

MINUTES OF URSWICK, BARDSEA AND STAINTON PARISH COUNCIL

From the meeting held on Thursday 9th April 2015

Urswick Parish Room, 7.30pm

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

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

PCSO. P. Harris.

Members of public: 3

1. To receive and approve apologies for absence.

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

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

2. Declarations of interests

Cllr. D. Chamberlain declared an interest in item 9a on the agenda (planning application no: SL/2015/0228).

3. Requests for dispensations

None.

4. To authorise the chairman to sign as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 19th February 2015.

RESOLVED: that the minutes of meeting held on 19th February 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).

Cllr. G. James queried progress on the gateway at Skeldon Moor, Little Urswick.

Action: Clerk to follow up with South Lakeland District Council.

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.

Cllr. Chamberlain, on behalf of a member of the public, raised an issue regarding the trees at Bankfield, Great Urswick, which overhang the road.

Action: Clerk to follow up with Cumbria County Council.

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

PCSO P. Harris reported on recent minor crimes in the Parish, and an incident on Daisy Hill, Great Urswick, between cyclists and a motorist. He also noted that travellers are currently camped on Birkrigg Common.

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

Cllr. J. Willis reported on the highway schemes for Urswick at the Derby junction, Low Furness School, narrowing of the road at Daisy Hill, Great Urswick and Church Road, Great Urswick, and a new village entry sign. Councillors expressed a preference for the traffic island at the Derby junction to be moved closer to the Coot (widening the lane outside the Derby Arms). It was agreed that 'sharks teeth' gateway treatment was preferred at the school, and the road at Daisy Hill should be narrowed to 3m.

Cllr. J. Airey noted that the District Council will be evicting the travellers from Birkrigg. He also confirmed that he will supply details of the account for Bardsea Beach Toilets Committee to the Council.

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

SL/2014/1104: Land off Stone Dike Lane, Great Urswick, erection of steel frame agricultural building for livestock and feed storage. No objections were raised to this application.

SL/2014/0910: Stainton Head Farm, Stainton with Adgarley, Barrow in Furness, demolition of existing stone barn, erection of replacement machinery store and erection of a separate concrete walled manure store. No objections were raised to this application.

SL/2015/0142: Eden Lodge Hotel, Coast Road, Bardsea, retention of log cabin as games room. No objections were raised to this application.

SL/2015/0143: Eden Lodge Hotel, Coast Road, Bardsea, change of use of hotel and manager's flat to short-term lettable holiday accommodation (Class C1 to C3). No objections were raised to this application.

5/15/9003: Low Furness CE Primary School, Church Road, Great Urswick, construct new single storey extension to include two new classrooms, staff meeting room, store room, corridor and external retaining wall, steps and ramps. No objections were raised to this application.

SL/2015/0160: Land at Wadhead Hill, Cooper Lane, Bardsea, siting of 4 chalet lodge/caravan units. No objections were raised to this application.

SL/2015/0228: Woodlands, Great Urswick, conversion of domestic garage/office to from annexed holiday let, including erection of glazed screen to existing covered link and construction of detached garage for dwelling known as Hollandia.

The Council raised concerns about parking and possible overspill onto the road with the proposed development.

SL/2015/0181: Land adjacent to Bank End, Great Urswick, two dwellings.

SL/2015/0227: Verstone, Mascalles, Ulverston, construction of above ground hydrotherapy pool within polytunnel enclosure. No objections were raised to this application.

5/15/9005: Stainton Quarry, Long Lane, Stainton with Adgarley, Section 73 application to amend Condition 1 of planning permission 5/05/9013 to allow additional time to complete mineral extraction in the deep extension part of the quarry. No objections were raised to this application.

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

The Tarn Working Group reported on the following:

- Brambles burned at the Hagg
- Large tree affecting a telegraph pole removed
- Jetty to be built at the Croft
- Walkway to be completed in May 2015
- Posts at the bottom of Clerk Beck to be inspected
- Snowdrops to be replanted in a more prominent position (Cllr. James)

It was agreed that the Council should send letters of thanks to the volunteers responsible for tree removal.

Clerk to action.

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

Cllr. J. Kilty reported on the dementia sub-group. Feedback received from training for local businesses was positive. A Dementia Action Alliance will be formed to widen group representation.

12. To complete survey access consent for the National Grid for Stainton Green.

RESOLVED: The Council resolved to approve survey access for the National Grid.

13. To review the Council's insurance provision for 2015-16.

The Clerk outlined the Council's current insurance provision. The Clerk noted that the new information board at the Tarn had been added to the insurance. It was agreed to renew the insurance for 2015-16 with no change.

RESOLVED: The Council resolved to renew its insurance policy with no change.

14. To consider the Council's compliance with the new 'Transparency Code for Smaller Authorities' via a website.

Cllr. D. Chamberlain reported that the new website construction is well advanced. The Clerk is to receive training from Cllr. Chamberlain on its administration. This will enable the Council to comply with the new transparency conditions from 1st July 2015.

15. To approve the Council's terms of reference for the internal audit for the financial year 2014-15.

RESOLVED: The Council resolved to approve the terms of reference for the internal audit for the financial year 2014-15

16. To approve the Council's statement of internal control for the year ending 31 March 2015.

RESOLVED: The Council resolved to approve the statement of internal control for the year ending 31 March 2015.

17. 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 Feb-March 2015	Clerk's expenses Feb-Mar 2015
£611.28	£39.41

PAYE Jan – Mar 2015
£229.20

Urswick PCC – room hire 9/4
£10.00

P.M. Attree – refund purchase
printer £59.99

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

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

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

To approve the purchase of a new website domain name for the Council.

To agree the retention of the Council's original name ('Urswick Parish Council') for banking purposes.

Maintenance of Stainton Green

20. Date and time of next meeting.

Thursday 21st May 2015 at Stainton Recreation Hall, 7.30pm.

Preceded by Council's Annual Meeting 7.15pm.

