

MINUTES OF URSWICK, BARDSEA AND STAINTON PARISH COUNCIL

From the meeting held on Thursday 28th June 2018

Bardsea School Room, 7.30pm

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

Members of the public: 1.

1. To receive and approve apologies for absence.

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. D. Chamberlain, J. Hannah, C. Airey, J. Airey, A. Butcher & J. Willis. Apologies for lateness were received from Cllr. N. Cowsill.

RESOLVED: that the apologies be accepted 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 Annual Meeting and the ordinary meeting of the Council held on 24th May 2018.

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the Annual Meeting and the ordinary meeting held on 24th May 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. L. Birchall reported on the tree at St. Mary's Garth, Great Urswick. South Lakes Housing will only agree removal if all residents are in agreement. A community meeting will take place to decide its fate. If the tree is removed a replacement will be planted. Cllr. Birchall also noted that dog fouling on a path at Kirk Flatt, Great Urswick, has been reported.

The clerk reported on the following:

- Kirk Flatt junction with Church Road – problem with parked cars obscuring traffic sight lines – reported to Highways;
- Untidy site at the Coot, Great Urswick – reported to Planning Enforcement;

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- Overgrown grass verge at Greenbank Gardens/Church Road junction, Little Urswick reported to Highways – no action to be taken. It was noted that the site is currently being cleared.
 - Japanese knotweed at the Landing – Environment Agency have sprayed the area. This will need to be repeated as new growth has been reported. ‘Keep out’ notices have been renewed.
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 Bardsea resident noted that although lighting column 103 has been replaced it is not fully operational – Clerk to report. A query arose about a new mobile phone mast in Bardsea – Clerk to check.
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, as follows:

CRIME FIGURES

Crime figures can be obtained via the Cumbria Police Website:

<https://www.cumbria.police.uk/Your-Area/Your-area.aspx>

Alternatively use the following link:

<https://www.police.uk/>

INCIDENTS OF NOTE

- Damage – 1 x to fencing panel (believed to be historic damage caused by weather as opposed to criminal) and 1 x damage to floral display;
- Theft – garden hoe (left insecure in the garden);
- Off roading incident –No trace on police arrival;
- Assault without injury – cyclist struck by object expelled from moving vehicle (No trace of offender/vehicle);
- Highway disruption – cow on the highway;
- Concern for welfare x 3 – all in order on police attendance;
- Road-related Incident – 2 x concern re manner of driving (No trace of vehicles – incorrect registration numbers supplied);
- 1 x 2 vehicle road traffic collision – minor damage and minor injury only;
- 1 x anti-social behaviour/environmental. 3 separate groups of campers – all advised and moved on (Details passed to SLDC Enforcement).

CRIME PREVENTION AND OTHER INFORMATION

- Community Speed Watch - regular sessions continue with volunteers;
- Speeding concern is Great and Little Urswick referred to the CRASH meeting for review (“Cumbria Road and Safer Highways” multi agency meeting);
- Joint Partnership Patrols with SLDC Enforcement;
- Police desk sessions continue at The Parish Rooms, Urswick, on a monthly basis.

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PCSO H. Madden also informed the Council that the bus company has had problems in accessing Bardsea village with the school bus, because of parked vehicles. She plans to follow up.

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

None.

9. To identify road markings in the Parish in need of refreshment, to report to the County Council's Highways Department.

Several junctions in the Parish have been reported to County Highways (via Cllr. J. Willis) as in need of 'give way' road marking renewal.

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

SL/2018/0203: Grass verges adjacent to 39-47 Kirk Flatt, Great Urswick. Provision of off-road parking area.

No objections received.

SL/2018/0463: Old Stainton Hall, Long Lane, Stainton with Adgarley. Replacement windows.

No objections received.

SL/2018/0480: 6 Orchard Close, Bardsea. Raised decking with glazed balustrade at the rear of the property (retrospective).

No objections received.

b) To discuss the proposed appeal against planning refusal. SL/2017/0687: Kirkby Moor Wind Farm, Kirkby Moor and Lowick High Common, Grizebeck. Variation of condition no. 6 attached to planning permission 5/90/2312 (erection of 15 wind turbines and construction of access ways) to vary the temporary time condition to allow retention of turbines until 31 March 2027, followed by one year to carry out decommissioning works.

After discussion, it was agreed to reiterate the Council's original objections to the scheme and inform the Planning Inspectorate accordingly.

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

The Chairman noted that brambles at the Hagg have been sprayed with weed killer, and the Catwalk at the Tarn has been cleared of weeds. The Clerk read an update from Cllr.

Chamberlain as follows:

- Levels of dying weed on Urswick Tarn are improving. New weed is growing through and fish appear to be healthy.
- The Environment Agency has reported that oxygen levels in the Tarn are low – this may be affected by the current weather conditions and the Agency will continue to monitor.
- Two incidents of pollution of Clerk Beck with decorating products have taken place, killing a small number of fish and affecting plant life. The Environment Agency have written to home owners around the Tarn, advising of the implications of this type of behaviour.
- The approved work for the Catwalk will be completed by the end of July. The Tarn Working Group has offered assistance if required.

- Beck tunnels have been checked and some clearance work done. As Tarn levels rise later in the year this will need to be repeated.

Following Cllr. Chamberlain's suggestion, the Council agreed to thank Mr. & Mrs. Kapustynskyy, who helped clear the pollution after the incidents noted above.

Clerk to action.

12. To consider replacement of a fishing peg with disabled access on Urswick Tarn.

Deferred to next meeting.

13. To discuss an extension of the parking area at the Landing, Urswick Tarn.

The Council has been advised by the District Council's Planning Department that the work can be undertaken under the permitted development rights afforded to Local Authorities, set out in part 12 of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 2015, which allows minor works to be undertaken without planning permission. Estimates of the costs of the work will be sought for the next Council meeting.

14. To approve the removal of tree stumps from the Landing, Great Urswick.

Two quotations for the work were considered. It was agreed to accept a quote for £145 for grinding all the tree stumps in the grass cutting areas of the Landing.

RESOLVED: The Council resolved to accept a quote from G. Thompson, to carry out the work required. (Local Government Miscellaneous Provisions, 1976, s19)

Action: Clerk to issue a purchase order.

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

None.

16. 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 May-Jun	£683.28
Clerk's expenses May-Jun	£28.39
PAYE Apr-Jun 2018	£256.20
Bardsea Schoolroom Ass. - room hire 28/6	£9.00

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

Correspondence received since the last meeting was noted.

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

To approve the costs of extending the parking area at the Landing, Urswick Tarn.

To consider replacement of a fishing peg with disabled access on Urswick Tarn.

To consider refurbishment of a bench at the Landing, Great Urswick.

To approve the annual grant to Little Urswick Village Green Association.

19. Date and time of next meeting.

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