

## MINUTES OF URSWICK, BARDSEA AND STANTON PARISH COUNCIL

From the meeting held on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2016

Bardsea School Room, 7.30pm

Present: Cllr. J. Keen (Chairman), Cllr. L. Birchall, Cllr. D. Chamberlain, Cllr. N. Cowsill, Cllr. J. Hannah, Cllr. M. Turner, Dr. P. Attree (Clerk).

PCSO H. Madden.

Members of the public: 1

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

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. J. Airey, A. Butcher & 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.**

Cllr. D. Chamberlain declared an interest in item 9a – planning application no. SL/2015/0456.

**3. Requests for dispensations**

None.

**4. To authorise the Chairman to sign as a correct record the minutes of the Annual meeting and ordinary meeting of the Council held on 26<sup>th</sup> May 2016.**

**RESOLVED: that the minutes of the Annual meeting and ordinary meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> May 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).**

The Clerk reported on the following:

- Traffic calming in Urswick/Bardsea – County Highways are considering a plan to install speed strips.
- An anonymous complaint regarding Wellhouse Wood, Bardsea. This was forwarded to Planning Enforcement, who have investigated and are to take no further action.

Cllr. N. Cowsill reported that the potholes on the highway at Long Lane, Stainton, at the junction to the Stagger Inn, have been filled.

Cllr. L. Birchall thanked PCSO Madden for help in dealing with an uninsured driver at Kirk Flatt.

PCSO Madden also reported on action taken regarding parking problems in Stainton with Adgarley, in the region of Slop Lane. She will continue to monitor the situation. Stainton will be added to the list for a speed indicator device, as will Little Urswick.

6. **Public Forum: Questions, comments or concerns from any local resident.**  
A member of the public complained about the lack of local pride in Bardsea, specifically overgrown verges and inappropriate parking. PSCO Madden noted that there is no legislation to compel residents to park on their driveways. It was agreed that Cllrs. Hannah and Turner would ask for volunteers in Bardsea to carry out verge maintenance etc. Cllr. Chamberlain reported that she had received a query about access to Church Road, Great Urswick, from the North Lonsdale Show site.
7. **Report from Police on any matters of local concern and /or interest to Councillors and residents (for information only).**  
PCSO Madden reported on calls for service to the Police from 26<sup>th</sup> May to 26<sup>th</sup> June 2016. She also noted that she is continuing patrols with SLDC enforcement re littering, dog fouling and travellers/campers.
8. **Reports from District and County Councillors on matters of interest to Councillors and residents (for information only).**  
None.
9. **a) To consider/confirm the Council's response to the following planning applications:**  
SL/2015/0456: Mid Town Barn adjacent to Mid Town Cottage, Great Urswick. Demolition of two-storey barn and partial demolition of a garage to rear and erection of dwelling and garage with alterations to vehicular access.  
No objections were received.  
SL/2016/0583: Former Braddylls Arms Car Park, Bardsea. Erection of single storey one bedroom dwelling.  
Councillors expressed concerns about this application regarding:
  - Over-development of a relatively small site
  - Additional parking in a restricted area
  - Access issues i.e. additional vehicles joining a narrow street
Objections to be reported to SLDC's Planning Department. **Clerk to action**
- b) To note decisions on 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.  
**GRANTED with conditions**  
SL/2016/0354: West Dene, Horse Close Lane, Great Urswick. Two storey rear extension.  
**GRANTED with conditions**  
SL/2015/0823: Wellwood, Bardsea. Dwelling. Appeal to Planning Inspectorate. **DISMISSED.**
10. **To receive an update from the Tarn working group and agree any actions.**  
Cllr. Chamberlain reported that the Japanese knotweed has been sprayed by the Environment Agency. This has reduced but not eliminated it, so the area is still fenced off. A new sign is required. Ongoing plans for the catwalk at the Tarn were discussed. The Clerk reported that a letter had been received from a member of the public expressing concerns about the plan to add stone to the Catwalk. It was noted that the plan for adding stone to the Catwalk had not been brought to the council for approval, and the revised plan for the Catwalk will be brought to the next Council meeting, together with quotations for materials.

The Council still has £500 in reserves, granted from the Local Committee, allocated for this project.

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

None.

**12. To discuss the effectiveness of the Parish Council's role in responding to planning applications.**

The Chairman reported that his recent e mail to SLDC's planning team has been circulated widely. They are therefore aware that the Parish Council has been dissatisfied with recent outcomes of the consultation process. It was agreed that, if a planning application is seen as contentious, the Parish Council presses for it to be considered by committee, rather than a decision be delegated to officers.

**13. To discuss the introduction of a 'No Cold Calling Zone' in Kirk Flatt, Great Urswick.**

**(Discussed at item 7).** PCSO Madden and Cllr. Birchall outlined the problems experienced with 'chuggers' in Kirk Flatt, Great Urswick and the reasons for introducing a 'no cold calling zone'. It was noted that the stickers cost £3.50 per household and the signs cost £5 each. PCSO Madden may be able to obtain funding from the Crime Commissioners' Fund. It was agreed that the Parish Council would support the introduction of the zone. The Clerk noted that if the installation of signs was to be covered by the Council's Public Liability Insurance then she would need full details in advance to inform the Council's insurers. The Chairman noted that Greenbank Gardens, Little Urswick would be another worthwhile site for the introduction of a zone. The first action will be a letter drop to residents.

**14. To discuss signage at the sharp bend on the road between Birkrigg Common and the Hagg, Great Urswick.**

The chairman reported on a recent accident at this site. Cllr. Willis has visited the site and suggested that a chevron be installed approaching the bend to warn traffic.

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

Clerk's salary May 2016	£328.44
Clerk's salary June 2016	£338.08
Clerk's expenses May-June 2016	£49.93
PAYE Mar-June 2016	£248.60
CALC – training	£29.50
Bardsea School Room – room hire 30/6	£9.00

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

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

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

Grant request from Parochial Church Council for the Holiday Club 2016  
Council approval for Tarn Catwalk plans

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

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> August 2016, Urswick Parish Room 7.30pm.

