

MINUTES OF URSWICK PARISH COUNCIL

From the meeting held on Thursday 19th February 2015

Bardsea School Room, 7.30pm

Present: Cllr. J. Keen (Chairman), Cllr. G. James, Cllr, J. Kilty, Cllr. J. Winder, Dr. P. Attree (Clerk).

County/District councillors: Cllr. C. Airey.

Cumbria County Council Highways Department – P. Hosking.

Members of public: 1

1. To receive and approve apologies for absence.

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. D. Chamberlain, Cllr. N. Cowsill, Cllr. J. Airey & Cllr. J. Willis.

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

2. Declarations of interests

To receive declarations by elected and co-opted members of interests in respect of items on this agenda.

None.

3. Requests for dispensations

The clerk to report any requests received since the previous meeting for dispensations to speak and/or vote on any matter where a member has a disclosable pecuniary interest.

None.

4. To authorise the chairman to sign as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 8th January 2015.

RESOLVED: that the minutes of meeting held on 8th January 2015 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:

- Unauthorised development at field adjacent to Skeldon Moor, Little Urawick – awaiting action by South Lakeland District Council Planning Department.
- Public access to Wadhead Scar, Bardsea – damaged shoreline fencing reported to SLDC Environment Protection Officer. Cllr. J. Kilty stated that the damage is a public safety issue.

Action: Clerk to follow up.

- Bracket street light in Main Street, Bardsea missing – reported to Highways Department.

Cllr. J. Kilty reported on the poor repair to Bardsea sewerage outlet – Cllr. J. Airey to follow up.

6. To receive a presentation from Cumbria County Council’s Highways team.

P. Hosking, of the Cumbria County Council’s Highways team, gave a presentation to members. He noted that the Area Steward for the Parish, who should be the first point of contact for urgent highway problems, is Steve Harrison.

Mr. Hosking outlined the following Highways programmes:

- Capital works – large highway projects.
- Scheduled programme of maintenance inspections, to identify, classify and arrange for defects to be remedied.
- Routine maintenance – e.g. street lighting/verge trimming etc..
- Winter and other weather emergencies
- Out of hours gangs to deal with emergencies.

Councillors then asked questions of Mr. Hosking, who stressed that links with Parishes were vital to identifying problems. It was agreed that a ‘walk around’ the Parish for the designated councillor (currently Cllr. G. James) and a representative from Highways could be arranged at regular intervals to identify any issues. A timetable for the scheduled maintenance inspections will also be sent to the Clerk.

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 that her request for a bench in memory of her late husband, to be placed on Birkrigg Common, had been refused by SLDC, who manage the Common on behalf of the Crown.

8. 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 P. Harris, outlining minor offences reported to Police. A traffic analysis report for Daisy Hill, Great Urswick, was also received. It was noted that the majority of vehicles were travelling within the speed limit.

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

Cllr. C. Airey noted the importance of keeping dogs on leads at lambing time.

10. Planning applications.

To note decisions on the following applications:

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

GRANTED with conditions

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

Cllr. G. James reported that a tree affected by honey fungus blew down at the Croft, Great Urswick. It has since been cleared. Cllr. James arranged for the Probation Service to clear brambles at the Hagg. He has also refurbished the Croft waste bin. A volunteer with the appropriate experience is to trim the trees on the Hagg interfering with an electricity pole. Cllr. J. Winder is to deal with a bench (not owned by the Council) opposite the Landing which requires attention.

12. To approve a request to dig in the Tarn to clear drainage pipes at the Coot site.

It was agreed that the Council would grant approval to clear the pipes, but that councillors would require sight of a system of works before the work commences. The applicant should also be advised to seek advice on the environmental requirements from the Environment Agency.

Action: Clerk to issue a letter.

13. To consider adding the Tarn information board to the Council's insurance.

The Council agreed to add the Tarn information board to its insurance.

Action: Clerk to action.

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

Cllr. J. Kilty updated the Council on the following items:

- Dementia group business training
- Health – restructuring of treatment options
- Role of churches in the Parish

15. To confirm that a litter pick will take place in Urswick on 29th March 2015.

Cllr. G. James confirmed that this has been advertised.

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

In the light of advice received from Natural England, it was agreed not to proceed on this item.

17. To note that the Re-organisation of Community Governance Order no. 2-2014 regarding the change of name to 'Urswick, Bardsea and Stainton Parish Council' comes into force on 1st April 2015.

RESOLVED: The Council resolved to note the change of name.

18. To finalise the Council's grass-cutting contract for 2015.

The Council agreed to accept the quotation from Red Syke for 2015. (Highways Act 1980, s96)

19. To receive the Councils risk assessment for 2015-16.

RESOLVED: the Council resolved to accept the risk assessment for 2015-16.

20. To agree that agendas/papers will be sent to councillors solely in electronic format.

Those councillors present agreed to accept agendas/papers in electronic format. Copies of the agenda/papers will also be available at meetings.

21. To respond to South Lakeland District Council's street cleaning questionnaire.

The questionnaire was completed.

Action: Clerk to action.

22. To approve the purchase of materials for the Tarn jetty.

After discussion it was agreed to accept the quotation received to carry out the work to complete the jetty, with Council's reserves to cover the shortfall in the budget for the Tarn for 2015-16. One quotation was deemed to suffice as this is specialist work.

RESOLVED: The Council resolved to accept a quotation from Abbey Building Contractors for £1043. (Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) 1976, s19)

Action: Clerk to issue a purchase order.

23. 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 Jan 2015	Tarn News Associates Fee
£305.64	£10.00
Clerk's expenses Jan 2015	Bardsea School Room – room hire
£44.78	19/2 £9.00

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

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

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

None.

26. Date and time of next meeting.

Thursday 9th April 2015, Urswick Parish Room, 7.30pm

Preceded by Annual Parish Meeting, 7.15pm

