

MINUTES OF URSWICK PARISH COUNCIL

From the meeting held on Thursday 17th January 2013

Bardsea Schoolroom, 7.30pm

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

County/District councillors J. Willis, J. Airey.
PCSO Helen Madden.

1. Apologies for absence
Cllr. D. Westfield, Cllr. D. Stubbs, Dist. Cllr. C. Airey
RESOLVED: that the apologies be noted and the reasons noted.

2. Declarations of interests.

None

3. Requests for dispensations
The Clerk received requests for dispensation from Cllrs G. James and J. Kilty, to speak and vote on the Precept. The requests for dispensation were granted by the Clerk.

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

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting held on 6th December 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 on the following items:

Furness Diving Club – date of Tarn litter pick dive 24th February 2013, at 10am.
Councillors were requested to assist.

Land adjacent to Daisy Hill, Great Urswick – correspondence from South Lakeland District Council re enforcement action.

Weint Lane, Great Urswick. Request for meeting from Scouts Association re current access problems. Cllrs. G. James and J. Keen (Chairman) to discuss.

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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 reported problems in the following areas: erosion of the road verges at Birkrigg Common; deterioration in the surface of the car park on Bardsea foreshore. Cllr. J. Willis offered to report these problems to County Highways. Damage to a 20mph road sign in Coopers Lane, Bardsea has been reported by Cllr. J. Willis. The Clerk is also to forward e mails from NPS re the damaged quarry wall on Birkrigg Common, as no action has as yet been taken to repair it.

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

PCSO H. Madden reported on the following:

2 cases of anti-social behaviour in the Parish

A Speed Indicator Device (SID) installed near Low Furness School

No Cold Calling Zones (NCCZ) – H. Madden arranging to meet Trading Standards to enquire if Urswick residents can apply for a Zone.

Damage to eco greenhouse at Low Furness School

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

Cllr. J. Willis noted the continued problem of speeding and the importance of data gathering, for example through SID, to target police radar traps. Cllr. J. Airey noted the issue of milk tankers speeding through Great Urswick. He reported on £3m to be invested by the County Council in Ulverston Victoria School, for building improvements. Cllr. N. Cowsill asked Cllr Willis to bring road flooding between Stainton and Beckside to the attention of County Highways.

9. a) To confirm the Council's response to the following planning applications:

SL/2012/0986

Kendall Cottage, Little Urswick - Single storey detached garage

The Council has no objections to this application.

SL/2012/0984

Dale Garth, Mascalles, Urswick - Use of land for caravan storage

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The Council confirmed its objections to this application.

SL/2012/1006

Orgill, Birkrigg, Urswick - Single storey extension and front porch

The Council has no objections to this application.

b) To note decisions on the following applications:

SL/2012/0606

Land adjacent to Colony Candles, Lindal Business Park, Lindal in Furness

Single wind turbine (61 metres to blade tip), external transformer kiosk and associated access track. **REFUSED**

An appeal to the Planning Inspectorate re SL/2012/0241, site at Bolton Manor Farm, Little Urswick, siting of 34.2m wind turbine. Appeal was **DISMISSED**.

c) To receive notice of an appeal to Planning Inspectorate re:

SL/2012/0448

Field adjacent to Harbarrow Farm - Erection of a single turbine (maximum blade tip height of 62 metres), widening of an existing field access, creation of a new access track and associated infrastructure.

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

Cllr. G. James reported that the Tarn working group is to undertake a clean up at the Landing area, depending on the weather.

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

None.

12. To discuss the Village Design Statement and agree on whether grant funding should be returned (JK/RW).

The Council received a report from Mr. Wilson about the Village Design Statement. It was proposed by Cllr. G. James, seconded by Cllr. N. Cowsill, and unanimously agreed that £1000 grant funding received for this purpose should be surrendered to Action with Communities in Cumbria (ACT).

RESOLVED: The Council resolved to surrender £1000 grant funding received for the production of a Village Design Statement to ACT.

ACTION: Clerk to action.

13. To approve the adoption of a grant awarding policy (Clerk – see documents attached).

RESOLVED: The Council resolved unanimously to adopt a grant awarding policy.

14. To review the Council's grass cutting contract for 2013 (GJ/Clerk).

It was agreed that the Clerk would invite tenders for the grass-cutting contract and bring them to the next Council meeting for decision.

ACTION: Clerk to action.

15. To arrange a village litter pick for March 2013 (GJ).

Cllr. G. James is to provide more information (date/time/meeting point) about the litter pick, to enable a notice to be placed in the Tarn News.

16. To approve Cllr. J. Kilty's attendance at two 'new councillor' training courses provided by CALC at a cost of £50.

RESOLVED: The Council resolved unanimously to approve Cllr. Kilty's attendance at the training courses.

ACTION: Clerk to action.

17. To approve the annual renewal of the Council's data protection registration (Clerk).

RESOLVED: The Council resolved to renew its entry on the Data Protection Register, at an annual cost of £35. (Data Protection Act 1998)

ACTION: Clerk to action.

18. To adopt revised standing orders (Clerk – see documents attached).

RESOLVED: The Council resolved to adopt revised standing orders.

19. To adopt revised financial regulations (Clerk – see documents attached).

RESOLVED: The Council resolved to adopt revised financial regulations.

20. To review the Council's Precept request for 2013-2014, as agreed at the meeting on 25th October 2012, in the light of new information provided by South Lakeland District Council (Clerk).

RESOLVED: The Council resolved to review the Precept request for 2013-2014, as agreed in the meeting held on 25th October 2012 (minute no. 931:22).

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The Clerk explained the revised figures received from South Lakeland District Council, in the light of the new Council Tax Support scheme to be implemented in 2013-2014. It was agreed that the Precept request be reduced from £9535 to £8944.27, as this will be supplemented by a grant of £590.73 from South Lakeland District Council. Concerns were expressed about the level of grant funding from the District Council in future years.

RESOLVED: The Council resolved to reduce the Precept request to £8944.27, to be supplemented by a grant of £590.73 from South Lakeland District Council.

21. To receive the Council's quarterly accounting statement as at 31st December 2012 (Clerk).

RESOLVED: The Council resolved to receive the quarterly accounting statement as at 31st December 2012.

22. To agree payments in accordance with the budget as listed in the attached report (Clerk).

RESOLVED: that the following accounts be paid:

Clerk's salary Dec 2012 + arrears Nov 2012	£301.60	Information Comm. Office – data protection reg.	£35.00
Post Office – PAYE Sept-Dec 2012	£218.00	The Tarn News- Associate fee 2013	£8.00
Clerk's expenses Dec 2012	£28.38	Bardsea Schoolroom Ass – room hire 17/1	£9.00
SLDC – Bardsea bus stop rental	£60.00		

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

The following items of correspondence were noted:

Report to Parish and Town Councils within the South Lakeland District by the Parish Remuneration Panel; Parish briefings re community governance review of South Lakeland 2013; A590 cycling safety study; CALC – Parish Precepts; Cumbria County Council, Gritter Twitter and winter maintenance schemes; Parish and LAP consultation – 2013-2014 devolved Local Committee structural maintenance programme; Cumbria County Council - grit bins Urswick Parish; Agenda for South Lakeland District Council (SLDC) meeting 18 Dec 2012; CALC – devolution of services from SLDC to Parish Councils; Environment Agency –

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decision on assessing new nuclear power plant designs; ACT – acknowledgement of Urswick Parish Council becoming a Supporter; CALC – minutes of 154th meeting held on 29th Nov 2012, 'Connecting Cumbria' Dec 2012, Police and crime plan public consultation, MRWS update. E briefing – welfare reform; Walney Extension Offshore Windfarm – Community Newsletter No. 4, North West Connections Project; Local Area Partnership (LAP) – Power up your community; LAP – agenda for meeting to be held on 24 Jan 2013.

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

Little Urswick Green Committee – lawn mower insurance

Flooding at Stainton

25. Date and time of next meeting.

Thursday 28th February 2013, Urswick Parish Room, 7.30pm.

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