

**Minutes of the meeting of Urswick, Bardsea & Stainton Parish Council, held at 7.00 p.m. on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> February, 2024 @ Stainton Recreation Hall.**

**Present: Cllrs; D Chamberlain (Chair); J Winder (Vice Chair); N Cowsill; H Cawley; T Brimley; J Scott; K Stepanian**

- 1. To receive and approve apologies for absence.**  
Apologies received and approved from Cllr Stockdale
- 2. Declarations of interests**  
None
- 3. Requests for dispensations**  
None received.
- 4. To authorise the Chair to sign as a correct record the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 18<sup>th</sup> January, 2024**  
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)
  - question re enforcement enquiry submitted on Leghorn Cottage. Clerk to follow up
  - fingerpost @ Little Urswick green is still unrepaired. To pass to Parish Steward
  - some questions asked regarding fencing into the road (Cllr Chamberlain to address) & rats (WAF Council issue)
- 6. Public Forum: Questions, comments or concerns from any local resident.**  
None raised.
- 7. Report from Councillor Cooper on matters of interest (for information only).**  
Apologies received from Cllr Cooper and update/report circulated. Double yellow lines for Kirk Flatt/Church Rd junction are now on WAF list at a cost of £8,500 for the consultation. Cllr Cooper has requested better repair to the parking/layby at Bardsea Park near Roys Ices.
- 8. To consider/confirm the Council's response to planning applications received and raise/note any other planning matters**  
Notifications:
  - 2023/1092/FFA - Brookside, Bardsea - permitted
  - 2023/1181/FPA - Field View, Little urswick - formation of 2 parking spaces - refused
  - 2023/1187/FPA - Old Art room - Bardsea - balustrade - refused.
- 9. To consider grant application received from Bardsea Maltkiln/playarea**  
Resolved: To approve grant of £200 from 2023/2024 budget to be paid once the play area work is active.
- 10. To receive update on Common land access obstruction relating to Bourn House (previously Plot 2 The Coot).**  
The Clerk reported on communications with Friends of the Lake district regarding the common land access and will report further on this. To consider joining Open Spaces Society and put on the next agenda.
- 11. To receive updates from the Tarn Working Group, review TWG members and arrange Tarn site visit.**  
Area behind catwalk is very flooded and jetty needs monitoring. Resolved: That all Councillors are assigned to the Tarn working group. Site visit to be arranged.
- 12. To receive updates regarding Tarn ecology survey funding**  
Confirmation received that CIL funds can be used for ecology study. There is a possible feasibility study funding with Rural Payments Scheme/Countryside Stewardship which opens for applications in March. Clerk to submit application. Also communications with Cumbria Voluntary Services for grantfinder help.
- 13. To agree Council members for Parish Projects working group**  
Resolved: All Councillors to be assigned to the Parish Projects working group with lead being taken by Cllr Cawley; also Cllrs Scott & Stepanian.

**14. To discuss tree planting**

Cllr Scott has been given some further fruit trees and confirmed locations for planting.

**15. To discuss flooding within the Parish.**

- Cllr Cowsill reported an improvement at Stainton.

- Horse Close Lane, Great Urswick is experiencing recurrent flooding, affecting access to the Village. To report to WAF Highways and pass onto Cllr Cooper.

**16. To receive updates on/discuss initiatives re speeding within the Parish.**

The 20 MPH application for Great/Little Urswick has been submitted and acknowledged.

**17. To receive updates regarding PC website.**

Ongoing. Cllr Stepanian updated on the recent survey carried out for 20MPH limit which received a lot of responses but there is a limit to data recovery with free surveys and therefore it might be necessary to consider paying for a survey facility for better future engagement with residents. To continue considering options.

**18. To receive updates on Parish Steward jobs/identify any works needed.**

Little Urswick jobs completed.

Jobs to pass on: Fingerpost Little Urswick green. Cutting back on Stainton green. To contact Countryside Access regarding Rec Lane and Hooks Lane bridleway.

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

Clerks Expenses - £61.48

HMRC - £22.20

Stainton Rec Hall - £20

Andrew Thompson (Parish Steward) - £TBC

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

No actions required.

**21. To receive items for the agenda for the next meeting.**

Cold calling/Open Spaces membership/survey facility/ongoing matters.

**22. To confirm date and time of next meeting as Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April, 2024 @ Bardsea Maltkiln**

Confirmed

Signed: *S. W. W. W.* (Clerk)

29<sup>th</sup> February, 2024