

MINUTES OF URSWICK, BARDSEA AND STAINTON PARISH COUNCIL

From the meeting held on Wednesday 13th December 2017

Urswick Parish Room, 7.30pm

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

District/County councillors: J. Airey & J. Willis.

1. To receive and approve apologies for absence.

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. D. Chamberlain, C. Airey, & A Butcher.

RESOLVED: that the apologies be noted and the reasons noted.

2. Declarations of interests.

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 November 2017.

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

- White Ghyll Lane, Bardsea – overhanging trees obstructing vehicles. The County Highways Department has inspected this and concluded that no action is required at this time.
- Car parking issues in Little Urswick at the junction of Low House Gardens and Church Road. The Clerk reported this to the local PCSO, Helen Madden, who is taking action.
- South Lakeland District Council involvement in Birkrigg Common. E mail received stating that the Council is considering whether to renew the lease for Birkrigg Common. Cllr. Airey reported that another body may be interested in taking on the lease. He will keep the Parish Council informed of developments.

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

None.

Draft – to be confirmed at meeting on 25th January 2018

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 the Police (November – December 2017).

INCIDENTS OF NOTE

- 2 X Anti-Social Behaviour in Great Urswick (1 x Ongoing neighbour dispute - advice provided and South Lakes Housing Dept. made aware of situation); 1 x incident involving fireworks and livestock (offender identified and dealt with).
- 1 x Highway Disruption (faulty temporary traffic lights).
- 1 x RTC (Road traffic collision) (no injuries) in Great Urswick.

CRIME PREVENTION

- Community Speed Watch - regular sessions continue with volunteers.
- Operation Twiglet – extra shop lifting patrols in operation around the festive period.
- Challenge 25 – additional visits to public houses in the run up to Christmas (Test purchasing operations and drug wipe checks).

In addition, it was noted that a Police desk will be in operation at Urswick Parish Room on 12th January 2018, from 10.00 – 12.00.

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

Cllr. J. Willis reported that she had received complaints about parking outside Low Furness School. Cumbria County Highways Department is to investigate. She noted that the Cumbria County Council budget for the forthcoming financial year is open for consultation. As part of the process, changes will be taking place at Ulverston and Barrow Fire Stations.

Cllr. Bolt thanked Cllr. Willis for her help in dealing with a blocked drain at Daisy Hill, Great Urswick.

Cllr. J. Airey reported that the soak away at the flooded area of Horse Close Lane will be cleared. He noted that the District Council enforcement team were not making much progress at the Coot site, Great Urswick.

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

SL/2017/0987: Verstone, Mascalles, Ulverston. Single storey side extension providing covered patio area.

No objections were received.

SL/2017/0335: Land adjacent to Daisy Hill Cottage, Great Urswick. Erection of self-build dwelling and alterations to vehicular access. Appeal to Secretary of State (Planning Inspectorate), ref. APP/M0933/W/17/3186066.

The appeal was noted. The Parish Council's prior objections to this application will be noted by the Planning Inspectorate.

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

Cllr. Bolt noted that fishing licence receipts are down because of the adverse weather and that the seat on the Hagg, Great Urswick, is broken. The Chairman noted that matting will be required to surface the new fishing pegs – quotations to be sought for the next Council meeting.

11. To discuss the Tarn fishing platforms and agree a course of action.

The Clerk reported that she had spoken to the contractor responsible for installing the fishing platforms, and was assured that the work would be completed as per the original contract (i.e. four platforms in all) when the weather permits.

12. To receive and adopt the South Lakeland District Council Remuneration Panel Report 2018/19, with regard to travel and subsistence allowances.

RESOLVED: The Council resolved to receive and adopt the South Lakeland District Council Remuneration Panel Report 2018/19.

13. To agree a grass-cutting contract for Urswick for the 2018 season.

The Council considered four quotations for the work. It was agreed to award the contract to Taylor Garden Services, Barrow in Furness, for the 2018 season. (Highways Act 1980, s96(5))

Action: Clerk to issue letters to contractors and purchase order to Taylor Garden Services.

14. To discuss the Public Space Protection Order: dogs in open spaces, with reference to Council land.

After discussion, and on the advice of the Clerk, it was agreed not to request an order on Council land, as the local PCSO and enforcement officer already carry out patrols in the areas. This decision may be reviewed if problems arise in the future.

15. To discuss, in principle, the request for the transfer of ownership of a small parcel of common land on Little Urswick Village Green.

The Council agreed in principle to approve the ownership of the land as specified in the documents provided, on the understanding that no conveyancing fees will accrue to the Council. Transfer to be carried out at a later date, when the purchase of the village green from Crown Estates is completed.

16. To authorise the Clerk and Chairman to sign the Precept request form for 2018-19 on the Council's behalf.

RESOLVED: The Council resolved to authorise the Clerk and Chairman to sign the Precept request form on the Council's behalf.

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

Cllr. Cowsill updated the Council on the most recent LAP meeting. She noted that the Local Important Projects Grants are open for applications. Flooding on Red Lane (near Bardsea) is under investigation.

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 November 2017	£334.88
Clerk's expenses November 2017	£18.39
Urswick Parish Room – room hire 13/12	£10.00

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

Correspondence received since the last meeting was noted.

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

To approve the purchase of mats for the new fishing pegs at the Tarn.

To consider repair of the seat at the Hagg, Great Urswick.

21. Date and time of next meeting.

25th January 2018, Stainton Recreation Hall, 7.30pm

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