

MINUTES OF URSWICK, BARDSEA AND STAINTON PARISH COUNCIL

From the meeting held on Thursday 6th July 2017

Bardsea School Room, 7.30pm

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

District and County councillors: Cllr. C. Airey.

Members of the public: 2

1. To receive and approve apologies for absence.

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. J. Willis, 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 item 9a, planning application no. SL/2017/0411.

3. Requests for dispensations

None.

4. To authorise the Chairman to sign as a correct record the minutes of the Annual Meeting and the ordinary meeting of the Council held on 25th May 2017.

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the Annual Meeting and ordinary meeting held on 25th May 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.

- Site at Greenbank Gardens, Little Urawick – complaint received about overgrown vegetation blocking line of vision for exiting traffic. This has been reported to Planning Enforcement and County Highways. Cllrs. A. Butcher and J. Willis have also been following up on the problem. The District Council's Planning Department have now approached the owner of the site, requesting that all waste materials stored on the land that do not relate to the site, or the erection of the new dwelling, be removed. The site is being monitored.

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- The Hagg – a complaint was received concerning invasive trees impacting on a local resident’s boundary wall. Ownership of the land – whether Parish Council or Crown property – is being established. Future action can then be planned.

Cllr. N. Cowsill reported that Stainton with Adgarley Green has now been cleared of grass cuttings and tree branches. An invoice from the contractor is expected.

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

Mr. R. Wilson offered an apology for his non-attendance at the Council’s April meeting. He offered to give a presentation to members about matters of mutual interest at Urswick Tarn. Cllr. Chamberlain agreed to arrange the event in September/October 2017.

A member of the public queried whether the ‘valued open space’ noted in the District Council’s refusal of planning application no. SL/2017/0335 at the land adjacent to Daisy Hill Cottage, Great Urswick, could be designated as an amenity to the village in the case of future applications. The Clerk is to check with the Planning Department.

Clerk to action.

It was noted by Cllr. Bolt that the access to the Daisy Hill site from Hen Parrock Lane had been widened. The Clerk is to check whether planning permission has been granted for this work.

Clerk to action.

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

The Clerk read a report from the Police for June 2017. The main points were as follows:

INCIDENTS OF NOTE

- Travellers on Birkrigg Common (left without problems after 2 nights).
- Off roading at Birkrigg – Offenders identified and warned
- Highway disruption x 2 (Sheep and cow).
- Affray – incident at Barrow – offender arrested at Urswick.
- Anti-social behaviour - On going long standing neighbour dispute.
- Suspicious incident – enquiries showed incident without malice.

CRIME PREVENTION

- Speeding – Low Furness School – laser work carried out in area near to the school.
- SLDC Enforcement – joint patrols addressing dog fouling; littering and fly tipping.
- Junior Citizen Scheme at Barrow Fire Station – Low Furness School Year 6 attended.
- Community Safety Day and Cycle Marking Event planned at Gleaston on Saturday 22nd July (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).
- Speed Watch – Risk assessments now completed; training sessions to commence next week and group will be up and running from the end of July 2017.

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

Cllr. C. Airey reported ongoing flooding problems at Red Lane, Bardsea. County Council Highways are aware of the problem and Cllr. Cowsill will report to the Local Area Partnership.

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

SL/2017/0282: Weint End, Great Urswick. Conversion of barn to form two dwellings. See <http://applications.southlakeland.gov.uk/planningapplications/welcome.asp> (enter the relevant application number) for the Council's response to this application.

SL/2017/0191: Holme Bank, Great Urswick. Conversion of barns into five dwellings.

No objections were received for this application.

SL/2017/0411: Formerly the Coot, Great Urswick. Erection of dwelling and detached garage and partial demolition and alteration to existing building to form domestic store and greenhouse.

See <http://applications.southlakeland.gov.uk/planningapplications/welcome.asp> (enter the relevant application number) for the Council's response to this application.

Cllr. Chamberlain left the room when this item was discussed.

SL/2017/0550: Bankfield Hall, Great Urswick. Conversion and extension to Bankfield Hall, to form a hotel with two separate accommodation annexe buildings, twelve woodland lodges and alterations to vehicular access.

See <http://applications.southlakeland.gov.uk/planningapplications/welcome.asp> (enter the relevant application number) for the Council's response to this application. It was agreed

that the applicants be asked to support traffic calming measures in Great Urswick as a gesture of goodwill, should the development be approved.

SL/2017/0538: Highfield Farm, Great Urswick. Change of use from agricultural building to a car spray booth.

No objections were received for this application.

b) To note decisions on the following planning applications:

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

GRANTED with conditions

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

GRANTED with conditions.

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

GRANTED with conditions.

SL/2017/0051: Linden Lea, Birkrigg, Ulverston. Demolition of existing bungalow and erection of new dwelling with detached domestic garage and commercial garage/storage area linked to owner's business.

GRANTED with conditions

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

Cllr. Bolt reported that a number of complaints have been received about an individual who is causing problems for other Tarn users. Approval for an official letter to be sent to the individual is to be included in the next agenda. It was noted that the Council is not obliged to sell anyone a fishing licence at the Tarn – it is at the discretion of the fishing bailiff. It was

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also noted that only those people authorised by the Parish Council have the authority to sell fishing licences.

Cllr. Chamberlain requested an item be included in the next agenda to approve a new notice for Urswick Tarn, banning the use of alcohol and recreational drugs at the site, at a cost of approximately £15.

The Chairman noted that the final two fishing pegs are to be installed at the Tarn in the near future. He requested that the notice 'no overnight fishing' be reinstated at the Croft.

A complaint was received about a person bathing in the Tarn, close to fishing lines. Clerk to report to the PCSO.

Clerk to action.

11. To receive an update on the proposed 20mph speed limit for Urswick.

Cllr. Chamberlain reported that consultation with residents to date is broadly in favour of the introduction of traffic calming measures in Urswick. See item 9a (SL/2017/0550).

12. To authorise the annual payment of £150 to Little Urswick Village Green Association.

RESOLVED: The Council resolved to authorise the annual payment of £150 to Little Urswick Village Green Association. (Open Spaces Act, 1906, s10)

13. To consider a grant request from Urswick PCC towards the upkeep of the churchyard at St. Mary and St. Michael's Church, Great Urswick.

After discussion, it was agreed (by a majority vote) to grant £250 towards the upkeep of the churchyard.

RESOLVED: To grant £250 towards the upkeep of the churchyard at St. Mary and St. Michael's Church, Great Urswick. (Local Government Act 1972, s214 (6))

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

RESOLVED: the Council resolved that the following accounts be paid:

Bryan Greaves Contracting – grass cutting	£230.00
Clerk's salary May-Jun 2017	£669.76
Clerk's expenses May-Jun 2017	£29.58
Little Urswick Village Green – annual grant	£150.00
J. Winder – refund masonry paint	£9.99
Post Office Ltd. PAYE Apr-Jun 2017	£251.20
Bardsea Schoolroom Ass. - room hire 6/7	£9.00
Urswick PCC – grant for churchyard upkeep	£250.00

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

Correspondence received since the last meeting was noted.

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

To receive feedback from the Local Area Partnership (LAP) from Cllr. Cowsill.

To discuss a litter pick in Urswick and its surrounds.

To approve a new notice for Urswick Tarn, banning the use of alcohol and recreational drugs at the site, at a cost of approximately £15.

To agree the sending of an official letter regarding the non-issue of a fishing licence.

17. Date and time of next meeting.

17th August 2017, Urswick Parish Room, 7.30pm

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