

MINUTES OF URSWICK PARISH COUNCIL

From the meeting held on Thursday 1st May 2014

Stainton Recreation Hall, 7.30pm

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

County/District councillors: Cllr. J Airey.

Members of public: None

1. To receive and approve apologies for absence.

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. C. Airey & J. Willis.

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

2. Declarations of interests

Cllr. J. Winder declared an interest in item 20 on the agenda. Cllr. D. Stubbs declared an interest in item 14.

3. Requests for dispensations

None.

4. To authorise the chairman to sign as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 13th March 2014.

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting held on 13th March 2014 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 updated the Council on the following items:

- Public footpath, Cherry Tree Farm, Little Urswick, recently inspected by County Council – to be re-inspected in drier weather.
- Excavation work at Daisy Hill site, Great Urswick – response from Planning Officer that situation regarding archaeological remains is being monitored.
- Council's change of name to 'Urswick, Bardsea and Stainton Parish Council' (Community Governance Review) to take effect on 1st April 2015.
- Brook Beck, Bardsea – work undertaken recently was reported to Cllr. J. Kilty as unsatisfactory. Cllr. J. Airey reported that, after discussion with English Nature, the District Council will take action to complete the work required.

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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None.

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

None.

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

Cllr. J. Airey reported on the following issues:

- Brook Beck, Bardsea (see item 5 above).
- Bardsea toilets – committee is applying for rate relief and hoping for 100%.
- Coastal Road bus route – subsidy from County Council discontinued. Discussions are taking place with commercial operators about taking on the route.

Bardsea bus shelter was also discussed. The Council pays £60 per annum in rent to the District Council for the land but the shelter is no longer used. Cllr. Airey offered to check for next Parish Council meeting.

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

SL/2014/0190: Holly Heights, Holme Bank Farm, Little Urswick - removal of agricultural occupancy condition attached to planning permission 5/96/0724

The Council has no objections to this application.

SL/2014/0283: The Cottage, Great Urswick - side conservatory.

The Council has no objections to this application.

b) To note decisions on the following applications:

SL/2014/0091: 42 Kirk Flatt, Great Urswick, Ulverston, single storey side conservatory.

GRANTED with conditions

SL/2014/0283: The Cottage, Great Urswick – side conservatory.

GRANTED with conditions

SL/2014/0163: Deva Brow, Birkrigg, Ulverston – two-storey rear extension incorporating loft conversion

REFUSED

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

Cllr. James noted that a clean up of glass on the Landing had been carried out. The Environment Agency is to spray Japanese Knotweed again this year – the area has been roped off to exclude members of the public. Cllr. James drew members' attention to a draft of the Tarn Information board, which met with their approval. He noted that local residents have been consulted on the content.

Cllr. D. Westfield reported that people are fishing from the Coot site. Although they are trespassing the Council has no authority to ask them to leave. Rubbish dumping has taken place – this has been removed and the culprit spoken to. Fishing gear has also been stolen from the Coot site. Cllrs. Westfield and Stubbs intend to remove weed from the Catwalk.

11. To approve the employment of a voluntary fishing bailiff at Urswick Tarn. (DW)

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Cllr. D. Westfield reported that two people have offered to act as fishing bailiffs. She noted that the engagement of a fishing bailiff would probably increase the Council's revenue from fishing licences. The Council agreed to engage a bailiff on a voluntary basis for a two-month trial period. An ID card would be issued. The Clerk requested that Cllr. Westfield provide details of the bailiff for the Council's records.

Action: Cllr. Westfield and Clerk to action.

12. To approve maintenance work at the Catwalk, Urswick Tarn. (GJ/DS/DW)

Cllr. Westfield reported that the stone needed to improve the Catwalk at the Tarn would cost approximately £1000-£1500. She has approached Stainton Quarry and hopes that the stone might be donated free of charge. She has received a quotation to deliver the stone and carry out the work, depending on the time taken, to a maximum of £1000. The Clerk queried whether further quotations would be sought. Cllr. Westfield stated that only one firm in the area has the specialist equipment required to carry out the work. Cllr. J. Airey stated that he would contact the County Council's Area Engagement Officer, Carol Last, to request a community grant of £500 towards the cost. Providing that this grant is forthcoming, and the stone is donated free of charge, the Council agreed to fund the remaining cost from the 2014/15 budget.

RESOLVED: The Council resolved to approve the work on the Catwalk, providing that the above conditions are met. (Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions), 1976, s19.)

13. To approve the erection of a gazebo at the Landing, Great Urswick, for the 'Tour de Furness', to take place on 7th September 2014. (GJ)

RESOLVED: The Council resolved to approve the erection of a gazebo for the 'Tour de Furness'.

14. To agree funding for picnic table footings at the Tarn. (JK)

Cllr. D. Stubbs left the room for this item, as he had a pecuniary interest. It was agreed that the Council had insufficient quotations to make a decision – item therefore deferred to next meeting.

15. To discuss revision of Urswick Tarn byelaws. (GJ)

Cllr. G. James suggested that the byelaws be revised in the light of changes since they were introduced. The Clerk agreed to check on the mechanisms for making changes.

Action: Clerk to action.

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

Cllr. J. Kilty provided members with an update. The main projects to be addressed in the next 12 months are:

- Making Ulverston a dementia friendly town
- Parish emergency needs

It was also noted that no funding will be provided for the LAP but the Council will continue to facilitate.

Community Infrastructure Levy is a charge on new development to help fund the infrastructure. A percentage of this levy will go to Parish Councils (dependant on how many new houses are built).

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A report made by the Revd. Alex Armstrong was also made available to members.

17. To address dog fouling on Stainton with Adgarley Green. (NC)

Cllr. N. Cowsill reported on stray dogs on Stainton with Adgarley Green and complaints of dog fouling. She noted that once a week she checks on the Green and bins anything she finds. Councillors noted that dog fouling is an issue throughout the Parish and the Council needs to be vigilant about reporting where it occurs.

18. To discuss maintenance of the access road at Sunny Bank, Stainton with Adgarley. (NC)

Cllr. N. Cowsill noted that residents who have access over Stainton Green must repair any injury caused to it, at their own cost, using local stone. She requested that a letter from the Council be drafted to that effect.

Action: Clerk to action.

19. To consider request for a donation towards Urswick Church's commemorative flower festival for the 1st World War centenary. (Clerk)

RESOLVED: The Council resolved to make a donation of £100 to the flower festival. (Local Government Act, 1972, Section 137.)

20. To approve a grant of £150 for 2014/15 to Little Urswick Village Green Association. (Clerk)

RESOLVED: The Council resolved to make a grant of £150 to Little Urswick Village Green Association. (Open Spaces Act 1906, s15)

21. To receive and 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 bank reconciliation and budget review for the year ending 31st March 2014 (Clerk).

RESOLVED: The Council resolved to approve the bank reconciliation and budget review for the year ending 31st March 2014.

23. To discuss the Community Speed Watch scheme.

The Clerk outlined the main aspects of the Community Speed Watch scheme for members.

24. To approve payment of the CALC annual subscription of £273. (Clerk)

RESOLVED: The Council resolved to approve payment of the CALC annual subscription of £273.

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

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

Post Office Ltd – PAYE

£224.20

Clerk's salary Mar-Apr 2014

£598.20

Clerk's expenses Mar-Apr 2014
£43.48

Stainton Recreation Hall – room
hire 1/5 £8.00

CALC – annual sub. 2014/15
£273.00

Urswick PCC - Flower Festival grant
£100.00

Little Urswick Village Green Ass.
2014/15 contribution
£150.00

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

The list of correspondence received since the last meeting was noted.

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

To agree funding for picnic table footings at the Tarn
Weedkiller application to grass verge edges in Urswick
Road markings in Great Urswick at junction between the Coot & Derby Arms
Rental for Bardsea bus shelter

28. Date and time of next meeting.

Thursday 12th June 2014, at Bardsea School Room, 7.30pm.

PA 7th May 2014

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