Recreation Hall, 7.30pm
 - Preceded by the Annual Parish Meeting, 7.00pm**

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