

MINUTES OF URSWICK PARISH COUNCIL

From the meeting held on Thursday 23rd May 2013

Bardsea School Room, 7.30pm

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

District/County councillors: Cllr. J Airey.

P.C. P. Kelly

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1. Apologies for absence

Cllr. G. James, D. Westfield; Dist/County Cllr. J. Willis.

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

2. Declarations of interests

Cllr. J. Winder declared an interest in item 16 on the agenda.

3. Requests for dispensations

None.

4. To authorise the chairman to sign as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 11th April 2013.

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting held on 11th April 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).

The Clerk reported on two issues in Bardsea – a broken 20mph sign on Cooper Lane and the potholes in the car parks on the foreshore. Both have been reported to South Lakeland District Council.

Cllr. J. Kilty reported on an overgrown footpath at Bardsea – to date the householder has taken no action.

Action: Clerk to write to householder.

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 Bardsea resident presented the Council with a letter concerning ongoing local environmental and infrastructure concerns. Cllr. J. Airey agreed to take these concerns to officers at South Lakeland District Council. A copy of the letter will also be sent to Cllr. J. Willis.

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

PC Kelly reported on the following incidents:

- Malicious damage to cars in Urswick
- Off-road vehicles driving on Birkrigg Common
- Incidents of a suspicious nature at the Coot, Great Urswick
- Speeding vehicles on the A5087

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

Cllr. J. Airey noted the new administration at Cumbria County Council, post elections.

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

SL/2013/0277, Land near Hare Ghyll Cottage, Dalton in Furness.

Installation of single wind turbine (45.5M to blade tip) with access track and control kiosk.

The Council confirmed its objections to this planning application.

SL/2013/0298, 8 The Croft, Stainton with Adgarley

Construction of decking and steps

SL/2013/0244, Tanah Lot, Great Urswick

Rear extension with roof terrace and extended chimney stack and erection of new jetty to Great Urswick Tarn

The Council confirmed that it has no objections to this application.

b) To note decisions on the following applications:

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

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

GRANTED with conditions

SL/2012/1073, Skeldon Moor, Little Urswick

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

REFUSED

SL/2013/0097, Glenside, Mascalles, Ulverston

Single storey rear extension and installation of flue for woodburner

GRANTED with conditions

SL/2013/0204, Land to rear of 3 Church Road, Great Urswick

Erection of animal shelter

GRANTED with conditions

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

The Clerk read an e mail from Cllr. G. James, noting that he has mown the grass at the Landing twice. Red Syke Ground Care has mown the agreed area once and will continue to mow once a month during the growing season. Cllr. James also noted the appearance of Japanese knotweed at the Landing. Cumbria Wildlife Trust advised spraying the knotweed to eradicate it. The Council agreed that this should be carried out, expenditure (of around £30) to be authorised by the Clerk and the Chairman.

Cllr. D. Stubbs noted that Moorhens and Coots are nesting at the beck mouth on the Tarn.

11. To note and accept a report of a meeting between A. Knipe of the Environment Agency and Cllr. G. James. (GJ)

The report was read by the Clerk, noted and accepted by the Council.

12. To note outside bodies' planned activities in Tarn area – litter pick and research - and reaffirm approval. (GJ)

The Council reaffirmed approval for the planned activities. Mr. R. Wilson is liaising with Furness Diving Club re the litter pick, which will be carried out when bird nesting activities have ceased.

13. To authorise expenditure for temporary repairs to the path to the fishing pegs at the Tarn. (GJ)

A quote is awaited for the above work – item to be placed on next agenda.

14. To approve revision of the Council's grass-cutting contract for 2013 to include mowing the Landing and additional strip on Church Road. (GJ/Clerk)

RESOLVED: The Council resolved to approve revision of the Council's grass-cutting contract for 2013 to include mowing the Landing and additional strip on Church Road.
Action: Clerk to issue revised purchase order.

15. To receive an update on the Local Area Partnership and consider the revised LAP profile (JuK).

Cllr. J. Kilty updated the Council on the recent LAP meeting. Consideration was given to the proposed purchase by LAP of a Speed Indicator Device, to be shared by Parishes in the Low Furness and Ulverston area and erected and maintained by Parish representatives. Cllrs. J. Keen, D. Stubbs, J. O'Donovan and County Cllr. J. Airey volunteered to take on this task in Urswick Parish. It was agreed that more information should be sought at the next LAP meeting.

16. To approve the 2013/2014 contribution of £150 to Little Urswick Village Green Association (Clerk).

RESOLVED: The Council resolved to approve the 2013/2014 contribution of £150 to Little Urswick Village Green Association. (Open Spaces Act, 1906, s .15)
Action: Clerk to action.

17. To discuss the condition of the phone boxes in Little Urswick and Stainton with Adgarley.

The Clerk explained the options for the public call boxes:

- To ask BT to carry out repair and maintenance
- To ask BT to remove boxes
- The Council to adopt the boxes, ideally with a specific purpose in mind, as this would entail ongoing expenditure for electricity, repairs and maintenance, and insurance.

It was agreed that, in the first instance, the Clerk should approach BT and request that the call boxes be repaired and painted.

Action: Clerk to action.

18. To discuss the provision of defibrillators in Stainton with Adgarley. (NC)

Cllr. Cowsill reported that she had been contacted by Mark Roach of Cumbria Fire Service, regarding the provision of defibrillators and 'heart-start' training. Cllr. J. O'Donovan reported that the cost per life saved by the equipment was high and the instances in a small population low. The Council agreed to support publicity for the training, e.g. by placing notices on the Parish boards, to gauge public interest in the scheme.

19. To consider a request for affiliation fees from Cumbria Playing Fields Association. (Clerk).

RESOLVED: The Council regretfully resolved to refuse the request.

Action: Clerk to action.

20. To confirm payment of annual subscription for 2013-2014 for Cumbria Association of Local Councils (CALC) (Clerk).

RESOLVED: The Council resolved to confirm payment of the annual subscription for 2013-2014 for Cumbria Association of Local Councils (CALC).

21. To approve the Council's internal audit review Parts 1 and 2 (Clerk).

RESOLVED: The Council resolved to approve the Council's internal audit review Parts 1 and 2.

22. To receive the Council's accounts and budget review for the year ending 31st March 2013 (Clerk)

RESOLVED: The Council resolved to receive the Council's accounts and budget review for the year ending 31st March 2013.

23. To approve the Council's Accounting Statement and Annual Governance Statement for the year ending 31 March 2013 (Clerk).

RESOLVED: The Council resolved to approve the Council's Accounting Statement and Annual Governance Statement for the year ending 31 March 2013.

24. To agree payments in accordance with the budget as listed in the report provided (Clerk).

RESOLVED: that the following accounts be paid:

Clerk's salary Apr	AON Ltd. – additional insurance
£296.12	premium 2012/2013 £9.23
Clerk's expenses Apr	CALC – annual subscription
£10.00	£267.00
AON Ltd. - insurance premium	Little Urswick Village Green Association
2013/2014 £655.67	cont. 2013/2014 £150.00

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Bardsea School Room Ass – room hire
23/5 £9.00

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

The following items were noted:

Local Area Partnership agenda and notes of the meeting 25th April 2013; Little Urswick Village Green Association re indemnity insurance; CALC circular May 2013, correspondence re Tarn, agenda for District meeting 13th June 2013 and minutes of meeting held on 7th March 2013; South Lakeland District Council's annual report 2012-2013; and draft homelessness strategy consultation; NALC update on All Part Parliamentary group on local democracy; Rural Housing event at Rheged, Penrith 14th June 2013; Managing Radioactive Waste Safely: review of the siting process for a geological disposal facility, call for evidence; NALC Chairman's update on meeting with DCLG minister.

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

To authorise expenditure for temporary repairs to the path to the fishing pegs at the Tarn.

To discuss community projects to take forward

27. Date and time of next meeting.

Thursday 11th July 2013, at Urswick Parish Room, 7.30pm.

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