

MINUTES OF URSWICK PARISH COUNCIL

From the meeting held on Wednesday 23rd July 2014

Urswick Parish Room, 7.30pm

Present: Cllr. J. Keen (Chairman), Cllr. N. Cowsill, Cllr. J. Kilty, Cllr. D. Stubbs, Cllr. J. Winder (Vice Chairman), Dr. P. Attree (Clerk).

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

Members of public: 1.

1. To receive and approve apologies for absence.

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. G. James, J. O'Donovan, D. Westfield & Cllr. C. Airey.

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

2. Declarations of interests

Cllr. N. Cowsill 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 Annual Council meeting and the ordinary meeting held on 12th June 2014.

RESOLVED: that the minutes of meeting held on 12th June 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:

- Updating the Byelaws
- Request for a waste bin at the Landing
- Response from Countryside Access Officer re erosion at Bardsea Coastal Path
- Cutting of grass verge at the Hagg.

6. Public Forum: Questions, comments or concerns from any local resident.

None.

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

None.

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

Item 16, the Junction adjacent to the Derby Arms, Great Urswick, was brought forward. The Chairman, Cllr. J. Keen, has had a meeting with the Highways Officer Victoria Upton to discuss a new layout. Cllr. J. Willis has also requested the proposals and costs for the new markings at the junction.

Cllr. Willis also reported on speed monitoring at Long Lane, Stainton. Traffic slowing measures may be introduced. Speed monitoring data for Church Road, Great Urswick, showed no major problems. PCSO H. Madden is to speak to a milk company about the speed of wagons.

Cllr. J. Winder noted that the lawn at Greenacres, adjacent to Little Urswick Green, has begun to encroach on the Green. He requested that Cllr. Willis discuss this with the County Highways Department when road repairs are carried out.

Cllr. J. Airey reported that £500 has been allocated from the Local Committee for works at the Catwalk, Urswick Tarn. He noted that the quality of the recent verge cutting at Bardsea was poor and may need to be redone.

Item 17. The future of the No. 11 bus route through Bardsea was brought forward for discussion. Cllr. J. Willis provided the Council with information from a meeting held about the route. The bus company who propose to run the service, in the absence of subsidy from the County Council, has indicated that they would require a subsidy from Town/Parish councils on the route. However, no firm proposals were available to be debated. Members were in general agreement that it would be difficult to justify raising the Precept across the Parish for the benefit of a small percentage of bus users. The item was deferred to the next Council meeting on 28th August 2014, when Cllr. Willis should have more information. It was agreed that notices should be placed on the Parish board and at bus stops in Bardsea informing residents about the possible discontinuation of the service.

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

SL/2014/0616: Warren Croft, Great Urswick, single-storey rear extension.

No objections.

Pre-application consultation: Sheep Parks Farm, Coast Road, Ulverston, single wind turbine, 48m to blade tip.

Councillors noted that a planning application will be forthcoming.

b) To note decisions on the following applications:

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

GRANTED with conditions.

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

GRANTED with conditions

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

Cllr. D. Stubbs noted that beck clearance at the Tarn will be carried out by the Environment Agency.

- 11. To approve the spraying of the reeds at the Landing and the Croft, Urswick Tarn. (GJ)**
RESOLVED: The Council resolved to approve the spraying of the reeds at the Landing and the Croft, Urswick Tarn, carried out in adherence to Environment Agency guidelines.

- 12. To receive an update on the Local Area Partnership. (JuK)**

Cllr. J. Kilty reported that a LAP sub-group has been formed to address emergency planning. The group tasked with making Ulverston a 'dementia-friendly' town has produced a leaflet and will hold an open day in the autumn.

- 13. To discuss the maintenance of road verges and walkways in Bardsea. (JuK)**

Encroachment of trees/hedges onto the road, from properties on Main Street, Bardsea, was discussed. It was agreed that two councillors would inspect the area, to ascertain whether a letter to residents would be appropriate.

The Clerk also noted that the damaged road sign at Orchard Road had been reported to the District Council, and the Countryside Access Officer contacted regarding the Coast Road footpath.

- 14. To discuss the maintenance of Stainton with Adgarley Green. (NC)**

Cllr. N. Cowsill reported that grass-cutting on the Green has been carried out at the recommended time. The Council expressed its gratitude for the volunteers' work.

- 15. To consider granting approval for a memorial picnic table/bench at the Landing, Urswick Tarn. (Clerk/JK)**

The Council discussed the request. The Chairman had spoken to the applicant about the cost of a bench etc. The Tarn Working Group will consult with the applicant about the site.

RESOLVED: The Council resolved to approve a memorial bench to be sited at the Landing.

Action: Clerk to issue a letter.

- 16. To update on the Derby Arms junction, Great Urswick. (JK)**

See item 8.

- 17. To discuss the future of the Coast Road (no. 11) bus route.**

See item 8.

- 18. To respond to the Rural Housing Policy Review on affordable housing. (GJ)**

In Cllr. James absence it was decided to take no action on this item.

- 19. To approve the Council's quarterly accounts and budget report as at 30th June 2014. (Clerk)**

RESOLVED: The Council resolved to approve the quarterly accounts and budget report as at 30th June 2014

20. 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 Apr-June 2014	£224.20	Clerk's expenses June 2014 £48.92
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I. Miles - Picnic table bases £380.00	Room hire 23 July 2014 £10.00
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Nature Signs – Tarn info board £1047.60	J. Winder – refund paint £8.99
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Clerk's salary June 2014
£299.00

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

The list of correspondence received since the last meeting was noted. The Clerk reminded members to update their declarations of interest by 8th August 2014.

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

Follow up on inspection of Bardsea verges/hedges; Weed spraying Bardsea verges; Derby Arms junction, Great Urswick; No. 11 bus route; Encroachment of lawn onto Little Urswick Green at Greenacres, Little Urswick; Removal of stones on Stainton Green which obstruct mowing.

23. Date and time of next meeting.

Thursday 28th August 2014, at Stainton Recreation Hall, 7.30pm.

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