

## MINUTES OF URSWICK, BARDSEA AND STAINTON PARISH COUNCIL

From the meeting held on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2016

Stainton Recreation Hall, 7.30pm

**Present:** Cllr. J. Keen (Chairman), Cllr. L. Birchall, Cllr. N. Cowsill, Cllr. J. Hannah, Cllr. S. Sweeting, Cllr. M. Turner, Cllr. J. Winder (Vice chairman), Dr. P. Attree (Clerk).

District and County councillors: Cllrs. A. Butcher & J. Willis.

**1. To receive and approve apologies for absence.**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. D. Chamberlain, C. Airey & J. Airey.

**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.**

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 meeting of the Council held on 14<sup>th</sup> April 2016.**

**RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> April 2016 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. J. Hannah reported that six bird-proof litter bins have now been installed at Bardsea.

The Clerk noted that two building sites in Little Urawick were reported to the District Council's planning enforcement team for potential breaches of planning conditions.

Cllr. L. Birchall reported that the cherry tree at Kirk Flatt, Great Urawick is to be removed by South Lakes Housing, and the poplar at St. Mary's Garth is to be topped out and overhanging branches removed. A further tree on St. Mary's Garth, outside the remit of South Lakes Housing, was also reported as causing problems. **Action: Clerk to report.**

**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. N. Cowsill noted that a gate at a cattle grid from Birkrigg Common to Scales is difficult to open. **Action: Clerk to report.**

**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 the Police. Items of note were:

- Speed indicator device to be installed in Little Urswick.
- Sea Wood, Bardsea – youths parking in vehicles checked.
- Patrols with SLDC enforcement officers re dog fouling, littering etc.

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

Cllr. Willis reported that Trading Standards are to carry out a consultation with residents of Kirk Flatt, Great Urswick, regarding cold calling. She recently had a meeting with Victoria Upton, County Highways, regarding unauthorised speed humps installed in Little Urswick (now removed). (See item 13).

Cllr. Cowsill thanked Cllr. Butcher for help with a pothole problem in Stone Barrow Lane, Stainton with Adgarley.

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

SL/2015/0422: Land behind Moorfield House, Little Urswick. Erection of three replacement stables and store, access bridge and new access.

The Council reiterated its objections to this application.

SL/2016/0354: West Dene, Horse Close Lane, Great Urswick. Two storey rear extension.

No objections received.

SL/2016/0346: General Burgoyne Inn, Great Urswick. Erection of a timber building for use as a shop.

The Council wish to support this application, as an amenity to the village.

SL/2016/0369: Glenside, Mascalles, Ulverston. Single storey rear extension.

No objections received.

**b) To note decisions on the following planning applications:**

SL/2015/0944: The Coot site, Great Urswick. Erection of two detached dwellings with detached garages. **WITHDRAWN**

SL/2015/0829: Town End, Bardsea. Change of use or agricultural buildings to business units to live/work units.

**GRANTED with conditions.**

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

The Chairman noted that a new quotation for work at the Tarn catwalk is to be sought, as the size of the job has increased. This quotation will then be brought to Council for approval. Stainton Quarry management will be approached for any support they can provide. The Environment Agency has been contacted regarding the resurgence of Japanese Knotweed.

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

None.

**12. To discuss problems at Red Lane, Bardsea.**

The Clerk noted that this has been reported to County Highways. Cllr. Hannah noted that no action has been taken and the problems persist.

**Action: Clerk to follow up.**

**13. To discuss traffic calming measures in Urswick.**

Discussed at item 8. Cllr Willis outlined possible traffic calming options. As an initial measure, speed monitoring strips will be installed in Little Urswick to collect data on traffic speeds.

Option 1 - to introduce a Traffic Regulation Order and additional signs in Little Urswick (approx. cost £4,000)

Option 2 - to introduce a 20mph zone and additional traffic calming features. (approx. cost £12,000)

Option 3 – to remove parking.

Option 4 – to introduce a ‘ghost’ footpath to narrow the road and reduce traffic speeds.

In response to questions from Cllr. Sweeting and Cllr. Hannah, Cllr. Willis agreed to consider installing speed strips at Horse Close Lane, Great Urswick (at exit to village) and at Bardsea (outside Ship Inn).

Once data has been collated, public consultation would need to be carried out before any decisions are made.

**14. To discuss the possible use of Stainton Village Green for a village fun day.**

The Council received a risk assessment form from the Stainton Recreation Hall committee, and had sight of the public liability Insurance.

**RESOLVED: The Council resolved to approve the use of Stainton Village Green for a fun day, to be held on 12<sup>th</sup> June 2016.**

**15. To discuss the Council’s response to R. Wilson regarding Urswick Tarn deeds and Tarn Association minutes.**

The Clerk reported on the response sent by the Council to R. Wilson. This details documents relating to the Tarn, currently in the Council’s possession. It also notes that Tarn Association minutes dated 1987-2010 are now in the Council’s possession and will be lodged in the County Records Office. M. Wilson requested that his letter to the Council be placed on record. It was agreed that the letter be filed with the minutes of the meeting.

**16. To approve the Council’s internal audit review parts 1 and 2 for 2016.**

**RESOLVED: The Council resolved to approve the internal audit review parts 1 and 2 for 2016.**

**17. To receive the Council’s accounts and budget report for the financial year ending March 2016.**

**RESOLVED: The Council resolved to receive the accounts and budget report for the financial year ending March 2016.**

**18. To approve the Council’s annual governance statement and accounting statements for the financial year 2015-16.**

**RESOLVED: The Council resolved to approve the annual governance statement and accounting statements for the financial year 2015-16.**

**19. 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 Apr 2016	£328.44
Clerk's expenses Apr 2016	£33.04
Zurich Municipal – insurance premium	£451.25
Stainton Recreation Hall – room hire 26/5	£10.00

**20. To note correspondence received and decide on any response required.**

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

**21. To receive items for the agenda for the next meeting.**

None.

**22. Date and time of next meeting.**

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June, Bardsea School Room, 7.30pm.

PA 7<sup>th</sup> June 2016

