

MINUTES OF URSWICK PARISH COUNCIL

From the meeting held on Thursday 16th October 2014

Bardsea School Room 7.30pm

Present: Cllr. J. Keen (Chairman), Cllr. N. Cowsill, Cllr. J. O'Donovan (from 7.40pm), Cllr. J. Winder (Vice Chairman), Dr. P. Attree (Clerk).

County/District councillors: Cllr J. Willis, Cllr. C. Airey.

Members of public: 3.

1. To receive and approve apologies for absence.

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. G. James, Cllr. J. Kilty, Cllr. D. Stubbs, and Cllr. D. Westfield. Apologies for lateness from Cllr. J. O'Donovan.

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 28th August 2014.

RESOLVED: that the minutes of meeting held on 28th August 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:

- Junction at Great Urawick between Derby Arms and Coot – Cllr. J. Willis reported that a redesign is underway.
- Missing 'Great Urawick' sign has been reported.

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 representative from Bardsea spoke about the X11 bus service. She requested that a Parish councillor take her place at meetings about the future of the service. It was agreed that a new timetable would be placed on the Parish notice board. Flyers are to be issued to residents asking for contributions to the service. The Council was asked to consider making a 'one-off' payment to support the service (see item 15).

Draft – to be confirmed at the meeting to be held on 27th November 2014

A member of the public reported a domestic dispute on Kirk Flatt, Great Urswick. The Police were informed.

A member of the public complained about the general maintenance in Bardsea village. Cllr. N. Cowsill noted that an inspection of the village had been carried out, as a result of which weed killing was arranged by the Council. The Clerk also noted that the street sign at Orchard Road had been reported to the District Council. It was reported that this had been repaired by a member of the public. Parking in the village was discussed – this has previously been checked by the Police at the Council's request.

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

The Clerk read a report from PCSO Harris regarding recent Police activity in the Parish.

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

Cllr. J. Willis requested that the Council take part in the current National Grid consultation.

Item 14 was brought forward. Cllr. Willis reported that a restructuring of the County's Highway service is taking place. All complaints to Highways should be copied to Cllr. Willis.

Cllr. C. Airey reported that complaints have been received about additional traffic travelling at speed through Urswick, as a result of roadworks at Lindal in Furness.

Action: Clerk to report to Police.

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

SL/2014/0731: Low Wood, Hooks Lane, Wood Head, Ulverston. Demolition of existing dwelling and the erection of a new dwelling and detached garage block.

The Council raised objections to this application – reported to the District Council Planning Department.

SL/2014/0796: Dale Garth, Mascalles, Ulverston. Change of use of land to siting of caravans, wildlife area, and package treatment plant.

The Council raised objections to this application – reported to the District Council Planning Department.

b) To note decisions on the following applications:

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

GRANTED with conditions.

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

None.

11. To discuss a revised draft of the byelaws for Urswick Tarn and surrounding area.

The Clerk outlined the proposed changes to the byelaws and the process to be undertaken. It was agreed to issue letters to residents in the vicinity of the Tarn.

Action: Clerk to action.

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

Cllr. N. Cowsill updated the Council on recent LAP developments, in particular 'dementia-friendly' Ulverston and a talk on the Community Infrastructure Levy. A grant

was provided for a local cinema club. Cllr. Cowsill noted that some grant funding is still available for local projects.

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

It was agreed to hold a site visit to inspect the stones, before a decision is made.

14. To discuss the County Council's Highway Steward scheme.

See item 8.

15. To respond to a request for a contribution to the No. 11 bus service.

After discussion, it was agreed that the Council would not make a contribution.

RESOLVED: The Council resolved not to contribute to the bus service.

16. To re-appoint Robert Forrester as a Trustee for Urswick Grammar School Trusts for a further four years.

RESOLVED: The Council resolved to re-appoint Robert Forrester as a Trustee for Urswick Grammar School Trusts for a period of four years.

17. To confirm that the lawn at Greenacres, Little Urswick, does not encroach onto the highway, as previously reported.

The Council confirmed that the lawn at Greenacres, Little Urswick, does not encroach onto the public highway.

18. To respond to the North West Coast Connections consultation.

The Clerk outlined a letter from The Chair of CALC South Lakeland District Association, urging councils to back the preferred Onshore South with tunnel option. The Council agreed to support this option.

Action: Clerk to action.

19. To consider a request for a grant from the Great North Air Ambulance.

RESOLVED: The Council resolved to decline the request.

Action: Clerk to write a letter.

20. To decide the Council's contribution to the Bardsea Beach Toilet Committee for the financial year 2015/16.

RESOLVED: To provide a contribution of £500 for the financial year 2015/16 (with the proviso that the Committee's accounts demonstrate that the toilets still require financial support). (Public Health Act 1936, s87.)

21. To discuss items to be included in the forthcoming budget for 2015/16.

The Council agreed to include £500 in the budget for the financial year 2015/16, to be designated for community projects.

22. To approve and accept the Council's quarterly accounts to 30th September 2014 (see report enclosed).

RESOLVED: The Council resolved to approve and accept the Council's quarterly accounts to 30th September 2014.

23. To approve and accept the Council's Annual Return for the year ending 31 March 2014.

RESOLVED: The Council resolved to approve and accept the Council's Annual Return for the year ending 31 March 2014.

24. To note the external auditors' 'issues arising' report from the Annual Return and approve an action plan.

The Clerk outlined the report and noted that the Tarn picnic tables will henceforth be included in the Council's asset register as community assets.

Action: Clerk to action.

25. 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 Aug-Sept 2014	BDO – external audit fee
£598.20	£120.00
Clerk's expenses Aug-Sept 2014	Bardsea Beach Toilets Comm. 2014-2015
£30.28	£500.00
Post Office Ltd. PAYE	Bardsea School Room – room hire
£224.20	16/10 £9.00
Abbey Building Cont. Info board fitting	
£85.00	

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

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

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

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

To approve the budget for 2015/16

28. Date and time of next meeting.

Thursday 27th November 2014, at Urswick Parish Room, 7.30pm.

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