

Minutes of the meeting of Urswick, Bardsea & Stainton Parish Council, held at 7.00 p.m. on Thursday 18th January, 2024 @ Urswick Parish Rooms

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

AGENDA

1. To receive and approve apologies for absence.

Apologies received and approved from Cllr Chamberlain

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 received

4. To authorise the Chairman to sign as a correct record the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 7th December, 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)

Highways HIAMS issues - passed to Cllr Cooper

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

A resident raised the issue of general flooding in Stainton and the area and the lack of remedial work. Also the lack of a grit bin at Stainton Head - reported to WAF Council who have advised the location does not meet the grit bin criteria.

7. Report from Councillor Cooper on matters of interest (for information only). Cllr Cooper reported on the following:

- Highways issues raised previously are now on WAF Council revenue list for action.

- Ulverston Library & WAF Council

- X112 bus has received £5K funding.

Flooding/drain/grit bin issues raised passed to Cllr Cooper.

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

Applications:

2023/1181/FFP/ - Field View, Little Urswick - Formation of offroad parking for 2 cars.

Resolved: Response of no objections and to highlight the fact that neighbouring properties have similar parking.

2023/1187/FFP - Old Art Room, Bardsea - Addition of glazed balustrade to part of existing flat roof to form balcony to rear of dwelling.

Resolved: Response of no objections

2023/1092/FFP - Brookside, Bardsea - Two storey side extension with garage and utility room on ground floor & sunroom and patio area on 1st floor, balcony to 2nd floor & reconfiguration of roof dormer & alterations to first floor windows at front of property (Resubmission of SL/2023/0114)

Resolved: Response of no objections

2023/1034/FFP - 13 Greenbank Gardens, Little Urswick - Single storey rear extension and rear dormer extension to the existing dilapidated property

Resolved: Response of no objections in principle but to raise objection to the proposed cladding colour, and visual impact of such, it not being in keeping with neighbouring properties.

Notifications:

- Bolton Manor - permitted with condition of building to be as per original and lighting to be off by 10.30 p.m.

Other planning updates:

- Braddy's, Bardsea - comments requested by planning officer and given on a proposal for amended plans. Objections remain in principle.

- Container @ Tinkers Row, Great Urswick update that the resident intends to clad in wood so no planning query needed.

- 9. To consider tenders received for and award grasscutting contract**
Tenders received: leaving grasscuttings Church Rd/removing grasscuttings Church Rd.
A - £1265/£1785 B - £1265/1295 C - £1850/£2050 D - £3431/£3706 E - £4200/£4532
Resolved: To award to Tender A - Andrew Lavery Services (leaving grass cuttings on Church Road)
- 10. To discuss 2024/2025 budget and agree precept request.**
Various options discussed. Consideration given to general reserves which whilst reasonably healthy, should be at least a years operating costs but decision to look again at this in the next budget with other budget items needing priority this year.
Precept amount required for 2024/2025 budget is £ 14,723.
Projected closing balance at end current financial year will be £3,600.
Resolved: To request precept of £ 12,723, using £2000 of the closing balance to reduce amount needed and £1600 of closing balance to be put towards Tarn ecology study.
- 11. To receive update on Common land access obstruction relating to Bourn House (previously Plot 2 The Coot).**
No response to recent letter proposing a site visit. To observe any changes once the better weather is here and consider again on future agenda.
- 12. To receive updates from the Tarn Working Group, review TWG members and arrange Tarn site visit.**
To discuss at next meeting and when the weather is more suitable.
- 13. To receive updates regarding Tarn ecology and reply/quote from South Cumbria Rivers Trust and agree next actions**
Quote received from SCRT for options on water sampling. Full agreement that testing over a period of time to establish phosphate levels at the current time is the way forward. Some money has been allocated for this (see agenda item 10). Clerk to establish if CIL funds would cover this and explore grants available. Also consideration of fundraising within the Village.
- 14. To agree Council members for Parish Projects working group**
Deferred until next meeting
- 15. To consider correspondence regarding applications for 20MPH zones and discuss traffic calming measures.**
Resolved: To proceed with application for Urswick (Cllrs Cawley & Stepanian) and carry out a poll to support this. To keep on the agenda for further discussion.
- 16. To discuss flooding within the Parish.**
See agenda item 6. To keep on the agenda for next meeting.
- 17. To receive updates regarding PC website.**
Ongoing.
- 18. To receive updates on Parish Steward jobs/identify any works needed.**
Clerk to follow up on current jobs.
- 19. To agree payments in accordance with the budget as listed below.**
Clerks Expenses - £32.30
Clerk Salary - £18.87 & S.Order.
HMRC - £22.20 (Jan)
HMRC - £2.80 (Dec) (employers N.I)
Urswick PCC - £20
Information Commissioner - £40
Westmorland & Furness Council (Bus shelter land rental) - £60
- 20. To note completion of bank reconciliation & budget review for 3rd quarter.**
Bank reconciliation circulated. Budget review to follow.
- 21. To approve and sign amendment to Clerks salary standing order.**
Approved and amended verbally with the bank.
- 22. To note correspondence received (circulated) and decide on any response required. (Clerk)**
No further actions needed
- 23. To receive items for the agenda for the next meeting.**
Tree planting/ongoing matters.
- 24. To confirm date and time of next meeting as Thursday 29th February , 2023 @ Stainton Recreation Hall**
Confirmed

Signed: *B W/kywz* (Clerk) 11/01/2024