

MINUTES OF URSWICK PARISH COUNCIL

From the meeting held on Thursday 17th May 2012

Bardsea School Room

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

County/District councillors J. Willis, J Airey.

1. Apologies for absence

Cllr. J. O'Donovan, Cllr. D. Stubbs (apologies for lateness), Dist. Cllr. C. Airey.

RESOLVED: that the apologies be noted and the reasons noted.

2. Declarations of interest

Cllr. G. James declared a personal interest in item 12 on the agenda: Cllr. J. Winder declared a personal interest in item 14.

3. To authorise the chairman to sign as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 12th April 2012.

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting held on 12th April 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).

Cllr. G. James reported that new railings at Skeldon Moor could be supplied by Cheshire Railings at a cost of £28. 40 per metre. Cllr. J. Willis stated that it might be possible to pay for the railings from a different budget. It was agreed that Cllr. G. James would supply Cllr. Willis with measurements for the railings to be replaced and that this item would be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

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 raised questions about issues on Birkrigg Common and Bardsea foreshore – Cllr. G. James replied that he has reported a new tarmac driveway on Birkrigg Common to the SLDC enforcement team. Regarding the upkeep of memorial

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benches on Bardsea foreshore – the Clerk noted that this is the responsibility of South Lakeland District Council. Regarding illegal parking on Birkrigg Common – Cllr. J. Airey agreed to take this up with SLDC.

A member of the public queried whether the Council was aware if canoes seen on the Tarn have licences. Cllr. D. Westfield stated that two canoes have licences and one has not yet been caught to check. Photographs have been taken for bailiff permits, to allow members of the Tarn Working Group to monitor licences. It was also noted that weed heaped by the fishing pegs has not been removed. Cllr. G. James noted that this matter is in hand, but that the recent weather had not been conducive for moving it.

Mr. C. Poole spoke on the topic of the planning application for Longrigg Service Station – seeking to clarify points for the Council re additional parking, the entrance/exits to the site, and affordable/local occupancy. It was pointed out that any further amendments to the outline planning application should be presented to the Parish Council.

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

None.

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

Cllr. J. Willis noted that it might be possible for LAP to supply speed indication devices for monitoring of traffic speed in the villages. A member of the public had approached the County Council re a footpath from Baycliffe to Bardsea – Cllr. Willis is to examine the feasibility. She raised the issue of the kerb at The Green, Little Urswick but Cllr. J. Winder reported that this is soon to be resolved. Cllr. Willis noted that she has been appointed to the cabinet at South Lakeland District Council and her portfolio includes customer services – she therefore requested that examples of good/bad service are reported to her. Cllr. G. James noted that the introduction of night parking charges in Ulverston is still under consideration.

8. Planning applications and decisions

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

SL/2012/0322

Owner/Manager's House

Eden Lodge Country House Hotel, Coast Road, Bardsea

Change of use of owner's/manager's house to short-term (weekly) lettable holiday accommodation to be used in association with hotel

SL/2012/0326

Bank End, Great Urswick, Ulverston

Two Dwellings

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It was agreed that councillors arrange site visits before commenting on this application.

b) 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/2011/0961

Town End, Bardsea, Ulverston

Change of use of agricultural buildings to business units with two live/work units

SL/2012/0241

Bolton Manor Farm, Little Urswick

Siting of single wind turbine (32.4m to blade tip)

c) To note decisions on the following applications:

SL/2010/0182

Kia Leisure, Bankfield Hall and the Coot, Church Road, Great Urswick

Bankfield Hall site – erection of 12 bedroom annexe to be used in association with Bankfield Hall, including parking and new vehicular access; conversion of stable to provide wedding chapel with glazed link to pavilion; erection of 12 holiday chalets with parking, paths and landscaping.

Coot site – demolition of existing buildings and erection of 7 dwellings, including new vehicular access.

GRANTED with conditions

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

Cllr. G. James reported that ongoing work has taken place at the Tarn, including grass cutting and tidying. Mr. D. Gormon has provided a litter bin and has an ongoing commitment to supporting work at the Tarn.

Action: Clerk to write to Mr. Gormon on behalf of the Council thanking him for his contributions to maintaining the Tarn area.

Cllr. James reported that the proposed plan for the Tarn has been distributed. Two comments from residents have been received to date – the Working Group will respond when all comments have been received. Cllr. Westfield is to erect a new byelaws sign at the Tarn. Some evidence of bonfires and night fishing has been seen at the Tarn. Issuing bailiff permits to members of the Tarn Working Group is in process.

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

Cllr. Cowsill reported that all LAP money was distributed for the previous financial year – the process may be reorganised to avoid last minute distribution in future. LAP may be able to provide speed indication devices to villages. Cllr. Cowsill asked members to

provide three priorities for the Parish to take to next LAP meeting. She noted that road flooding in the Parish remains on the agenda.

11. To discuss revision of the Parish Plan (GJ)

Cllr. James noted that he has spoken to Mr. Ray Wilson about the need for updating the Parish Plan.

12. To review the reinstatement of the wall at Daisy Hill site, Great Urswick.

It was noted that the wall has not yet been reinstated and has a detrimental effect on the appearance of the village. The Council understands that an enforcement notice may be issued by SLDC. **Action: Clerk to follow up.**

13. To consider a request from Cumbria Playing Fields Association for affiliation fees for 2012-13.

RESOLVED: The Council regretfully refused the request.

Action: Clerk to write to inform the applicants.

14. To consider a request from Little Urswick Village Green Association for an annual maintenance payment.

RESOLVED: The Council agreed to make a maintenance payment of £150 (LGA 1972, Section 137).

15. To consider a request from the Urswick Events Committee for a donation to the 'Diamond Jubilee Fun Day'.

Cllr. G. James proposed to make a donation of £250, seconded by Cllr. Westfield. Cllr. B. Abbott proposed an amendment to make a donation of £150 – no seconder. A vote was taken on the original proposal and agreed by a majority of the Council.

RESOLVED: The Council agreed to make a donation of £250 (LGA, 1972, s137)

16. To consider a request for a donation from Action for Children.

RESOLVED: The Council regretfully refused the request.

Action: Clerk to write to inform the applicants.

17. To respond to South Lakeland District Council's leisure services questionnaire.

It was agreed that councillors should respond to the questionnaire individually

18. To approve the Council's statement of internal control.

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RESOLVED: The Council approved the statement of internal control.

19. To approve the Council's internal audit review Parts 1 and 2

RESOLVED: The Council approved the internal review audit Parts 1 and 2.

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

RESOLVED: that the following accounts be paid:

Clerk's salary Apr 2012 £285.56	Aon Ltd. – insurance premium 2012-13 £726.75
Clerk's expenses Apr 2012 £10.00	Furness Leisure Hire – Jubilee celebration £150.00
Urswick - PCC holiday club 2012 £250.00	Robsons – Jubilee celebration beakers £347.75
(Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976, S19)	Urswick Events Committee – Diamond Jubilee £250.00
Bardsea Schoolroom Ass – room hire 17/5 £22.00	Little Urswick Village Green Ass - maintenance £150.00

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

The following items of correspondence were noted:

Audit Commission – consultation on appointment of external auditor for 2012-2013 and future years; responses from members of the public re proposed plan for the Tarn; e mail from SLDC re land allocations and outline planning applications; Cumbria Constabulary review of front counter services; North West Coast Connections – national grid consultation; CALC - training programme; CALC circular May 2012; e mail from member of the public re planning application no SL/2012/0091; CALC re seminars; Action with Communities in Cumbria re 'The Power for Change: Emergency and Recovery Planning for Communities' conference on 16th May 2012; Environment Agency – notification of new national IDB guidance and Cumbria feasibility reports; South Lakeland District Council – Localism Act & Standards; Cumbria Rural Forum – rural briefing; a five-minute guide to Community Games; South Lakeland District Council Annual Report 2011-2012; CALC position statement and E bulletin on Managing Radioactive Waste Safely; Cumbria County Council Local News and Views Summer 2012. National Grid Consultation – North West Coast Connections - **Cllr. B. Abbott agreed to monitor progress on the consultation.**

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

Railings for Skeldon Moor; Provision of speed indicator devices; Tannalot, Great Urswick – planning application for pre-approval; Council’s meeting venue in Bardsea; Highway stewards’ schedule for Parish

23. Date and time of next meeting.

Thursday 21st June, Urswick Parish Room, 7.30pm.

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