

MINUTES OF URSWICK, BARDSEA AND STAINTON PARISH COUNCIL

From the meeting held on Thursday 22nd September 2016

Stainton Recreation Hall, 7.30pm

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

Members of the public: 3.

1. To receive and approve apologies for absence.

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

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

None.

4. To authorise the Chairman to sign as a correct record the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 11th August 2016.

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting held on 11th August 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 item:

Site at the corner of Greenbank Gardens/Church Road, Little Urawick. A complaint was received from a local resident about the state of the site. The Clerk reported the problem to Planning Enforcement and action is underway to clear the site.

Cllr. Butcher sent a report concerning:

- Overnight camping at Bardsea – the District Council enforcement officer is monitoring the situation. A new byelaws sign has been requested.
- Dumped green waste at Well Wood, Bardsea has been removed, and discussion with the enforcement officer regarding replacement of the boulders is ongoing.
- A replacement waste bin at Coopers Lane, Bardsea has been requested.

Cllr. N. Cowsill reported on progress on the Stainton Quarry sign. She is liaising with County Highways and Stainton Quarry.

Cllr. L. Birchall reported that the tree on the corner of Church Road/Kirk Flatt, Great Urawick is to be removed. In addition, the tree at St. Mary's Garth is to be pruned.

Discussion took place about the speed data received from Highways, for sites in Urswick and Bardsea. As Cllr. J. Willis was not present, it was agreed to place this item on the agenda of the next meeting.

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. None.

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

The Clerk read the following report from the Police:

INCIDENTS OF NOTE

- 2 thefts of motor vehicles from the Urswick area – unrelated incidents – one recovered burnt out and the second, investigation ongoing.
- 1 attempted burglary other than a dwelling (no access gained) Urswick area.
- Concerns raised about speeding vehicles near Low Furness School - patrols to monitor the area.

CRIME PREVENTION

- Speed Indicator Device in situ at Stainton
- Urswick Brownies – Crime Prevention Event/Presentation
- NCCZ Kirk Flatt

PARTNER AGENCY MESSAGES

- No Cold Calling Zone now in place at Kirk Flatt in partnership with Trading Standards

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

None.

9. **To co-opt a councillor for Urswick.**

Three candidates applied for the post of Urswick councillor – Sonjie Marshall, Paul Bolt and Stuart Swarbrick. The Council considered all their applications. By a majority vote Paul Bolt was duly co-opted as councillor for Urswick ward.

RESOLVED: The Council resolved to co-opt Paul Bolt as a councillor for Urswick ward.

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

SL/2016/0747: Land at Sunny Meade, Great Urswick. Use of paddock as domestic garden.

No objections were received for this application.

SL/2016/0767: Sunny Meade, Great Urswick. Detached dwelling with detached garage.

No objections were received for this application.

SL/2016/0822: Tanah Lot, Great Urswick. Formation of ancillary residential accommodation.

No objections were received for this application.

SL/2016/0754: Well Cottage, Bardsea. Open up the original kitchen fireplace in order to install a new kitchen range, installation of replacement lintel to support the chimney breast, removal of internal brick wall and modern stud wall, replacement timber (Accoya) framed double glazed sash window to match the existing windows, reinstatement of the door to an enclosed outdoor courtyard between Well Cottage and Well House.

No objections were received for this application.

SL/2016/0555: Longrigg Service Station, Little Urswick. Erection of detached commercial garage to link with existing service station business.

No objections were received for this application.

b) To note decisions on the following planning applications:

SL/2016/0583: Former Braddylls Arms Car Park, Bardsea. Erection of single storey one bedroom dwelling.

GRANTED with conditions

SL/2016/0664: Wellwood, Bardsea. Single storey side extension.

GRANTED with conditions

SL/2016/0618: Linden Lea, Birkrigg, Ulverston. Raised roof loft conversion, two storey gable extension and detached domestic garage with commercial garage attached (for parking of commercial vehicles/storage of materials etc in connection with applicant's business).

GRANTED with conditions

SL/2015/1072: Dalegarth, Mascalles. Change of use of land for siting of lodges (caravans), parking, tarn, wildlife area, and package treatment plant (resubmission SL/2015/0522)

Town and Country Planning Act – Appeal to the Secretary of State under Section 78.

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

The Chairman reported that, after consultation with fishermen, it would be preferable to have new fishing pegs at the Tarn built professionally. This would have the advantage of providing access for people with disabilities. It may be possible to obtain grant funding for the work, which the Chairman will explore. It was agreed that two quotations would be sought and the item placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

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

None - Cllr. Cowsill was unable to attend the meeting.

13. To discuss the proposed concrete batching plant at Lindal in Furness.

It was agreed that the Council would object to this application, on the grounds of noise, dust and increased traffic on the A590. In summary, it was considered that the plant would be more suitable for an industrial site.

ACTION: Clerk to report.

14. To discuss progress on the recruitment of community volunteers in Bardsea.

Cllrs. Hannah and Turner reported on their efforts to recruit community volunteers in Bardsea. In addition to the councillors, two volunteers had come forward. It was considered that clearance of untidy and overgrown verges in Bardsea was too large a task for a small group. Enquiries have therefore been made of County Highways – Bardsea councillors are liaising with Cllr. J. Willis and Carol Last, County Highways to try to resolve the situation.

15. To decide on a contractor to carry out verge maintenance in Stainton with Adgarley.

The Clerk had received a quotation for the work from Red Syke (the Council's current grass-cutting contractor in Urswick). An additional quotation was requested but not forthcoming. After discussion, it was agreed unanimously to approve verge maintenance work being carried out in Stainton, at a cost of £300.

RESOLVED: The Council resolved that Red Syke carry out verge maintenance in Stainton with Adgarley. (Highways Act 1980, s96)

ACTION: Clerk to issue a purchase order for the work.

16. To review the Council's 2017-18 contribution to Bardsea toilets.

After discussion, it was agreed not to include any contribution to Bardsea toilets in the 2017-18 budget. However, if the committee were to experience a funding shortfall they could apply for a grant in the usual way. The contribution for 2016-17 of £250 to be paid.

17. To consider members' expense allowances under the Local Authorities (Members Allowances) (England) Regulations 2003.

It was unanimously agreed not to adopt members' expenses allowances.

18. To receive an update on the Council's new website and authorise any necessary expenditure.

Cllr. L. Birchall outlined the current position regarding the Council's website. She explained that the cost of hosting a new website would be £3.99 & VAT per month for the first twelve months and £6.99 & VAT thereafter. The new domain name will be ubspc.co.uk. The Clerk noted that in order for the Council to fulfil government Transparency regulations a new website was necessary. It was agreed that the expense be approved.

RESOLVED: To approve the cost of setting up a new Council website.

19. To consider provision for community projects in the budget for 2017-18.

After discussion, it was agreed to include £600 in the budget for 2017-18 for community projects. These could include provision of a new waste bin for Stainton and clearance of the verges in Bardsea.

20. To approve and accept the Council's annual return (including the external auditor's certificate and report) for the year ended 31 March 2016.

RESOLVED: The Council resolved to approve and accept the Council's annual return for the year ended 31 March 2016.

21. 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 August 2016	£331.72
Clerk's expenses August 2016	£12.50
BDO – external audit fee	£120.00
Bardsea Beach Toilets Committee – 2016-17	£250.00
Stainton Recreation Hall – room hire 22/9	£10.00

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

The list of correspondence received since the last meeting was noted. It was agreed that Cllr. Turner would attend the North West Coast Connections meeting.

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

To receive feedback from the North West Coast Connections meeting

To discuss speed data received for Urswick and Bardsea

To approve funding for the Tarn fishing pegs

24. Date and time of next meeting.

Thursday 10th November 2016, Bardsea School Room, 7.30pm.

PA 29th September 2016