

MINUTES OF URSWICK PARISH COUNCIL

From the meeting held on Thursday 28th August 2014

Stainton Recreation Hall 7.30pm

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

County/District councillors: Cllr J. Willis.

Members of public: 2.

1. To receive and approve apologies for absence.

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. J. O'Donovan, Cllr. C. Airey & 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 meeting held on 23rd July 2014.

RESOLVED: that the minutes of meeting held on 23rd July 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 following items were noted:

- Gate at Skeldon Moor – the Chairman is awaiting an update from South Lakeland District Council's planning officer.
- Missing 'Great Urawick' sign at the junction between the Landing and the road to Skeldon Moor. Clerk to send GPS co-ordinates to Cllr. J. Willis to follow up.
- The 'Orchard Road' sign at Bardsea has again fallen down (despite earlier attention from the District Council). Clerk to report.

6. To receive an update on the development of Stainton Quarry from Mary Campbell (Planning Director, Stephenson Halliday) and Emma Chaplow (Quarry Manager).

Emma Chaplow informed the Council that a new contract will mean an increase in quarry vehicle movements on the Stainton with Adgarley roads for a period of 6 to 8 weeks. There will be no change in the times of vehicle movements.

Mary Campbell reported that the following planning applications to the County Council will be forthcoming.

- a) To extend the current permission to extract stone from the south west corner of the quarry. The limestone is of a different type and is of higher purity than elsewhere in the quarry. Apart from extending the timescale no other changes are planned.
- b) The quarry sought temporary permission to move armour stone (large pieces of stone used for sea defences etc.) without sheeting the vehicles. The temporary permission has now expired and the application is to extend the permission. Cllr. N. Cowsill noted that no problems regarding the non-sheeted vehicles have been reported to the Council.

7. 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 with speeding vehicles in Church View, Great Urswick, and the road behind the Landing. After discussion, it was agreed that Cllr. J. Willis would contact County Highways regarding the extension of road markings in Great Urswick, and PCSO H. Madden regarding the deployment of a speed indicator device.

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

The Clerk read a crime update for June/July 2014 from PCSO H. Madden. 59 calls for service were received by the Police, which included minor road traffic collisions, livestock on the road, suspicious incidents which are not crimes, domestic disputes, anti-social behaviour, motorcycles on the beach, unlawful encampment of travellers (dealt with by SLDC), and one incident of sexual exposure/voyeurism.

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

Cllr. J. Willis reported that no decision has been reached on bus service X11. It is hoped that the bus operator will produce a commercially-viable timetable.

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

SL/2014/0700: Deva Brow, Birkrigg, Ulverston, loft conversion and kitchen extension.

The Council had no objections to this application.

SL/2014/0760: Gynring, Little Urswick, two-storey rear extension.

The Council had no objections to this application.

b) To note decisions on the following applications:

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

GRANTED with conditions

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

Cllr. G. James reported that advice received from the Environment Agency means that the reeds on the Tarn cannot be sprayed. Cutting back the reeds will continue to enable fishing. Brown reeds have been noted at the edge of the Tarn – Cllr. D. Stubbs is to check. Willows on the Tarn will continue to be coppiced, with voluntary help. Cllr. J. Keen (Chairman) reported that he has been co-opted onto the Tarn Working Group.

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

Cllr. J. Kilty noted that dementia advice leaflets have been issued by the LAP sub group. Cllr. N. Cowsill is to attend the next LAP meeting.

13. To update on the Derby Arms junction, Great Urswick.

Cllr. J. Keen (Chairman) updated members on progress with the junction. He noted that the planned road markings produced by V. Upton were not exactly as discussed. Cllr. J. Willis is to liaise with Highways on the plan.

14. To follow up on the inspection of the verges/hedges at Bardsea, and to approve weed spraying.

Cllrs. J. Kilty and N. Cowsill reported on their inspection of the verges/hedges in Bardsea. In one instance foliage overhanging the road from a property was thought to be a possible obstruction. The householder is currently unwell, so it was agreed to take no action but to keep the problem under review. It was agreed that the Council's current contractor, Red Syke Ground Care, should undertake weed spraying on agreed pavements.

RESOLVED: The Council resolved to approve weed spraying in Bardsea at a cost of £75.

15. To discuss the condition of Brook Beck, Bardsea.

The Clerk reported that Cllr. J. Airey is to follow up this matter, as the work in question was commissioned by the District Council.

16. To discuss the encroachment of the lawn at Greenacres, Little Urswick, onto the Green.

It was agreed to issue a letter to the householder requesting that the lawn be trimmed back to the property boundary line.

Action: Clerk to action.

17. To discuss the provision of a waste bin at the Landing, Great Urswick.

Cllr. G. James offered to make an additional waste bin.

18. To approve the re-siting of stones on Stainton with Adgarley Green, which obstruct grass mowing.

After discussion, it was agreed to defer this item to the next meeting.

19. To adopt a protocol on the recording and filming of Council and committee meetings.

The Council agreed to adopt the NALC model protocol for the recording and filming of Council and committee meetings.

20. To review the November 5th bonfire arrangements for 2014.

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It was agreed to display a poster on the Parish notice boards, inviting those interested in arranging a bonfire on Council land to approach the Council with plans.

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

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

Clerk's salary July 2014	Stainton Recreation Hall – Room
£299.00	hire 28/08 £12.50

Clerk's expenses July 2014
£10.00

The Clerk noted that the £500 Local Committee Grant has been received, for the Tarn Walkway.

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

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

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

To approve the re-siting of stones on Stainton with Adgarley Green Highway steward scheme

24. Date and time of next meeting.

Thursday 16th October 2014, at Bardsea School Room, 7.30pm.

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