

Minutes of the meeting of Urswick, Bardsea & Stainton Parish Council, held at 7.00 p.m. on Thursday 10th August, 2023 @ Stainton Recreation Hall.

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

1. To receive and approve apologies for absence.

Apologies received and approved from Cllrs Chamberlain & Stockdale.

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 29th June, 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)

- action update by Highways for damaged gate/fence by the cattlegrid at Birkrigg.

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

- issue reported regarding bacteria/infection to cattle grazed on Stainton Green. The infection, which has no treatment, is caused by canines and has resulted in the Farm having to cull affected cattle. A letter has been sent around Stainton Village from the Farmer but as a result they have decided they can no longer graze their cattle on the Green. They have always cut the grass as part of the grazing, but may now need to charge for this in the future with it taking many hours work. To put on next agenda re future grass cutting.

- bridleway off Birkrigg/Sunbrick into Scales completely unpassable. Clerk to report.

- complaint received regarding the grasscutting between the Church at Great Urswick and Hooks Lane. Cllr Keen to speak to the contractor.

- member of public raised objections to planning app SL/2023/0512

7. Report from Councillor Cooper on matters of interest (for information only).

Apologies received from Cllr Cooper.

8. To consider/confirm the Council's response to planning applications received and raise/note any other planning matters

Applications:

SL/2023/0512 - 4 Braddylls Court, Main St, Bardsea - Front porch and single storey wrap around side and rear extension

Resolved: response of objections based on overshadowing & visual impact

SL/2023/0526 - Urswick Recreation Hall - Erection of replacement porch & access ramp

Resolved: response of no objections

SL/2023/0072 - Bank End, Urswick - Two dwellings with private access track - *to ratify further response of objections submitted by the Clerk under delegated authority due to planning response deadline.*

Resolved: to ratify response

Appeals:

SL/2020/0604 - Land at Daisy Hill - Appeal to planning inspectorate

Notifications:

SL/2023/0452 - High Town End Farm, Bardsea - siting camping pods - withdrawn

9. To consider applications for Urswick Councillor vacancy.

1 application received and another expression of interest.

Resolved: To defer until September meeting with full Council.

10. To receive update on Common land access obstruction and discuss planning enforcement issues relating to Bourn House (previously Plot 2 The Coot).

Resolved: Clerk to follow up again with the planning officer

11. To receive updates from the Tarn Working Group.

Discussed under agenda item 12.

12.To discuss future management of Urswick Tarn.

Furness Fishing Association (FFA) are interested in leasing the Tarn. The proposal would be for 10 years, with option to review after 5, with a fee payable to the PC of £1500 per annum. They would restock the Tarn and look to improve the fishing pegs.

This was discussed and Council are interested in the possibility with various questions and details that would need to be looked at. The PC also feel it is important to pursue the future improvement of wildlife/ecology for the Tarn.

Resolved: To make contact with Cumbria Wildlife Trust with a view to getting professional advice on the wildlife aspect. Cllr Keen to advise the FFA that the PC are interested to consider the proposal in more detail. To re agenda for September.

13.To consider updated quote for proposed Catwalk.

No updates and this will be held until future decisions made as per agenda item 12.

14.To discuss speeding issues in the Parish.

Resolved: Clerk to write to the headteacher at Low Furness school to suggest involvement of teacher and schoolchildren in encouraging better speed awareness. Also to try and encourage volunteers for speedwatch.

15.To consider pledge for Parish Councils Civility & Respect Project

Resolved: That the PC feel the code of conduct is sufficient.

16. To receive updates on Parish Steward jobs

Strimming junction Main St, Bardsea/Coast Rd for visibility. Also junction Little Urswick/Scales.

17. To note completion of bank reconciliation & budget review for 1st Quarter.

Circulated. Cllr Chamberlain to check

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

Clerks Expenses - £66.18

Clerk Salary - by standing order

HMRC - £12.80

Stainton Rec Hall - £16

Friends of the X112 - £100

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

None requiring action.

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

Tarn wildlife/Leasing of the Tarn/speeding/future grass cutting of Stainton green/co option.

21. To confirm date and time of next meeting as Thursday 21st September, 2023 @ Urswick Parish Rooms

Confirmed

Signed: *S Workman* (Clerk)

10th August, 2023

MINUTES REMAIN IN DRAFT UNTIL APPROVED AT THE NEXT MEETING