

MINUTES OF URSWICK, BARDSEA AND STAINTON PARISH COUNCIL

From the meeting held on Thursday 20th April 2017

Urswick Parish Room, 7.30pm

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

District and County councillors: J. Willis.

Members of the public: 1

1. To receive and approve apologies for absence.

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. N. Cowsill, J. Hannah & J. Winder. Cllr. Bolt gave apologies for his late arrival.

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 9th March 2017.

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting held on 9th March 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:

- Nuisance smell from silage stored at land adjacent to Daisy Hill Cottage, Great Urswick - reported to Public Protection Team and logged.
- Potholes on lanes used as alternative routes during roadworks at Lindal in Furness.
- Site of the former Coot, Great Urswick. Untidy site reported to District Council, and obstruction to traffic sightlines reported to County Highways.
- Ongoing enquiries regarding Greenbank Gardens site, Little Urswick.

Cllr. D. Chamberlain reported on the following:

- Trees at the Bankfield site, Great Urswick. Work is ongoing with the District Council to render them safe.

- Consultation regarding speed limit in Urswick is ongoing, involving liaison with Parish councils and other agencies, and distribution of flyers to residents.
- Cllr. J. Willis noted that there will be no national contribution to the repair of potholes in lanes used as diversions during the Lindal in Furness roadworks. Cumbria County Council Highways will be responsible for any repairs.
- Cllr. Willis offered to follow up on the site at Greenbank Gardens, Little Urswick, which has been brought to the attention of Planning Enforcement by the Clerk on several occasions.

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).

None.

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

Cllr. J. Willis reported on the following:

- Road resurfacing work in Little Urswick is complete.
- Footpath resurfacing is to be carried out at Kirk Flatt, Great Urswick.
- The Stainton quarry sign is pending.

The Chairman asked Cllr. Willis to check on the directional sign at the end of Hooks Lane, which is incomplete. Cllr. Willis to follow up.

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

SL/2017/0206: 2 Park Garth, Little Urswick. Two storey rear extension.

No objections received.

SL/2016/1075: Redwins, Stone Close, Stainton with Adgarley. Erection of detached dwelling.

No objections in principle. However, concerns were raised about loss of privacy for neighbours and use of shared access.

SL/2017/0209: Bolton Manor Farm, Little Urswick. Agricultural livestock building and slurry store.

No objections received.

SL/2017/0256: The Orchard, White Ghyll Lane, Bardsea. Single storey extension to detached outbuilding.

No objections received.

SL/2016/0746: Sunny Meade, Great Urswick. Demolition of dwelling and garage and erection of replacement dwelling and garage.

No objections received.

b) To note decisions on the following planning applications:

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

GRANTED with conditions

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

REFUSED

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

The Chairman reported on the installation of new fishing pegs at the Tarn, together with ongoing work at the Landing and the Hagg.

Cllr. Chamberlain answered a question about the current Tarn water level.

11. To respond to correspondence from Mr. R. Wilson regarding Urswick Tarn.

The Council discussed the correspondence from Mr. Wilson, as follows:

a) **Trees – Urswick Tarn margin.** In response, Mr. Wilson's attention was drawn to the Tarn Management Plan, published on the Council's website. Cllr. Chamberlain noted that the Council manages the Tarn to the best of its abilities, with the help of outside bodies, such as the Environment Agency. While the Council is aware that the Tarn and its surround has historical significance, and it is designated a County Wildlife site, it is not bound by any statute which restricts its activities. The Clerk noted that historical management documents relating to the Tarn, under the auspices of the Tarn Association, are lodged in the County Records Office.

b) **Stocking of Urswick Tarn with fish.** In response, members noted that there is currently no plan to carry out any restocking of the Tarn. If such a plan were considered in the future it would be included in the Tarn Management Plan. No such action would be taken without seeking advice from appropriate national agencies.

c) **Boundary of Council's Land.** Cllr. Chamberlain agreed to arrange to escort Mr. Wilson to Urswick Tarn, to point out the boundary of the Council's land.

ACTION: Clerk to issue a letter to Mr. Wilson outlining the above points.

12. To consider issuing a letter of support for an historic public bridleway at Slop Lane, Stainton with Adgarley.

The Clerk read a letter from a member of the public requesting a letter of support for the reinstatement of the bridleway at Slop Lane, Stainton with Adgarley. A response from Cllr. N. Cowsill was also read, which suggested that the reinstatement of the bridleway was impractical and potentially unsafe for horse riders, due to the proximity to the quarry. After discussion, it was agreed not to issue a letter of support.

13. To approve the additional costs of fishing pegs at Urswick Tarn.

After discussion about the increased cost of materials, it was agreed to fund an additional £300 towards the installation of fishing pegs at Urswick Tarn.

RESOLVED: The Council resolved to pay an additional £300 to the contractor for the installation of fishing pegs.

14. To discuss the organisation of a litter pick in Urswick.

This year's litter pick is being arranged by Martin Stables, and is to take place on Sunday 23rd April 2017 (weather permitting).

15. To approve the Council's statement of internal control for the year ending 31 March 2017.

RESOLVED: The Council resolved to approve the statement of internal control for the year ending 31 March 2017.

16. To review the Council's insurance for 2017-18.

On the advice of the Clerk, the Council agreed that the insurance proposal from Zurich Municipal (renewal date 1st June 2017) be accepted, with no change from the previous year.

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	March 2017	£331.52
Clerk's expenses	March 2017	£14.79
PAYE	Jan-Mar 2017	£248.80
Bardsea Beach Toilets – replacement cheque		£250.00
Zurich Insurance – premium	2017-18	£464.36
Abbey Building Contractors-	bench repair	£205.00
Urswick Parish Room – room hire	20/4	£10.00

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

Correspondence received since the last meeting was noted.

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

To clarify the Council's stance on overnight fishing and camping at Urswick Tarn.

20. Date and time of next meeting.

25th May 2017, Stainton Recreation Hall, 7.30pm

Preceded by Council's Annual Meeting 7.15pm

PA 26th April 2017