

MINUTES OF URSWICK PARISH COUNCIL

From the meeting held on Thursday 15th August 2013

Stainton Recreation Hall, 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).

District/County councillors: Cllr. J. Willis.

PCSO H. Madden

Members of the public - 2

1. Apologies for absence

Cllr. D. Westfield, Dist/County Cllrs. C. Airey, J. Airey.

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

2. Declarations of interests

Cllr. J. O'Donovan declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 9 on the agenda; Cllr. G. James declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 17 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 July 2013.

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting held on 11th July 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. N. Cowsill reported that the telephone box at Stainton with Adgarley has been painted.

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.

None.

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

PCSO Madden reported on the following items:

Criminal damage to a motor vehicle at Great Urawick

Speed of vehicles on Bardsea Coast Road

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It was suggested that the Road Policing Unit Inspector, David Bosson, be invited to a future meeting of the Parish Council

Cllr. N. Cowsill noted that, since distribution of a flyer, dumping of dog waste at Stainton has ceased.

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

Cllr. J. Willis reported on the following issues:

- Traffic delays at Greenodd during construction of a roundabout
- Speeding in Low Furness
- Need for additional road markings/signage at junction to Skeldon Moor
- Parking on Birkrigg Common
- Traveller sites – South Lakeland District Council prefers to give due notice to quit

Cllr. Willis noted that a safety study concerning the Coast Road is due to be completed shortly – she will await its recommendations before making funding decisions.

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

SL/2013/0507: Llawn Roc, Coast Road, Bardsea, single storey rear extension.

No objections

SL/2013/0549: Land opposite Well Cottage, Bardsea, erection of dwelling and garage.

Concerns were raised about the height of the proposed building and potential flooding of the site.

Action: Clerk to report.

SL/2013/0611: Fernleigh, Bardsea, extension to detached garage.

No objections.

SL/2013/0679: The garden of Fairview, Stainton with Adgarley, new dwelling.

No objections.

b) To note decisions on the following applications:

SL/2013/0298: 8 The Croft, Stainton with Adgarley, construction of decking and steps.

GRANTED with conditions

5/13/9001: Low Furness CE Primary School, Church Road, Great Urswick, creation of hard-surfaced parking bays

GRANTED with conditions

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

REFUSED

It was noted that no outcome of the appeal to the Planning Inspectorate for the Harbarrow Farm wind turbine application had been received by the Council.

Action: Clerk to follow up.

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

Cllr. G. James updated the Council on the following issues regarding the Tarn:

- Environment Agency contacted regarding spraying of weeds.
- Japanese knotweed sprayed by the Environment Agency.

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- Cllr. James to remove ragwort at the Hagg.
- Advice to be sought from the arboriculturist regarding safety of cherry tree at the Croft.
- Tree growth hindering telephone cables at Forge Cottage, adjacent to Warren Croft.

Action: Clerk to report to BT.

A member of the public also reported ragwort growing adjacent to a public footpath at Bardsea.

Action: Cllr. J. Kilty to follow up.

11. To authorise expenditure for temporary repairs to the path to the fishing pegs at Urswick Tarn. (DW)

Deferred to next meeting.

12. To authorise the purchase of materials to construct a walkway at Urswick Tarn. (DS)

Deferred to next meeting.

13. To receive an update on the Local Area Partnership (LAP) (JuK).

Cllr. J. Kilty reported on a recent LAP meeting. A decision was taken not to purchase a Speed Indicator Device. Speeding 'hotspots' in the LAP area to be reported to the Police.

14. To receive an update on the condition of the war graves in Urswick churchyard (Clerk/JK).

The Chairman reported on a letter received from the Commonwealth War Graves Commission. This stated that the headstones have been cleaned and the graves cleared where necessary. Replacement headstones have been ordered for two graves. A quotation for grass-cutting in the graveyard has been forwarded to the Urswick Parochial Church Council. The Chairman has also issued an appeal for volunteers to maintain trees in the graveyard.

15. To authorise funding for pavement maintenance in Stainton with Adgarley (NC).

RESOLVED: The Council resolved to accept a quotation from Red Syke of £120 to carry out the work. (Highways Act 1980, s96)

Action: Clerk to contact Red Syke to confirm.

16. To agree funding to provide a mower for Stainton with Adgarley Green (NC).

RESOLVED: the Council authorised funding of up to £350 plus VAT for the purchase of a new mower. (Open Spaces Act 1906, s15)

17. To receive an update on the condition of a tree (under a Tree Preservation Order) at Daisy Hill, Great Urswick. (GJ/Clerk)

The Clerk noted that the condition of the tree has been reported to the arboriculturist at South Lakeland District Council, who stated that it would be checked at the end of July 2013. The Clerk confirmed that, according to legislation, if a protected tree under a Tree Preservation Order dies it should be replaced.

Action: Clerk to follow up.

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- 18. To appoint trustees for the John Preston Trust (administered with the Urswick Grammar School Trusts). (Clerk)**
RESOLVED: The Council resolved that the following Trustees should be appointed for a period of four years:
Robert Forrester, Jean Simmonds, Lynda Hebbert, Peter Kapustynskyj.
- 19. To consider a request from Urswick Parochial Church Council for a donation for the development and extension of Urswick Parish Room. (Clerk)**
RESOLVED: The Council resolved to make a donation of £150. (Local Government Act, 1972, s137)
- 20. To consider a request from Urswick Parochial Church Council for a donation towards the Holiday Club 2013. (Clerk)**
RESOLVED: The Council resolved to make a donation of £250. (Local Government Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1976, s19)
- 21. To respond to the Cumbria County Council’s Chairman’s Appeal: ‘100 defibrillators in 100 days.’**
 After discussion, the Council decided not to support the appeal.
- 22. To respond to the Transport Committee’s ‘Call for Evidence: Passenger Transport in Isolated Communities’. (Clerk/GJ)**
 The Clerk reported on correspondence with the Community Transport Team at Cumbria County Council. Given the relatively recent introduction of the ‘Rural Wheels’ and ‘Village Wheels’ schemes in the Parish no usage data is as yet available. Later in 2013 evidence will be reported to the Local Committee. The Council decided it was not therefore timely to respond to the ‘Call for Evidence’.
- 23. To review November 5th bonfire arrangements for Great Urswick and Stainton with Adgarley.**
 It was agreed to use the Parish Boards and Tarn News to call for volunteer groups to take on the organisation of bonfires, with the need to seek Council’s permission.
Action: Clerk to action.
- 24. To note an increase in the Clerk’s salary scale from 1st April 2013. (Clerk)**
RESOLVED: The Council resolved to note an increase in the Clerk’s salary scale from 1st April 2013 (under a national agreement).
- 25. To agree payments in accordance with the budget as listed in the report provided (Clerk).**
RESOLVED: that the following accounts be paid:
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| Clerk’s salary July 2013 (inc arrears from 1 st April 2013) | £307.84 | Stainton Rec Hall – room hire 15/8/13 | £7.50 |
| Clerk’s expenses July 2013 | £110.46 | J. Keen – refund railings paint | £116.05 |

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Urswick PCC – holiday club grant
£250.00

Urswick PCC – Parish Room grant
£150.00

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

The following items were noted:

South Lakeland Community Governance Review 2013 Stage 3; CALC – election of Executive Committee, Connecting Cumbria coverage information for superfast broadband, County Council service reviews, Review of new standards arrangements, Age UK's Homeshare scheme, Government consultation - securing the future of flood insurance; Cumbria County Council – Nominated Neighbour Scheme; Connecting Cumbria – outline for community build schemes process; South Lakeland District Council – Parish Remuneration Panel, revised guidance for granting dispensations, Local Plan allocations – public examination, SLDC's website survey, Policy briefing; CARITAS Care – supporting people with hearing loss; Community Payback scheme; Local Area Partnership – notes of meeting held on 18th July 2013; Post Office Community Enterprise Fund; Rural Fair Share Petition.

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

Meeting dates for 2014

Contribution to Bardsea toilets for 2014-2015

28. Date and time of next meeting.

Thursday 26th September 2013, at Bardsea School Room, 7.30pm.

PA 27th August 2013

Draft – to be confirmed at next meeting