

MINUTES OF URSWICK, BARDSEA AND STAINTON PARISH COUNCIL

From the meeting held on Thursday 12th April 2018

Urswick Parish Room, 7.30pm

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

District/County councillors: Cllr. J. Airey.

PCSO. H. Madden.

Members of public: 3

1. To receive and approve apologies for absence.

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. D. Chamberlain, C. Airey, A. Butcher & 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 8th March 2018.

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting held on 8th March 2018 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).

Cllr. Birchall reported on the poplar tree at St. Mary's Garth. The tree has been inspected by South Lakes Housing and found to be sound. Cllr. Birchall will speak to residents concerned about the tree – if it were to become a danger in the future then its removal would be considered.

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.

Mr. R. Wilson spoke to councillors about a proposed research dive on Urswick Tarn, to be carried out by Furness Diving Club. An outline of the proposals has been supplied to the Clerk and will be considered at the next Council meeting. Mr. Wilson will advise the Council further when a date for the dive is determined.

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

PCSO H. Madden reported on the following:

INCIDENTS OF NOTE

- 2 x concerns for welfare – (1 x tree surgeons working on the highway, Great Urswick – all in order; 1 person with mental health problems referred onto appropriate services);
- 1 x criminal damage to motor vehicle – vehicle scratched with sharp implement whilst parked on the highway at Bardsea;
- 1 x anti-social behaviour (Great Urswick – all in order – no offences disclosed);
- 1 x wild life – report of 3 x dogs attacking deer, Bardsea – no trace of deer on arrival.

CRIME PREVENTION

- Community Speed Watch - regular sessions continue with volunteers;
- '20s Plenty' questionnaire to Great Urswick residents;
- Meeting with Victoria Upton, Highways Engineer re '20's Plenty' Proposal;
- Joint Partnership patrols with SLDC Enforcement;
- Police desk sessions continue at Urswick Parish Rooms on a monthly basis.

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

Cllr. Birchall reported on a number of flooded areas on Parish roads (from High Carley to Red Lane) and the response from County Highways. Feedback from Cllr. Willis was noted regarding flooding on Horse Close Lane – improvements have been made although there is currently no access to the soakaway.

Cllr. Bolt noted problems with the cattle grid on Birkrigg Common (leading to Scales) – the latch on the gate is broken. There is also rubbish frequently strewn on the cattle grid, which may be from the District Council's recycling wagon.

Action: Clerk to report.

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

SL/2018/0202: Land at Wadhead Hill, Cooper Lane, Bardsea. Two chalet lodges.

For Council's response see:

<http://applications.southlakeland.gov.uk/planningapplications/detail.asp?AltRef=SL/2018/0202&ApplicationNumber=SL%2F2018%2F0202&AddressPrefix=&Postcode=&Submit=Search>

b) To note decisions on the following planning applications:

SL/2017/1074: Tarn Meadow, Low Mid Town, Great Urswick. Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of a replacement dwelling.

GRANTED with conditions

SL/2018/0005: Town End Farm, Bardsea. Demolition of agricultural buildings, erection of single rural workers dwelling, relocation of taxi business and creation of new vehicular access.

GRANTED with conditions

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

GRANTED with conditions

SL/2017/1049: Skells Lodge, Great Urswick. Conversion and partial demolition of agricultural buildings to four dwellings with associated amenity space, parking and garaging.

GRANTED with conditions.**10. To receive an update from the Tarn working group and agree any actions.**

Cllr. Bolt updated the Council on the following items:

- An increase in fishermen numbers at the Tarn;
- Tipping issue at the Tarn – tipping has currently ceased and some material has been removed from the Tarn. Cllrs Keen and Bolt to revisit the site to check;
- Drainage from Daisy Hill into Tarn – a multi-agency task force is to attend. A budget has been allocated for a storm drain;
- The Environment Agency is to check the level of the Tarn.

Cllr. Bolt also queried the use of the car park at the Landing. Clerk is to check byelaws for any restrictions on parking.

The Council has been offered carp to restock the Tarn. However, it was agreed that this should not be done until research on current fish stocks is completed.

Action: Clerk to contact Environment Agency to request a fish survey be carried out.

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

It was agreed that the expense of specialist mats is prohibitive and non-slip decking stain might be preferable. Cllr. Bolt to check with Environment Agency whether this is suitable for use at the Tarn.

12. To discuss and approve works required at the Catwalk, Urswick Tarn.

The Clerk read two quotations for supplying and fitting a walkway at the Catwalk. It was agreed to accept the lower of the quotations and contract D. Stubbs to carry out the work, at a cost of £500.

RESOLVED: The Council resolved to contract D. Stubbs to carry out work at the Catwalk. (Local Government Miscellaneous Provisions, 1976, s19)

ACTION: Clerk to issue a purchase order.

13. To approve the introduction of '20s Plenty' speed signs in Urswick.

PCSO H. Madden reported on the following discussion with County Highways and Cllr. J. Willis:

- Introduction of '20's Plenty' scheme discounted as the removal of the 30mph signs and installation of the advisory 20mph limit would mean no enforcement of the speed limit, not even 30mph;
- Highways to carry out further monitoring with use of strips to obtain an overview of speeds within specific areas of the village - Daisy Hill; Horse Close Lane and Church Road;
- Work previously started on Daisy Hill, i.e. line markings, to be completed as soon as possible. Use of 'stick people' image discussed (within the markings);
- Introduction of 'Community Speed Signs' discussed, in addition to existing speed signs. A budget is in place for this. Further discussion to take place over most effective and appropriate design;
- Once data regarding speeds is available, to consider other options. There is a need to reduce speeds by other means before an enforceable 20mph zone can be considered. Other options discussed include additional signage, and/or introduction of road markings.

Low Furness School

Access, parking and speeding discussed near to the school. White lines recently put in place next to dropped kerb at main crossing point, to discourage vehicles parking over the dropped curb. Additional options include:

- Installation of coloured anti-skid strips to highlight the crossing point at the school, with the painting of 'LOOK LEFT' and 'LOOK RIGHT' at this point on the highway. The strips would be in place from one side of the highway (vertically), to the other, clearly marking out the crossing point;
- Installation of pedestrian crossing signs near the anti-skid strips.

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

Cllr. Cowsill provided an update on the LAP. A sub group is to be formed to consider the operation of the Highways Information Management System (HIMS). A meeting on 'Keeping your community safe in an emergency' is being held at Thwaites Village Hall, on 19th April 2018. Community volunteers have cleared blocked drains in the Parish.

15. To consider maintenance of the war memorial in Great Urswick.

The Council considered two quotations for maintenance of the war memorial. It was agreed to accept the lower of the two quotations, from Atkinsons Memorials. Fund raising is being undertaken by Cllrs Birchall and Keen. In addition, the Clerk has contacted Urswick PCC, on whose land the memorial is situated, to request a contribution to the costs.

RESOLVED: The Council agreed to contract Atkinsons Memorials to carry out maintenance at the war memorial. (War Memorials (Local Authorities' Powers) Act 1923.)

Action: Clerk to issue purchase order.

16. To discuss Stainton Village Green maintenance.

Cllr. Cowsill reported a problem with moles on Stainton with Adgarley Green, which may be detrimental to grazing animals. It was agreed to engage the services of a mole catcher, at a maximum cost of £50.

RESOLVED: The Council resolved to engage the services of a mole catcher, at a maximum cost of £50. (Open Spaces Act, 1906, s10)

17. To approve the Council's new Data Privacy Policy and Subject Access Request Policy.

The Clerk explained to members that new data protection regulation will come into force in May 2018. This will have implications for Council policies and practices. An outline of the main points of the new regulations was issued to councillors. Further new policies will be introduced at the next Council meeting.

RESOLVED: The Council resolved to adopt the new Data Privacy Policy and Subject Access Request Policy.

18. To approve the Council's statement of internal control for the year ending 31 March 2018.

RESOLVED: The Council resolved to approve the statement of internal control for the financial year ending 31st March 2018.

19. To review the Council's insurance for 2018-19.

It was agreed to maintain the Council's insurance cover at its present level for 2018-19.

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-Mar 2018	£334.88
PAYE Jan – Mar 2018	£251.20
Clerk's expenses Mar 2018	£40.84
Bardsea Schoolroom Ass. – gas consumption	£10.00
CALC – data protection training	£140.00
SLDC – emptying bin Little Urswick Green	£227.76
Urswick PCC – room hire 12/4	£12.00

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.

To consider replacement of a fishing peg with disabled access

To approve a dive in the Tarn by Furness Diving Club for research purposes

To consider extending the parking area at the Landing, Urswick Tarn

23. Date and time of next meeting.

Thursday 24th May 2018, Stainton Recreation Hall, 7.30pm.

Preceded by the Council's Annual Meeting, 7.15pm

PA 18th April 2018

