

MINUTES OF URSWICK PARISH COUNCIL

From the meeting held on Thursday 7th November 2013

Urswick Parish Room, 7.30pm

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

District/County councillors: Cllr. J. Willis

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1. Apologies for absence

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

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.

None.

3. Requests for dispensations.

None.

4. To authorise the chairman to sign as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 26th September 2013.

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting held on 26th September 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 noted that the letter from Mr. R. Wilson discussed at the Council meeting on 26th September 2013, regarding the temporary repairs to the catwalk at the Landing (minute 971:12), had raised a number of points still to be addressed (see item 11). Cllr. J. Winder reported a pothole adjacent to Little Urswick Green, which poses a danger to pedestrians – Cllr. J. Willis to follow up with County Highways.

Cllr. N. Cowsill noted that the missing 'Great Urswick' sign, at a junction close to the Landing, has been reported and a new sign requested (ref. SR15700). She also reported that a new mower for Stainton Green has been purchased – invoice to be sent to the Clerk. The Clerk reported that planning application no. SL/2013/0704, for land adjacent to Daisy Hill Cottage, Great Urswick, regrading of field to form vehicular access, had been granted with conditions.

- 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 presented a letter to the Council concerning the following environmental issues in the Bardsea area, in summary:

Obstruction by inappropriate parking; encroachment of plant growth on field and property boundaries; development of unauthorised parking areas on Birkrigg Common; erosion of sea defences on foreshore; neglect of road verges; and street lighting. Councillors discussed the issues raised. The Clerk provided a County Council leaflet about verge maintenance, and reported on an e mail from the County Council regarding the issue. It was agreed that the Clerk should contact the Police regarding obstructive parking problems in Bardsea.

Action: Clerk to action.

Cllr. G. James reported a problem with water running on a footpath near Cherry Tree Farm, hindering pedestrian access to the caravan site. Cllr. J. Willis offered to follow up. Cllr. J. Kilty noted a problem raised by a member of the public at the junction between Kirk Flatt and Church Street, Great Urswick, where tree roots have broken through the pavement, causing a hazard to pedestrians. Cllr. J. Willis offered to follow up.

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

The Clerk read a written report from the Police, who were unable to send a representative to the meeting. The Police service has received six calls from Urswick Parish in the last month, regarding a neighbour dispute, a bull on Birkrigg Common, alarms going off in the Braddylls Arms, an assault, and various highway disruptions. Crime has fallen by 33% compared to the same period last year, against the trend for the County.

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

Cllr. J. Willis reported on the following highway issues:

- Speed monitoring in Urswick
- Chevrons on road bend near Little Urswick
- Speeding in Stainton with Adgarley
- Safety on the Coast Road, Bardsea
- Improvements to the Highways hotline

Cllr. Willis noted that £650 of funding is available to community groups (councillor's allowance to be spent by the end of the financial year).

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

SL/2013/0831: Land at Dale Garth, Mascalles, Ulverston: Erection of agricultural storage building.

No objections.

SL/2013/0882: Mill House, Coast Road, Bardsea: Alterations, single storey rear extension, front single storey extension with balcony over and erection of detached garage store.

No objections.

SL/2013/0939: Braddylls Arms, Bardsea, Ulverston: Conversion and change of use of public house to form two dwellings.

No objections.

SL/2013/0965: Sherrick, Stainton with Adgarley: Alterations, two storey rear extension with balcony and two storey side extension.

No objections.

b) To note decisions on the following applications:

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

GRANTED with conditions

SL/2013/0507: LLawn Roc, Coast Road, Bardsea: Single storey rear extension

GRANTED with conditions

SL/2013/0586: Sunny Meade, Great Urswick: Detached dwelling in walled garden.

GRANTED with conditions.

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

Cllr. D. Westfield reported that fishermen are returning to the Tarn week on week. Koi carp have been seen in the Tarn - Cllr. Westfield to seek advice about possible danger to native fish population. In the New Year, the Working Group will decide which areas of weed to clear from the Tarn. Japanese knotweed has been sprayed once by the Environment Agency. Cllr. G. James will take advice from the Environment Agency regarding the clearance of weed at the Tarn entrance. Cllr. Westfield noted that boat licences are due for renewal this month.

11. To authorise expenditure for temporary repairs to the path to the fishing pegs at the Landing, Urswick Tarn.

Cllr. D. Westfield reported that she is seeking advice from the Environment agency about repairs to the catwalk, following up the points raised in R. Wilson's letter. A discussion took place about whether to remove the posts in the Tarn adjacent to the Coot. It was agreed to leave them in place.

12. To discuss highway verge maintenance in Bardsea.

See item 6.

13. To discuss parking in Bardsea.

See item 6.

14. To discuss a proposed camp site in Bardsea and agree the Council's response. (JuK)

Councillors reported that residents in Bardsea are generally not in favour of this development, access to the site is a problem and it is subject to flooding. It was agreed to report the Council's concerns to the Camping and Caravanning Club.

Action: Clerk to action.

15. To discuss the provision of an information board at the Tarn. (GJ)

Cllr. G. James had obtained a third quotation for an information board, from Nature Signs, of £825 + VAT + delivery, which the Council accepted. Cllr. Willis to contact the District Council's engagement officer to check if the board might be eligible for funding.

RESOLVED: The Council resolved to purchase an information board at the price quoted by Nature Signs. (Local Government Miscellaneous Provisions, 1976, s19)

Action: Clerk to issue purchase order.

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

Cllr. J. Kilty reported on the last meeting of LAP and offered members access to further information.

17. To discuss the proposed closure of the Fire Station at Dalton in Furness. (JK)

It was agreed to defer this item to the next meeting, when the County Council's budget proposals will be discussed in full.

18. To agree amended Council meeting dates for 2014.

The Council agreed the amended meeting dates.

19. To consider a request from Urswick Events Committee for a contribution to a village bonfire.

RESOLVED: The Council resolved to refuse this request.

Action: Clerk to write to the Events Committee.

20. To approve the Clerk's attendance at training sessions for the Certificate in Local Council Administration.

RESOLVED: The Council resolved to approve the Clerk's attendance at the training sessions. (Local Government Act, 1972, S111)

21. To receive the Council's quarterly accounting statement as at 30th September 2013.

RESOLVED: The Council resolved to receive the quarterly accounting statement as at 30th September 2013.

22. To acknowledge receipt of a cheque for £100 from Urswick Social Group, to purchase a picnic table for the Landings, Great Urswick, and to approve additional cost if necessary.

RESOLVED: The Council resolved to acknowledge receipt of the donation, and approved an additional £33 to purchase a picnic table. (Local Government Miscellaneous Provisions, 1976, s19)

Action: Clerk to write to Urswick Social Group.

23. To agree payments in accordance with the budget as listed in the report provided.

RESOLVED: the Council resolved that the following accounts be paid:

J. D. Simmonds – poppy wreath	Clerk's expenses Sept-Oct
£17.00	£29.60
Clerk's salary Sept-Oct	Urswick PCC – room hire 7/11
£598.20	£10.00

24. To note correspondence received and decide on any response required.

The following items of correspondence were noted:

South Lakeland District Council (SLDC) – Non-voting co-opted Parish Council representatives vacancy on the Council’s Standards Committee; SL/2013/0906 notification of 85m wind turbine on land near Roerigg Tarn, Lowick Common, Nr. Lowick Green; SLDC - notification of planning workshops; SLDC Agenda for Standards Committee 8th October 2013; CALC circular Oct 2013, Nov 2013, agenda for 158th District meeting 28th November 2013, consultation re Managing Radioactive Waste Safely, agenda for AGM; Walney Extension Offshore Wind Farm Exhibition; Local Area Partnership agenda & notes of meeting 17th October 2013; SLDC re Cumbria Wildlife Trust clearance on Birkrigg Common; Publicity for the Annual Electoral Registration Canvass; SLDC – notice of review of Polling Districts and Polling Places; invitation to stakeholder event on Government’s consultation on revised siting process for a geological disposal facility; elections for directly elected members of Smaller Councils Committee 2014.

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

Cumbria County Council’s budget consultation

Approval for review of Council’s assets in Bardsea, to take place in Spring 2014

26. Date and time of next meeting.

Thursday 19th December, at Stainton Recreation Hall, 7.30pm.

PA 14th November 2013

