

MINUTES OF URSWICK PARISH COUNCIL

From the meeting held on Thursday 12th June 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).

County/District councillors: Cllrs. C. Airey & J. Willis.

PCSO Janine Wade.

Members of public: 3.

1. To receive and approve apologies for absence.

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. J. Airey.

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

2. Declarations of interests

None.

3. Requests for dispensations

None.

4. To authorise the chairman to sign as a correct record the minutes of the Annual Council meeting and the ordinary meeting held on 1st May 2014.

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the Annual Council meeting and ordinary meeting held on 1st May 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 reported on the following items:

- Progress on amending the Council's byelaws.
- Dog control signs to be provided for the Tarn area, Great Urswick by SLDC.
- Grant funding for the Catwalk at the Tarn, Great Urswick.

The Chairman reported that the changes to the field gate between Skeldon Moor and Postlethwaite's farm have been brought to the attention of the SLDC Planning Department.

Cllr. J. Winder queried whether new chippings on the drive at Rose Wood Kennels were consistent with any conditions to planning permission applied by the SLDC's Planning Department.

Action: Clerk to check.

Draft minutes 12th June 2014 – to be approved at next meeting.

Cllr. G. James reported on CALC's District meeting, drawing the Council's attention to the introduction of the Community Infrastructure Levy in 2015. He also noted that the National Grid's proposed route 132 could exit at Bardsea, across Morecambe Bay. More information will be available in September 2014.

Cllr. James noted that the current Highway Stewards' service is unsatisfactory and that complaints about highway problems are not acted upon.

- 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 complained about lack of pride in the infrastructure in Bardsea, in particular the neglect of road verges and overgrown pavements and footpaths. The footpath from Bardsea towards Ulverston was noted as a particular problem – Clerk to check.

A member of the public queried the status of the Coot in Great Urswick. Cllr. D. Westfield noted that the site is privately owned and has no demolition order in place. Cllr. Westfield had recently contacted the police about disruption from youths using the site.

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

PCSO Wade reported that no serious offences had taken place in the Parish. She requested that, prior to the next meeting, councillors should consider where a speed indicator device (SID) could usefully be installed. PCSO Wade also offered to check on the Coot site. She will also advise officers patrolling the Parish about the necessity for dog walkers to keep their animals on a lead in a 30mph area.

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

Cllr. J. Willis reported on the following items:

- Community Infrastructure Levy
- Bus service no. 11 – to continue with a reduced service and higher fares
- Visit to Cherry Tree Farm lane – found to be dry
- Highways – she will contact the Department regarding councillors' complaints (see item 5)

Cllr. C. Airey noted that grant funding for the Catwalk at the Tarn is progressing. She also reported (on Cllr. J. Airey's behalf) on Bardsea bus shelter.

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

SL/2014/0391: Land to south of Wind Whistle, Main Street, Bardsea. Dwelling.

The Council's comments on this application were forwarded to SLDC's Planning Dept. by the Clerk.

SL/2014/0342: Hewitt Close, Horse Close Lane, Great Urswick. Single-storey detached garage.

The Council has no objections to this application.

b) To note decisions on the following applications:

SL/2013/1137: Land at Bardsea Business Park, Cooper Lane, Bardsea. Change of use of land from Class B2 (general industrial) to Class B8 (storage) (Retrospective).

GRANTED with conditions.

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

Cllr. G. James reported that he had met a representative from the Environment Agency to discuss the Japanese knotweed, which has been re-sprayed. Mud has been removed from the fishing area to at the Tarn allow wheelchair access. Cllr. D. Westfield reported that the voluntary fishing bailiff has not yet been instructed, but will be in the near future. A person posing as the fishing bailiff was challenged. It is planned to clear the willows at the end of the Catwalk, with the help of volunteers, supervised by the Tarn Working Group.

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

RESOLVED: The Council resolved to accept the lowest quotation of £380, from I. Miles. Local Government Misc. Provisions Act, 1976, s19.

Action: Clerk to issue purchase order. Cllr. J. Keen (Chairman) to liaise.

12. To discuss the road markings in Great Urswick at the junction between the Coot and the Derby Arms. (DW)

After discussion, it was agreed to seek an on-site meeting with a member of the County Council's Highways Team.

Action: Clerk to action.

13. To discuss the rental for Bardsea bus shelter. (JK)

The Clerk reported the information from South Lakeland District Council, provided by Cllr. J. Airey. Although the bus shelter is not in use, it was considered that the cost of demolition and removal would outweigh the annual rental. The Council decided therefore to leave the bus shelter in place.

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

Cllr. J. Kilty reported on the dementia sub-group of LAP, which is to produce a leaflet on the topic.

15. To approve the cost of weedkiller application to the edges of the grass verge in Urswick. (GJ/Clerk)

RESOLVED: The Council resolved to approve the cost of weedkiller application. Highways Act 1980, s96.

Action: Clerk to issue a purchase order.

16. To approve a new volunteer policy (Clerk).

RESOLVED: The Council resolved to approve the volunteer policy, with the addition of a paragraph suggested by Cllr. D. Stubbs.

17. To approve the issue of letters of thanks to volunteer grass cutters. (GJ)

- RESOLVED:** The Council resolved to issue a letter of thanks to all volunteers, to be accompanied by the new volunteer policy (see item 16).
Action: Clerk to action.
18. To consider a request to make a contribution to the defibrillator maintenance fund, for Great and Little Urswick. (Clerk)
RESOLVED: The Council regretfully resolved to decline the request.
Action: Clerk to issue a letter.
19. To consider a request from Urswick PCC to make a grant towards the Holiday Club 2014. (Clerk)
RESOLVED: The Council resolved to make a grant of £150 to the 2014 Holiday Club. Local Government Misc. Provisions Act, 1976, s19.
20. To approve the Council's Accounting Statement and Annual Governance Statement for the year ending 31 March 2014. (Clerk)
RESOLVED: The Council resolved to approve the Council's Accounting Statement and Annual Governance Statement for the year ending 31 March 2014.
21. 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:
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| Zurich Municipal Insurance | £418.74 | Bardsea Schoolroom hire 12/6 | £9.00 |
| Clerk's salary May 2014 | £299.00 | Urswick PCC – Holiday Club 2014 | £150.00 |
| Clerk's expenses May 2014 | £10.00 | | |
22. To note correspondence received and decide on any response required. (Clerk)
The list of correspondence received since the last meeting was noted.
23. To receive items for the agenda for the next meeting.
None.
24. **Date and time of next meeting.**
Thursday 17th July 2014, at Urswick Parish Room, 7.30pm.
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