

MINUTES OF URSWICK, BARDSEA AND STAINTON PARISH COUNCIL

From the meeting held on Thursday 17th August 2017

Urswick Parish Room, 7.30pm

Present: Cllr. L. Birchall, Cllr. P. Bolt, 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: Cllrs. C. Airey, A Butcher and J. Willis.

Members of the public: 3

1. To receive and approve apologies for absence.

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. D. Chamberlain and C. Airey.

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 6th July 2017.

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting held on 6th July 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 Chairman noted that the strip of land from the Hagg to the Tarn belongs to the Parish Council, and not the Crown Estate as previously thought.

Cllr. J. Airey, in response to a question about the potential Parish Council ownership of Birkrigg Common, explained that the District Council are currently expecting the lease to continue. The Clerk questioned the costs of maintaining the Common. More information is to be sought and the item included in 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. A member of the public noted the current high level of Urswick Tarn. Cllr. Birchall has contacted the Environment Agency about this matter and they plan to clear the beck from the Tarn. Cllr. Bolt stated that machinery is needed for the task, as the water levels are impacting on fishing and income from the Tarn. It was also noted that the wire netting on the Croft jetty needs replacing (it is currently under water).

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

No report was available. The Clerk noted that the insurance for the Community Speed Watch is in place. Cllr. Bolt stated that it is due to commence in late August/early September.

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 issues:

- Pipes for the Coot, Great Urswick – she is following up.
- Greenbank Gardens site, Little Urswick – County Highways have been informed of the problem with the vegetation. Cllr. Willis will contact the site developer.
- Highways Information Management – Cllr. Willis noted that the system needs improvement from a user perspective.

Cllr. A. Butcher reported on the following issues:

- Greenbank Gardens: The enforcement officer at the District Council has been contacted about this site, and is to follow up. Work has commenced on the site.
- Flooding on Red Lane.
- Waste bin at Bardsea (adjacent to telephone kiosk) – District Council have spoken to a resident who was filling the bin with bread.
- Travellers on Birkrigg Common were visited by an officer from the District Council.

The Clerk updated the Council on the following:

- Land adjacent to Daisy Hill, Great Urswick. Alteration/widening of gateway has been reported to the District Council planning enforcement officer.
- Review of South Lakeland Local Plan – Council will have the opportunity to put forward the land at Daisy Hill site for consideration as ‘Important Open Space – Amenity Open Space (no public access)’.

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

SL/2017/0545: 5 Brow End Cottages, Great Urswick. Single storey and two storey extensions.

No objections to this application.

SL/2017/0282: Weint End, Great Urswick. Conversion of barn to form two dwellings.

Additional information.

No further comment from the Parish Council.

b) To note decisions on the following planning applications:

SL/2017/0335: Land adjacent to Daisy Hill Cottage, Great Urswick. Erection of self-build dwelling and alterations to vehicular access (revised scheme of SL/2016/1023)

REFUSED

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

The Clerk read an e mail from Cllr. Chamberlain noting that it has been too wet to clear reeds at the Croft, but that a small working party is ready to assist. The Chairman stated that the remaining fishing pegs at the Tarn should be installed by the end of August (Tarn level permitting). The construction of a walkway for fishermen is under consideration. Cllr. Bolt reported that the Landing car park has been removed from a 'wild camping' website. He questioned whether the Council has the power to confiscate fishing gear if an individual has no fishing licence and is causing a nuisance at the Tarn. Clerk is to follow up.

11. To receive an update on the Local Area Partnership (LAP).

Cllr Cowsill reported on a recent LAP meeting. She drew members' attention to the Community Land Trust – a scheme to provide affordable housing to meet community housing needs. It was also noted that a small amount of LAP funding is available for flooding problems.

12. To receive a report of a 'Common Land' course attended by Cllr. N. Cowsill.

Cllr. Cowsill reported on the course which she recently attended. Information was circulated to members.

13. To discuss an issue concerning Gypsy Lane, near Birkrigg Common.

Cllr. Cowsill highlighted a problem with mud on this lane, particularly in winter months. The lane runs parallel to the road from Mountbarrow to Birkrigg Common, which can be dangerous for pedestrians if the footpath is unusable. She questioned whether quarry chippings on part of the footpath would be a useful addition. It was noted that Gypsy Lane is a bridle path. The Clerk will check with County Highways and the British Horse Association whether chippings would be an appropriate surface. Cllr. Cowsill offered to provide a map of the area.

Action: Clerk to action.

14. To discuss a litter pick in Urswick and its surrounds.

A litter pick is to be held in Urswick on Sunday 1st October. All are invited to take part – meeting at Urswick Parish Room at 9.45am.

15. To agree to send an official letter regarding the non-issue of a fishing licence to an individual.

The Council agreed to issue a letter to an individual who has been causing problems for other Tarn users and volunteers, refusing a fishing licence.

Action: Clerk to action.

Draft – to be confirmed at meeting on 28th September 2017

16. 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.

This item was put on hold. Cllr. Bolt pointed out that people having a picnic at the Landing may wish to consume alcohol.

17. To review bonfire arrangements for Stainton with Adgarley for 2017.

The Clerk provided a notice for display for Stainton with Adgarley.

18. To discuss proposed community ownership of Little Urswick Village Green.

The Council agreed that they were interested in acquiring ownership of the Green in principle, but would require more information to make a decision. Little Urswick Village Green Association should also be consulted.

19. To approve the Council's quarterly accounts and budget statement to 30th June 2017.

RESOLVED: The Council resolved to approve the quarterly accounts and budget statement to 30th June 2017.

20. 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 July 2017	£335.08
Clerk's expenses July 2017	£44.45
South Lakeland District Council – litter bin	£420.00
W.A. Bowes – clearance Stainton Green	£60.00
Urswick PCC – room hire 17/8	£10.00

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

Correspondence received since the last meeting was noted.

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

Community ownership of Little Urswick Village Green.
Future of Birkrigg Common.
Increase in vandalism in the Parish.

23. Date and time of next meeting.

28th September 2017, Stainton Recreation Hall, 7.30pm

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