

MINUTES OF URSWICK PARISH COUNCIL

From the meeting held on Thursday 25th October 2012

Urswick Parish Room

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

County/District councillors J. Willis (from 8.10pm), C. Airey.

Sgt. R. Johnston, PCSO. H. Nixon.

1. Apologies for absence

Cllrs. G. James & D. Westfield. County/District Cllrs. J. Airey, J. Willis (apologies for lateness).

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

2. Declarations of interests

To receive declarations by elected and co-opted members of interests in respect of items on this agenda.

Cllr. N. Cowsill declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 12.

3. Requests for dispensations

The clerk to report any requests received since the previous meeting for dispensations to speak and/or vote on any matter where a member has a disclosable pecuniary interest.

Dispensation requests granted by the Clerk to all councillors voting on item 22 (budget and precept).

4. To authorise the chairman to sign as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 6th September 2012.

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting held on 6th September 2012 be signed by the Chairman as a true record.

5. 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 reported that a complaint had been received about household rubbish dumped outside Urswick Recreation Hall, and youths congregating at the back of the

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Hall. These matters have been followed up with the South Lakeland District Council enforcement team, and the PCSO, Helen Madden, who are investigating.

6. 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 a number of issues regarding the management of amenity lands in the Parish, including parking on Birkrigg Common, flooding on Priory Road near Conishead, and an overgrown footpath on Bardsea foreshore. Cllr. N. Cowsill noted that at the recent Local Area Partnership (LAP) meeting it was reported that drainage on Priory Road is to be examined. Cllr. C. Airey offered to follow up on the overgrown footpath.

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

Sgt. Johnston reported that two prosecutions of motorists driving on Birkrigg Common had recently taken place. There is a restriction on parking on the grass area over 15 metres from the road; with dispensations for those who farm the land. Sgt. Johnston also reported that speeding through Urswick Village has been adopted as a Police priority for the next three months. The Police are currently raising public awareness of dangers associated with Halloween and Bonfire Night. Talks are also taking place in schools about 'stranger danger'; cycle marking and road safety events are being carried out. There will be a live Police webchat on 17th November from 7pm to 9pm. Dog fouling patrols are to commence and a recruitment drive will shortly take place in the Parish for Neighbourhood Watch. Reports have been received about cold callers targeting farms in the area.

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

Cllr. C. Airey reported that Bardsea toilets are operating well. A recent fund raising event raised £300. Cllr. Airey thanked the Parish Council for their contribution to the toilets. Cllr. Airey also noted that Weint End Lane, Great Urswick, is currently difficult to access after recent heavy rain.

Cllr. J. Willis reported on the following issues:

- Reeds Gardens, Little Urswick. The problem of the unmade up road is being investigated by the County Council.
- Flooding at Hooks Lane, Little Urswick, is to be investigated by Highways.
- Ulverston car park trial is to continue.

9. Planning applications and decisions

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- a) To note decisions on the following applications:

SL/2012/0448

Field adjacent to Harbarrow Farm, Stainton with Adgarley

Erection of single turbine (maximum blade tip height of 62M), widening of an existing field access, creation of a new access track and associated infrastructure.

REFUSED

SL/2012/0647

Greyrigg, Little Urswick

Garden shed

GRANTED with conditions

- b) To note an appeal lodged with the Planning Inspectorate for refusal of planning application:

SL/2012/0241

Bolton Manor Farm, Little Urswick

Siting of single wind turbine (34.2m to blade tip)

- c) To note the following decision by the Planning Inspectorate re planning application no:

SL/2011/0741

Land adjacent to Daisy Hill Cottage, Great Urswick, Ulverston.

Dwelling, detached garage, and access

Appeal dismissed.

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

Cllr. D. Stubbs noted that a clearout of vegetation at the Tarn will be carried out when it dies back. He requested that the Council's standard letter regarding the Tarn and reeds be sent to a new resident of Church Road, Great Urswick.

Action: Clerk to issue letter.

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

Cllr. N. Cowsill reported to the meeting about grant funding agreed by LAP. Flooding continues to be a priority issue, particularly at Priory Road and Hooks Lane, which are to be inspected by County Highways.

12. To discuss matters relating to Stainton with Adgarley (NC).

Cllr. N. Cowsill reported that she attended the recent Stainton Quarry Liaison meeting. The beck at Stainton Village Green has recently flooded. Cllr. Cowsill will spread gravel on the affected area at the edge of the Green when it has dried.

13. To discuss the Village Design Statement (JK/RW).

It was agreed to defer this item until the next meeting.

14. To discuss Cumbria County Council Highways Winter Service 2012/2013 and agree any actions.

The Clerk outlined the main points of the paper received from Cumbria County Council. The Council agreed to take no action at present, but to keep issues under review.

15. To discuss the co-option of a councillor to fill the vacancy for Bardsea ward.

No applications have yet been received.

Action: Clerk to check with N W Evening Mail re notice placed in Community News.

16. To discuss any applications received to hold a bonfire at Urswick Tarn and/or Stainton Green.

None received.

17. To consider a request from Urswick Events Committee for a contribution towards a Family Autumn Fest (Clerk).

RESOLVED: The Council resolved to decline the request for a donation.

Action: Clerk to write to Urswick Events Committee.

18. To receive the Council's quarterly accounting statement as at 30th Sept 2012 (see attachment).

RESOLVED: the Council resolved to receive the quarterly accounting statement as at 30th September 2012.

19. To review grant funding held for the following:

- Parish Railings
- Information boards
- Village Design Statement

RESOLVED: The Council resolved to repay the following grant funding to South Lakeland District Council: Information boards - £255; Parish railings - £1600.

A decision on the grant funding held for the Village Design Statement was deferred to the next meeting.

20. To receive the external auditor's report for the financial year 2011-2012 and agree actions from issues arising (Clerk).

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RESOLVED: The Council received the external auditor's report for the financial year 2011-2012.

Action: It was agreed that the Clerk would carry out the actions from the issues arising in the external auditor's report by March 2013.

21. To approve and accept the Council's Annual Audit for the financial year 2011-2012 (Clerk).

RESOLVED: The Council resolved to approve and accept the Council's Annual Audit for the financial year 2011-2012.

22. To approve the Council's budget and precept for the financial year 2013-2014 (Clerk/JK).

RESOLVED: The Council resolved to approve the budget and precept for the financial year 2013-2014.

23. To agree Council policy for the levels of reserves to be held and amend financial regulations accordingly (Clerk).

RESOLVED: The Council resolved to aim to maintain reserves of between 50% and 60% of the precept, and to amend the financial regulations to that effect.

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

RESOLVED: that the following accounts be paid:

A. Lydon – refurbishment of Parish bench	£65.00	Urswick P.C.C. – room hire 25/10	£10.00
Clerk's salary Sept 2012	£285.36	Bardsea Beach Toilet Committee – contribution 2012-2013	£825.00
Clerk's expenses Sept 2012	£12.80		

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

The following items of correspondence were noted:

E mail from Urswick Events Committee requesting contribution to Family Autumn Fest; Electricity North West questionnaire; Cruse Bereavement Care Cumbria flyers and leaflets; CALC guidance, training, update on MRWS, invitation to AGM on 10th Nov 2012; SLDC confirmation of Tree Preservation Order no 245, Longrigg Service Station, Little Urswick; Walney Extension Offshore Windfarm - preliminary environmental information; Cumbria Fire and Rescue Princes Trust TEAM programme; SLDC Standards Committee 21st Sept 2012 agenda; Barrow Borough Local Plan consultation; South Lakeland Local Development Framework Land Allocations Development Plan Document consultation on the Schedule of Proposed modifications and SLDC's response to matter 1.6 of the Planning Inspector's 'matters and issues'; Local Area Partnership meeting agenda 4th Oct 2012; Notice of Election of Police and Crime Commissioner – 15 November 2012; e mail re Cumbria Parish Councils Directory and CALC's advice; CALC District Association meeting 29th November 2012; CALC circular Oct 2012; Cumbria County Council news release re Carer

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Support Services consultation; minutes of a Participatory Budgeting workshop meeting on 12th Sept 2012; invitation to Stainton Quarry Liaison meeting on 28th Sept 2012; Low Furness & Ulverston Neighbourhood Forum meeting 23rd Oct 2012; e mail from H. Madden PCSO re Urswick Recreation Hall; e mail re Bus Services Operators Grant consultation; Local Area Partnership (LAP) minutes of meeting held on 4th Oct 2012; North West Coast Connections project: National Grid Strategic Options; Parliamentary constituency boundary review 2013, revised proposals; publication of the Register of Electors for 2012/2013.

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

Village Design Statement; To discuss services currently provided by the District Council that could potentially be provided by the Parish Council.

27. Date and time of next meeting (note change of venue).

Thursday 6th December 2012, **Urswick Parish Room**, 7.30pm.

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