

Minutes of the meeting of Urswick, Bardsea & Stainton Parish Council, held at 7.00 p.m. on Thursday 20th April, 2023 @ Urswick Parish Rooms.

Present: Cllrs; J Keen; D Chamberlain; N Cowsill; H Cawley; T Brimley; J Scott

1. To receive and approve apologies for absence.

None received.

2. Declarations of interests

To receive declarations by elected and co-opted members of interests in respect of items on this agenda.

Cllr Cowsill declared a pecuniary interest in agenda item 8 – planning application SL/2023/0239

3. Requests for dispensations

None received

4. To authorise the Chairman to sign as a correct record the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 2nd March, 2023

Resolved: that the minutes are signed as a correct record

5. To note progress on ongoing matters not on today's agenda - for report and observation only (items requiring a decision to be placed on agenda of next meeting)

- Follow up email received from Resident regarding beauty salon planning issue at Stainton that was raised at March meeting. Cllr Cooper confirmed that planning have issued a notice of requirement to submit a retrospective planning application by a given date or an enforcement notice will be issued.

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

None present. Also see agenda item 5 above.

7. Report from Westmorland and Furness Councillor on matters of interest to Councillors and residents (for information only).

Cllr Cooper updated on the now live WAF Council and some of the issues he is hoping to address, particularly enforcement at The Coot and Highways.

8. To consider/confirm the Council's response to planning applications received and raise/note any other planning matters (*please refer to the website prior to the meeting for list of any applications received after the agenda issue*)

Applications:

SL/2023/0181 – Stainton Hall, Stainton - Removal of stone wall and erection of a 2 meter wooden fence in place of established bushes/trees have been removed

Resolved: Response of no objections – to leave to listed buildings.

SL/2023/0257 – Old School room, Bardsea - Erection of a detached garage building set partially into ground and with a sedum covered 'green roof'

Resolved: Response of no objections

SL/2023/0246 – Bourn House, Church Road, Great Urswick – erection of detached garage
Resolved: Response of objection. Original planning permission was granted with agreed exact siting of the development for safety, visibility splay and view/access to the Tarn being maintained – this development goes against original planning conditions and there is already a lengthy ongoing enforcement case open regarding blocked access to the Tarn/Common Land.

It was noted that not all neighbours had received notification from planning about the application and that the change of house name has meant residents were not aware of it. To include this in comments on the planning response and contact planning directly about this.

SL/2023/0239 – Stainton Green Farm, Stainton - Erection of an agricultural storage building (Midden)

Resolved: Response of no objections.

SL/2023/0294 – Bolton Manor Farm, Little Urswick - Extension to existing dairy cattle building and adjacent slurry storage tank. Resolved: Response of objection due to continuing concerns regarding lighting impact on neighbouring property as well as noting that condition of tree screening from previous application to minimise light pollution has not been met.

9. To discuss road junction between Kirk Flatt & Church Road

Ongoing issue regarding visibility and safety at this junction due to vehicles parking. The Parish Council wish to see either double yellow lines or marked bus stop area on the road to prevent parking. Resolved: To request that Cllr Cooper and Highways carry out a site visit to consider the situation and options.

10. To receive update on Common land access obstruction at the Coot and agree any further action.

To note this is now called Bourn House. No response from planning enforcement. Cllr Cooper will follow this up with planning.

11. To receive updates from the Tarn Working Group

- Barley straw is being used at the beck mouth to address algae (as recommended by the Environment Agency).
- to consider area that was historically dug out to prevent back flooding
- Parish Steward to be used to help keep pegs clear.
- monitoring of the jetty
- new permits printed and posters to display. Holiday let Annual permit fee received and notice provided for display in holiday let with safety information.

12. To consider updated quote for proposed Catwalk

- meeting to be held to progress the quote for the work.

13. To note completion of required tree works and consider advice & quote regarding Sycamore tree @ Stainton.

Tree work completion noted. The tree surgeon has advised that the Sycamore on Stainton Green has a 1 foot long hole in the trunk filled with water and recommends removal. Quote received for £360. However, Cllr Cowsill's husband has offered to remove the tree for free if he can use the firewood. He has the necessary liability insurance. Resolved: to proceed with this option. Clerk to formally write with instruction and obtaining copies of insurance to cover.

14. To receive updates regarding tree planting.

Cllr Scott has been in communication with the South Lakes Orchard Group and obtained some native fruit trees which have been planted on the right hand side of the Hagg. Residents/members of the Little Urswick Village Green Committee have requested that there is replacement planting for the recent tree removal on the Green following the tree survey/required works. Awaiting their thoughts on this.

15. To consider renewal of Parish Steward contract and discuss any jobs.

Resolved: To renew from 1st May. Post on Great Urswick noticeboard has been replaced. There will be ongoing jobs relating to Tarn maintenance.

16. To approve AGAR 2022-2023 Certificate of exemption from External Audit Limited Assurance review

Resolved: To approve and sign

17. To note completion of bank reconciliation and budget review for 4th quarter and 2022-2023 financial year.

Circulated to all & noted. Cllr Chamberlain to check full year paper copies.

18. To agree payments in accordance with the budget as listed below.

Clerks Expenses - £93.31

Clerk Salary - by standing order

HMRC - £6.40

HMRC - £6.20 (PAYE tax underpayment by PC of £6.20 for 2022-2023 financial yr)

Urswick PCC - £15

CALC (training) - £30

Cumbria Tree Services - £600

DM Payroll Services - £120

CALC (annual subscription) - £312.21

Fingerprints (Tarn permits) - £86.15

- To note cancellation of cheque no 001286 for £1434 (due to postal issue) and re-issue under cheque no 001287

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

- request for donation support for X112. Clerk to reply with donation request application form.

- copy of Bardsea Maltkiln play area proposal circulated and noted.

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

Community Litter pick/ongoing matters

21. To confirm date and time of next meeting as Thursday 18th May, 2023 Urswick Parish rooms - 6.45 p.m. for Annual Parish Meeting to be followed by 7.00 p.m. for Annual Council meeting

Confirmed.

Signed: *S Workman* (Clerk)

20th April, 2023

MINUTES REMAIN IN DRAFT UNTIL APPROVED AT THE NEXT MEETING