

## MINUTES OF URSWICK, BARDSEA AND STAINTON PARISH COUNCIL

From the meeting held on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2017

Stainton Recreation Hall, 7.30pm

Present: Cllr. J. Keen (Chairman), Cllr. L. Birchall, Cllr. P. Bolt, Cllr. D. Chamberlain, Cllr. N. Cowsill, Cllr. J. Hannah, Cllr. J. Winder (Vice Chair), Dr. P. Attree (Clerk).

District and County councillors: C. Airey, J. Willis.

PCSO H. Madden

Members of the public: 4

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

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. M. Turner, 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.**

Cllr. D. Chamberlain declared an interest in planning application no. SL/2016/0987.

**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 15<sup>th</sup> December 2016.**

**RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> December 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 read an e mail from Cllr. A butcher reporting that rubbish dumped at the Old Mill, Bardsea, has been removed.

**6. Public Forum: Questions, comments or concerns from any local resident.**

None.

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

PCSO H. Madden reported on the following incidents of note:

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- Theft from barn (sheet metal)
- Theft of watch from B & B
- Criminal damage to motor vehicle
- Assault – offender and aggrieved known to each other
- Anti-social behaviour (dispute between resident and workmen)

### **Crime prevention**

Speeding – laser work carried out in area of Low Furness School

Additional patrols Operation Snowberry – shoplifting and night time economy re anti-social behaviour

### **8. To discuss the Community Speed Watch Scheme and agree any actions.**

PCSO H. Madden described the scheme to councillors. The organiser for the Leece/Gleaston scheme was also present. It was explained that the equipment used in the scheme is owned by Aldingham Parish Council, and is for use by other parishes. PCSO Madden would carry out risk assessments. Volunteers would be trained and work in small groups. The Clerk explained that the Council's insurance company would require both the number of volunteers and the average number of hours worked each week. The additional amount of insurance premium payable was therefore unclear at this stage. PCSO Madden is to advise the Clerk of this information prior to commencement of the scheme.

**AGREED: The Council agreed to take the scheme forward and review at a later date when the insurance costs were available.**

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

Cllr. Willis reported on a recent Local Area Partnership (LAP) meeting, which included a talk on communications and social media. The Clerk received a handout on the use of Twitter. Parish Councils had been asked to identify five issues which could be worked on collaboratively – those identified to date include highways, flooding, fly tipping, problems with the A590, and verge maintenance. An update was provided on 'dementia-friendly Ulverston'. Cumbria County Council also requested that parishes identify additional drains/culverts in the area. Cllr. Chamberlain agreed to action.

Cllr. C. Airey noted a problem with large articulated lorries travelling through Urswick. It was agreed to monitor the situation, to attempt to identify those responsible.

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

SL/2016/1128: Low Wood Bungalow, Hooks Lane, Little Urswick. Conversion of detached garage into domestic annexe.

No objections received.

SL/2016/1017: Edge Hill Farm, Mountbarrow Road, Ulverston. Replacement agricultural storage building.

No objections received.

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

SL/2016/0987: Tanah Lot, Great Urswick. Replacement UPVC window frames in dwelling and alterations and extension to detached garage to form sun room.

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**GRANTED with conditions**

SL/2016/1029: Wellwood Cottage, Well Lane, Bardsea: Proposed kitchen/dining room extension.

**GRANTED with conditions**

SL/2016/1009: Deva Brow, Birkrigg, Ulverston. Raising of roof and rear first floor extension.

**GRANTED with conditions**

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

(Some matters reserved)

**GRANTED with conditions**

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

**GRANTED with conditions**

SL/2015/1072: Dalegarth, Mascalles, Ulverston. Siting of lodges (caravans), parking, tarn, wildlife area, and package treatment plant. **Appeal to Planning Inspectorate allowed and planning permission granted.**

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

The Chairman reported that tree and scrub clearance had taken place at the Hagg, with the help of volunteers. He praised the superb job done by volunteers. It was noted that work on the fishing pegs was expected to start in February/March.

The Clerk reported on an e mail received from R. Wilson, regarding Holker Estate and the ownership of the minerals and sediments at the bottom of Urswick Tarn. Details of core samples taken from the Tarn were provided for the Council.

Cllrs Chamberlain and Bolt reported a problem with the cormorant population at the Tarn, with a potential threat to fishing. Methods to reduce their numbers are being considered.

The Clerk noted that a risk assessment and reference to the Council's insurers would be necessary before any culling took place. Non-lethal methods of reducing the population will be sought in the first instance.

**12. To review the grass cutting contract in Urswick for 2017.**

The Clerk reported that the Council's current contractors have ceased to operate. Several invitations to tender for the work have therefore been issued, which will be considered at the Council meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> March 2017.

**13. To consider quotations for repairs to the community benches at Little Urswick Green and the Hagg.**

Two quotations were received for the work. After discussion, it was agreed to accept the lower estimate of the two, from Abbey Building Contractors.

**RESOLVED: Clerk to issue a purchase order for the repairs to the community benches to Abbey Building Contractors. (Parish Councils Act, 1957, s1.)**

**14. To discuss the maintenance of Stainton with Adgarley Village Green.**

Cllr. Cowsill explained that mole hills are causing a problem with mowing the Green. She therefore requested Council permission to trap and humanely dispatch moles on the Green. It was agreed that the mole hills will then be rolled flat.

**AGREED: The Council agreed that Cllr. Cowsill be permitted to trap and humanely kill moles on the Green.**

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**15. To discuss building sites in Great and Little Urswick.**

Complaints have been received from residents about a building site on the corner of Greenbank Gardens, Little Urswick. The Clerk noted that this has twice been reported to Planning Enforcement. It was agreed that the Clerk contact Planning Enforcement once more to request that action be taken to tidy the site.

**ACTION: Clerk to action**

The Coot site at Great Urswick is also a concern to local residents. Cllr. Chamberlain reported that plans for the site are currently under review. It was agreed that no action be taken at present.

**16. To approve the Council's quarterly accounts and receive the budget statement to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2016.**

**RESOLVED: The Council resolved to approve the quarterly accounts and receive the budget statement to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2016.**

**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 Dec 2016	£331.72
Clerk's expenses Dec 2016	£37.24
PAYE Oct-Dec 2016	£248.60
Tarn News Associates' Fee 2017	£12.00
SLDC - Rent of land Bardsea bus stop	£60.00
McAfee Livesafe software	£59.99
Stainton Recreation Hall – room hire 26/1	£10.00

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

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

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

Grass cutting contract for 2017 season  
Update on Tarn cormorant population  
Site at Daisy Hill, Great Urswick

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

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2017, Bardsea School Room, 7.30pm.

**PA 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2017**

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