

## MINUTES OF URSWICK PARISH COUNCIL

From the meeting held on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2013

Urswick Parish Room, 7.30pm

**Present:** Cllr. J. Keen (Chairman), Cllr. N. Cowsill, Cllr. G. James, Cllr. J. Kilty, Cllr. D. Stubbs, Cllr. D. Westfield, Dr. P. Attree (Clerk).

Members of the public – 1.

**1. Apologies for absence**

Cllr. J. O'Donovan, Dist/County Cllrs. J. Airey, C. Airey, J. Willis.

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

**2. Declarations of interests**

None.

**3. Requests for dispensations**

None.

**4. To authorise the chairman to sign as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> January 2013.**

**RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> January 2013 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).**

Cllr. D. Westfield reported on rats seen at the disused Coot site in Great Urswick.

**Action: Clerk to report to Environmental Health.**

Cllr. G. James reported on a meeting held with the Scouts (and others) regarding flood damage to The Weint, Great Urswick. It is currently difficult for younger children to access the Scout camp. Various options are being considered. Cllr. J. Airey has agreed to assist, with input from Cumbria County Council Highways.

Cllr. James reported that Furness Diving Club carried out a litter pick of around one sixth of the Tarn, at the Eastern End, on 24<sup>th</sup> February 2013. A return visit will be requested to continue the work.

**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.

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A member of the public reported on problems with amenity lands at Bardsea and Birkrigg Common. It was noted that the quarry wall on Birkrigg Common has been repaired but problems still exist with:

- a. Hard standing on Birkrigg Common eroded
- b. Footpath from Ulverston to the Old Mill overgrown
- c. Unofficial car park adjacent to White Ghyll Lane, Bardsea
- d. 20mph sign at Coopers Lane, Bardsea broken

**Action - Clerk to follow up on item d and check progress on other items with Cllr. J. Willis. Cllr. J. Kilty to check ownership of fields adjoining footpath (item b).**

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

None.

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

None.

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

SL/2013/0059, Feldgate, Red Lane, Bardsea

Siting of mobile home to accommodate elderly relative

No objections received.

SL/2013/0031, 6 Slop Lane, Stainton with Adgarley, Barrow in Furness

Rear conservatory and car port to side

No objections received.

SL/2013/0097, Glenside, Mascalles, Ulverston

Single storey rear extension and installation of flue for woodburner

No objections received.

SL/2013/0118, Land to North of Highfield Lodge, Dalton in Furness

Installation of a 15m high anemometer mast for temporary period of 6 months (approx)

Councillors objected to the installation of a mast in rural area, and lack of plans to decommission at end of 6 month period.

**Action - Clerk to report to SLDC.**

**b) To confirm the Council's response to the following planning applications:**

SL/2012/1073, Skeldon Moor, Little Urswick

Erection of single wind turbine (45.4m to blade tip), associated access track and equipment kiosk

**Council's objections reported to SLDC.**

**c) To note decisions on the following applications:**

SL/2012/1006, Orgill, Birkrigg, Urswick

Single storey extension and front porch

**GRANTED with conditions.**

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

Cllr. G. James reported on the following issues:

- Probation Service's clearance of brambles at The Landing (as per Tarn action Plan)
- Plan to spray brambles at The Landing to allow grass to grow through
- Brambles at the Hagg to be cleared by Probation Service
- BT to be approached re sycamore tree at the bottom of the Hagg (outside Warren Croft)
- Request for Council authority to cut down the sycamore tree and kill the root – granted
- Future plans to thin trees at the Cottages
- Litter bin at the Croft painted with creosote
- Working party plan to clear launching area at the Croft

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

None.

**12. To discuss flooding at Stainton (NC).**

Cllr. N. Cowsill reported that the drain has been cleared on the approach to Stainton village, and the flood has cleared.

**13. To discuss water levels at Great Urswick Tarn (GJ).**

Cllr. G. James reported that the Tarn is still at a relatively high level. The Environment Agency has stated that the outlet from the Tarn is checked twice a year and maintenance is carried out annually. It was noted, however, that in recent years only surface weed has been cleared from the outlet. Cllr. James is to meet Mr. Knipe, the Environment Agency's Operation Manager, to discuss the problem.

**14. To award the grass cutting contract for 2013 (GJ/Clerk).**

The Council considered the four quotations received. It was unanimously agreed to award the contract to Red Syke Ground Care (Cllr. D. Stubbs abstained from voting, declaring a non-pecuniary interest).

**RESOLVED: The Council resolved to award the grass-cutting contract for 2013 to Red Syke Ground Care.**

**Action - Clerk to action.**

**15. To decide whether to include insurance for Little Urswick Village Green Committee's two new lawn mowers in the Council's policy (Clerk).**

**RESOLVED: The Council resolved to add the lawn mowers to the Council's insurance policy until the renewal date of 1<sup>st</sup> June 2013 (Open Spaces Act 1906, s15).**

**Action – Clerk to action.**

- 16. To grant permission for links to community facilities (i.e. Urswick Recreation Hall and Bardsea Malt Kiln) to be placed on Council's website.**

**RESOLVED:** The Council granted permission for links to community facilities to be placed on website.

**Action - Cllr. D. Westfield to action.**

- 17. To adopt the Council's updated Freedom of Information policy (Clerk – see attached report)**

**RESOLVED:** The Council resolved to adopt the Council's updated Freedom of Information policy.

- 18. To discuss South Lakeland District Council's Community Governance Review 2013 (Clerk)**

The Council agreed that governance arrangements for the Parish should remain the same, but the name be changed to 'Urswick, Bardsea and Stainton Parish Council'.

**Action – Clerk to complete the review questionnaire on the Council's behalf and request the name change.**

- 19. To agree the Council's proposed meeting dates for 2013-2014 (see attached – Clerk/JK)**

The proposed meeting dates were agreed.

- 20. To consider a request for a donation from The North West Air Ambulance charity.**

**RESOLVED:** The Council resolved to refuse the request, as outside the scope of the Council's grant awarding policy.

**Action – Clerk to action.**

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

**RESOLVED:** that the following accounts be paid:

Voluntary Action Cumbria -		Clerk's expenses Jan-Feb 2013	
			£58.19
Refund of Village Design Statement grant			
	£1000.00	CALC – Clerk's training course	
			£39.50
Clerk's salary Jan-Feb 2013			
	£592.04	Urswick PCC – room hire 28/02/13	
			£10.00

- 22. To note correspondence received and decide on any response required (Clerk).**

The following items of correspondence were noted:

Environment agency re water levels Urswick Tarn; South Lakeland District Council (SLDC) Development Plans Officer – query re new community facility proposals; Low Furness & Ulverston Local Area Partnership (LAP) minutes of meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> Jan 2013; Community Land Trust Officer, Cumbria Rural Housing Trust re local affordable homes

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scheme; Cumbria County Council re street lights on electricity poles; notification of Malcolm Wilson Rally on 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2013; Police and Crime Commissioner Roadshow dates in Cumbria; CALC – 155<sup>th</sup> Meeting of District Association 7<sup>th</sup> March 2013 - agenda; National Grid North West Connections project meetings; Invitation to a health and wellbeing activity day for those working with older people in South Lakeland; SLDC training session for community-led planning; SLDC Draft Council Plan for comment & annual review of constitution; CALC circular Feb 2013, presentation on social enterprises; West of Duddon Offshore Wind Farm update 12<sup>th</sup> Feb 2013 and mini consultation report; Low Furness & Ulverston Neighbourhood forum 19<sup>th</sup> Feb 2013 meeting agenda; Cumbria in Bloom 2013; Ulverston Community Partnership Business and Enterprise Group job seekers and business awareness event 13<sup>th</sup> Mar 2013; Cumbria Minerals and Waste Local Plan consultation; North West Connections project presentations.

**23. To receive items for the agenda for the next meeting.**

Little Urswick Village Green Association - insurance

**24. Date and time of next meeting.**

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April, at Stainton Recreation Hall, at 7.30pm.

**Immediately preceded by the Annual Parish Meeting at 7.15pm**

**PA 7<sup>th</sup> March 2013**

