Minutes of the meeting of Urswick, Bardsea & Stainton Parish Council, held at 7.00 p.m. on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November, 2023 @ Stainton Recreation Hall.

Present: Cllrs; D Chamberlain; J Winder; N Cowsill; H Cawley; T Brimley; J Scott; S Stockdale; K Stepanian

## **AGENDA**

1. To receive and approve apologies for absence.

None

2. Declarations of interests

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

Cllr Cowsill re agenda item 16 - Stainton Green.

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 21st September, 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) None other than agenda items.
- 6. Public Forum: Questions, comments or concerns from any local resident.

The Council may wish to consider a matter in more detail at a later date before making a full response.

- comments passed on regarding dog fouling & condition of Urswick Churchyard to put on next agenda.
- cherry tree @ St marys Garth reported on HIMS.
- residents concern passed on regarding outbuilding Leghorn Cottage and querying scale in relation to planning permission. To submit enforcement enquiry.
- 7. Report from Councillor Cooper on matters of interest (for information only).

Cllr Cooper will endeayour to get forecast dates for projects for the Parish.

Horse passing signs near High Carley are not WAF responsibility.

Pass on to Cllr Cooper any HIMS that have been reported without response.

WAF have committed to continuing Library services in Ulverston.

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

Applications:

SL/2023/0753 – Land off Horse Close Lane, Great Urswick - Change of use of land to equine exercise area with enclosing fencing.

Resolved: response of no objections

Notifications:

SL/2023/0672 – Land off Horse Close Lane – discharge of condition 3A attached to planning application SL/2023/0417 (access details) – granted.

SL/2022/1040 - The Coot on the Tarn - variation of conditions - permitted

SL/2022/0968 - The Willows - demolition & replacement 1.5 storey dwelling - refused.

9. To receive update on Common land access obstruction relating to Bourn House (previously Plot 2 The Coot).

Update circulated. Resolved: To request to speak at planning committee.

10. To receive updates regarding speed issues within the Parish.

No updates regarding 20MPH limits. Still waiting to hear from Low Furness School.

11.To receive updates from the Tarn Working Group

Nothing to report. Discussion regarding licences & Bailiffing.

12.To discuss future projects and vision in the Parish Council

Cllr Chamberlain proposed the need to look at future projects to raise the profile of the Parish Council and increase community engagement.

Resolved: To form a Parish Projects working group. To put on next agenda.

- **13.To receive updates regarding Tarn wildlife/ecology and consider any actions**Contact made with 2 companies for possible ecological assessment awaiting response. Discussion regarding septic tanks emptying into the Tarn and the possibility of writing to the owners.
- **14.To receive updates regarding Tarn lease proposal and agree any actions**Following consideration, it was resolved not to proceed at this time with this proposal.
  The PC feel the current priority is the need to concentrate on the ecology and habitat of the Tarn. It may be something that could be considered again in the future. Clerk to write and thank the FFA for their interest.
- 15.To note letter of resignation from grasscutting contractor & approve contract to go out to tender for 2024.

Resolved: To put contract out to tender for 2024 with a deadline of 17<sup>th</sup> Jan, 2024.

- **16.To receive updates on grasscutting @ Stainton Green and agree any actions**Cllr Cowsill is organising the creation of a Community group in Stainton to carry out the grasscutting. The group once established will submit a request to the PC for a contribution towards grasscutting costs. Resolved: to approve this arrangement.
- **17. To receive updates on/identify Parish Steward jobs**Bench on Little Urswick Village Green requires some repair.
- **18. To note and approve adoption of new WAF code of conduct**Resolved: To approve
- 19. To agree payments in accordance with the budget as listed below.

Clerks Expenses - £62.50 Clerk Salary - by standing order HMRC - £6.40 Stainton Rec Hall - £16 I Taylor (grasscutting) - £1355 A Thompson (parish Steward) - £132.00 Urswick PCC (wreath) - £20

- 20. To note correspondence received (circulated) and decide on any response required.
  - Little Urswick Village Green Committee request for grant contribution to grasscutting. To put on the next agenda.
  - Request from rotary to plant trees on Stainton Village Green Resolved: To reply to decline due to maintaining open Village Green.
  - NALC salary increase backdated to April has been confirmed.
- 21. To receive items for the agenda for the next meeting.

Website/Urswick churchyard/Parish Projects committee/Request Little Urswick V Green/ongoing matters.

22. To confirm date and time of next meeting as Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December @ Stainton Rec Hall.

Confirmed

Signed: 8 Workman (Clerk)
2nd November, 2023

MINUTES REMAIN IN DRAFT UNTIL APPROVED AT THE NEXT MEETING.