

MINUTES OF URSWICK PARISH COUNCIL

From the meeting held on Thursday 23rd January 2014

Bardsea School 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 Chairman), Dr. P. Attree (Clerk).

PCSO Paul Harris

Members of the public – 1.

1. Apologies for absence

Dist/County Cllrs. C. Airey, J. Airey, J. Willis.

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

2. Declarations of interests

Cllr. D. Westfield declared an interest in item 9b (SL/2013/1052), Cllr. G. James declared an interest in item 9c (SL/2013/0704), Cllr. J. Keen declared an interest in item 9a (SL/2013/1179).

3. Requests for dispensations

None.

4. To authorise the chairman to sign as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 19th December 2013.

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting held on 19th December 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 asked that maintenance of the Tarn catwalk should be on the agenda for March meeting.

Cllr. G. James queried problems with water on footpath at Cherry Tree Lane. The Clerk noted that the Countryside Access Officer at Cumbria County Council is to inspect.

Cllr. D. Westfield noted sea damage to coastal footpath at Bardsea. Clerk to follow up.

Cllr. James queried reply from 'Connecting Cumbria' regarding superfast broadband in Urawick. No firm date for connection is currently provided. Clerk to follow up.

Clerk noted that grit bins in the Parish are not currently under threat of removal.

Cllr. N. Cowsill reported that the management at Stainton Quarry can be contacted

regarding any problems with wagons, and are open to discussion about local projects.

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 Bardsea about encroachment on footpaths, obstruction by parked cars and general neglect in the village. It was noted that the police have recently checked parking, at the Council's request, and found no problems. This was confirmed by PCSO Paul Harris. Bardsea councillors J. O'Donovan and J. Kilty agreed to check encroachment problems with residents, particularly on Orchard Road and White Ghyll Lane, informally in the first instance.

7. Report from Police on any matters of local concern and /or interest to Councillors and residents (for information only).

PCSO Paul Harris reported on minor offences committed in the Parish. He noted a spate of sheds being broken into and items, such as chain saws, stolen. A further breakdown of a speed monitoring exercise in Church Road, Urswick was provided. The results were as follows:

Vehicles travelling at 25-30mph - 47.6%

31-35mph – 49.6%

One vehicle was reported travelling at 55mph.

Speed monitoring has also been carried out on two occasions on the Coast Road, Bardsea (near the Old Mill), with no major speeding problems reported. Monitoring will be repeated later this year.

8. Reports from District and County Councillors on matters of interest to Councillors and residents (for information only).

None.

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

SL/2013/1179: Land to rear of Church Road, Great Urswick, single-storey animal shelter (revised scheme SL/2013/0204) (retrospective)

The Council agreed that, as due planning process has not been perceived to be adhered to, that the application, if approved, could be seen as setting a precedent for unauthorised development.

Action: Clerk to report to planning officer.

SL/2013/1210: Land at Cooper Lane, Bardsea, siting of four holiday cottages.

The Council has no objections to this application, but concerns were raised about potential flooding and access problems.

Action: Clerk to report to planning officer.

b) To note decisions on the following applications:

SL/2013/1052: Hollandia, Great Urswick, porch/sun room extension to front

GRANTED with conditions

c) To discuss planning application SL/2013/0704 – Daisy Hill, Great Urswick, regrading of field to form vehicular access - and agree any action.

The Council agreed that the Clerk should contact the planning officer to express its disappointment that the recommendations of the Historic Environment Officer, regarding a watching brief by a qualified archaeologist on this site during groundworks, was not brought to the attention of the District Council's planning committee, nor was it included in the conditions of approval of the application.

Action: Clerk to action.

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

Cllr. D. Westfield noted that a letter had been received by a resident asking for permission to operate a bait boat on the Tarn. The Council agreed to grant permission, with a restriction of one bait boat on the Tarn at any one time.

Action: Clerk to write to applicant.

Cllr. Westfield noted that the Probation Service would be contacted to cut back brambles. Cllr. G. James reported on illustrations to be included on the Tarn information board.

11. To receive an update on the Local Area Partnership.

None.

12. To discuss litter picks in Urswick, Bardsea and Stainton with Adgarley.

The Council agreed that a litter pick should be carried out in Urswick in early March – arrangements to be made by Cllr. G. James. Bardsea and Stainton councillors stated that the villages were kept largely litter free by residents and councillors.

13. To review grass-cutting contract for 2014.

The Clerk reported that tenders for grass-cutting are issued every three years, the most recent being 2013. A quotation for 2014 was therefore sought from the Council's existing contractor, Red Syke Ground Care, for grass-cutting of roadside verges and at the Landing, Great Urswick. Councillors agreed that the work carried out in 2013 was highly satisfactory and agreed to accept the quotation.

RESOLVED: The Council resolved to accept Red Syke Ground Care's quotation for grass-cutting for 2014. (Highways Act 1980, s96)

14. To finalise and approve the Council's budget and Precept request for the financial year 2014/2015.

RESOLVED: The Council resolved to approve the budget and Precept request for the financial year 2014/2015.

15. To receive the Council's quarterly accounting statement as at 31st December 2013.

RESOLVED: The Council resolved to receive the Council's quarterly accounting statement as at 31st December 2013.

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

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

South Lakeland District Council –		Bardsea Schoolroom Ass. – room	
bus shelter rental	£60.00	hire 23/1	£9.00
Clerk's salary Dec 2013		J. Keen – refund of payment for	
	£299.00	picnic bench	
Clerk's expenses Dec 2013		£147.60	
	£10.00		

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

The following items of correspondence were noted:

Cumbria County Council – grit bins; Low Furness & Ulverston Local Area Partnership minutes of meeting 17 Oct 2013; Urswick PCC – acknowledgement of Council’s donation to Churchyard Fund; South Lakeland Local Plan – draft outline proposals scoping and information gathering stage development briefs phase 1; complaint from resident about footpath in Little Urswick; Local Area Partnership agenda and papers 23 January 2014 & invitation to conference; Connecting Cumbria – roll-out of superfast broadband; CALC – Parish Precepts 2014-2015.

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

Maintenance of Tarn catwalk

19. Date and time of next meeting.

Thursday 13th March 2014, Annual Parish Meeting, at Urswick Parish Room, 7.15pm.
Followed by Ordinary Council meeting at 7.30pm

PA 28th January 2014