

## MINUTES OF URSWICK, BARDSEA AND STAINTON PARISH COUNCIL

From the meeting held on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2017

Bardsea School Room, 7.30pm

Present: Cllr. L. Birchall, Cllr. P. Bolt, Cllr. D. Chamberlain, Cllr. J. Hannah, Cllr. M. Turner, Cllr. J. Winder (Acting Chairman), Dr. P. Attree (Clerk).

District and County councillors: J. Airey, A. Butcher.

Members of the public: 1

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

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. N. Cowsill, J. Keen & 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.**

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 26<sup>th</sup> January 2017.**

**RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> January 2017 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 - a problem with overhanging trees at Bankfield, Church Road, Great Urswick, has been reported to County Highways. Cllr. J. Willis has been asked to follow up.

Missing white lines at Daisy Hill, Great Urswick. Cllr. Willis has been advised that these will be included in a traffic calming scheme in Gleaston, not yet scheduled.

Community speed watch – the device will be insured by Aldingham Parish Council.

Site at Greenbank Gardens, Little Urswick. This was reported to the District Council's enforcement officer, who is investigating.

**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 Ulverston and Furness Policing Team:

**INCIDENTS OF NOTE**

- Criminal damage to works van at Stainton. (Paint work scratched with sharp implement).
- 3 Minor RTCs (Road Traffic Collision) all involved one vehicle colliding with a wall (different locations all in Birkrigg area).
- 1 FTS RTC (Fail to Stop Road Traffic Collision) Minor damage caused to vehicle in Great Urswick .

**CRIME PREVENTION**

- Speeding – Low Furness School – laser work carried out in area near to the school.
- S.I.D (Speed Indicator Device) in situ at Great Urswick near to junction with Kirk Flatt due to increased traffic due to road works (Device damaged whilst in situ – accidental damage).
- Regular contact with school and parents to provide reassurance of increased traffic.
- SLDC Enforcement – joint patrols addressing dog fouling; littering and fly tipping.
- Community Safety Day 1st of April 2017 at Great Urswick (further details to follow). Will include partner agencies: SLDC; Fire Service; North West Ambulance Service and Cumbria Police. Issues addressed will include dog fouling/littering; NHW; Speed Watch; Farm Watch and Heart Start.

**PARTNER AGENCY MESSAGES**

- Trading Standards – Scam alerts (Roofing works and buying/selling of gold).

Councillors also discussed dog fouling in the Parish. No prosecutions have been carried out but catching offenders is a problem.

**8. To discuss traffic speed restrictions in Great and Little Urswick.**

After discussion, the Council agreed that Cllr. Chamberlain should conduct a consultation with local residents concerning a 20mph advisory speed limit.

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

Cllr. A. Butcher noted the traffic problems throughout Low and Mid Furness, during the ongoing roadworks at Lindal in Furness. He also reported on road flooding issues.

Cllr. J. Airey noted a ‘Living Well into Later Life’ initiative to be held at Ulverston library on 17<sup>th</sup> March 2017.

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

SL/2017/0037: 2 Hawksfield, Little Urswick. Single storey sunroom extension.

No objections received.

SL/2017/0036: Land at Great Urswick, Ulverston. Siting of single holiday camping pod.

No objections in principle, providing the development does not encroach onto Council land.

SL/2016/0600: Land south of Bank Terrace, Lindal in Furness. Installation and operation of a new concrete batching plant.

The Council re-iterated its objections to this development.

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

SL/2016/1023: Land adjacent to Daisy Hill Cottage, Great Urswick. Erection of new self-build dwelling and alterations to vehicular access.

**REFUSED.**

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

**GRANTED with conditions.**

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

**GRANTED with conditions.**

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

Cllr. Chamberlain acknowledged the help and support of volunteers in the work of clearing the Hagg, which is ongoing. Thanks were extended to Steven Tracey, Tom Postlethwaite, Colin Bell and Mark Higginson. It is planned to cut the Hagg twice a year. The fishing pegs at the Tarn are to be installed in the near future.

**12. To discuss control methods for cormorants on Urswick Tarn.**

Cllr. Bolt noted that around fifteen cormorants have been seen at the Tarn. He is liaising with Natural England regarding control methods. If approved, this would take place from September 2017.

**13. To discuss the condition of the site at Daisy Hill, Great Urswick.**

This site has now been logged as an enforcement case with the District Council (reference 17028).

**14. To approve the Council's risk assessment for 2017-18.**

**RESOLVED: The Council resolved to approve the risk assessment for 2017-18.**

**15. To approve the grass cutting contract in Urswick for 2017.**

Two quotations were presented to the Council. It was agreed to engage Bryan Greaves Tree Services for the 2017 season.

**RESOLVED: The Council resolved to engage Bryan Greaves Tree Services to maintain the grass in Urswick for the 2017 season. (Highways Act 1980, s96(5))**

**ACTION: Clerk to issue a purchase order.**

**16. To authorise Cllr. Cowsill to attend a CALC course on Common Land and Village Greens.**

The Council agreed to authorise Cllr. Cowsill to attend the course, at an estimated cost of £60 - £70.

**17. To approve the terms of reference for the Council's internal audit for the financial year 2016-17.**

**RESOLVED:** The Council resolved to approve the terms of reference for the internal audit for the financial year 2016-17.

**18. 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 Jan-Feb	£663.24
Clerk's expenses Jan-Feb	£43.86
Techlab repairs - laptop repairs	£45.00
Furness Environmental Services – fishing pegs	£1985.00
Bardsea Schoolroom Ass. - room hire 9/3	£9.00

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

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

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

To respond to a letter from R. Wilson regarding the Tarn.

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

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2017, Urswick Parish Room, 7.30pm.

**Preceded by the Annual Parish Meeting 7.15pm.**

PA 14<sup>th</sup> March 2017

