

Minutes of the meeting of Urswick, Bardsea & Stainton Parish Council, held at 7.00 p.m. on Thursday 31st October, 2024 @ Stainton Recreation Hall

Present: Cllrs; D Chamberlain; J Winder; N Cowsill; T Brimley; J Scott; K Stepanian

- 1. To receive and approve apologies for absence.**
Cllr Cawley.
- 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 19th September, 2024**
Resolved: That the minutes are signed as a correct record
- 5. To approve amendment to 8/8/24 minutes - agenda item 5, section 4 to read "High Point" instead of "The Orchard" on White Ghyll Lane, Bardsea.**
Resolved: To amend the minutes as stated.
- 6. To hear from SCRT, approve amended proposal for Tarn ecology project and agree any further details.**
Details of the project were presented and discussed. Resolved: To approve the amended proposal and costs of £5690 + VAT. Locations agreed & project to begin in the New Year. The first payment for the project will come from the CIL funds held as these must be used within a particular timeframe. Urswick bingo receipts of £366 received today with thanks bringing the current Tarn Ecology funds to a total of £4634. (£800 CGP grant/£868 fundraising/£366 Bingo fundraising/£1000 locality grants held and previously agreed + £1600 earmarked from 23/24 closing balance).
- 7. 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)
- noted that Leghorn Cottage planning enforcement case is still active with W&F Council
- 8. Public Forum:**
- Questions, comments or concerns from any local resident.
Question raised about waste movement re Bankfield/The Derby - no actions needed.
- 9. Report from Councillor Cooper on matters of interest (for information only).**
- update on Ulverston library.
- Green waste update that W&F Council are focusing on waste transformation to improve the service with a single model for all areas.
- 2 x £500 grants locality board available. Proposal from UBS PC for £500 grant for floating nesting platforms. Cllr Cooper will check if this meets the criteria.
- 20MPH consultation - no updates
- Urswick drains need jetting. Cllr Chamberlain to re-report and copy to Cllr Cooper.
- query as to the lack of completion of whitelines/middle white line on the road from A590 into Urswick. Cllr Cooper to look into.
- Wellhouse, Bardsea experiencing a lot of traffic looking for the stone circle. W&F Council will put in a new "deadend" sign with "no access to the stone circle"
- Bourn House - Cllr Cooper has spoken to the deputy leader of W&F Council regarding the planning enforcement issues and will raise this particular example.
- Boundary Commission consultation
- 10. To consider/confirm the Council's response to planning applications and raise/note any other planning/planning enforcement matters (please see agenda on website for any applications received following agenda issue)**
2024/1975/FPA - 3 Orchard Road, Bardsea - Single storey side and rear extension including demolition of existing partially converted garage, to provide dining room and garage. External works to include raised decking with glazed balustrade and off road parking. Resolved: response of no objections.

11. To discuss Boundary Commission consultation on ward boundary changes and agree any response.

Resolved: To submit response strongly supporting Cllr Coopers comments on maintaining rural integrity.

12. To receive update on Bourn House planning enforcements/Common land access obstruction and agree any further action.

See agenda item 8. Resolved: To resubmit enforcement enquiry for the garage siting and access. Also to follow up building spoils/Tarn access obstruction active case with planning enforcement as the spoils have increased again recently.

13. To raise any Highways issues

See agenda item 9.

14. To receive updates from the Tarn Working Group, including Tarn water levels and agree any actions.

- The Environment Agency have advised that they have *“completed maintenance works on Deep Meadows Beck and levels fell at the time of completion. The works were mainly taking aquatic weed from the channel and some of the marginal grass between the tarn and Church Road bridge”*. They also advised that *“as with previous years, we would ideally like to get further upstream into the mouth of the Tarn but this is not possible with the equipment and resources. We have further plans to maintain downstream and will keep a close eye on the channel and remove blockages if they occur”*

- Ongoing Council discussions about levels and whether any other remedial works could be undertaken but this brings in the question of permissions and legality. It was noted that South Cumbria Rivers Trust do carry out watercourse works and liaise with the Environment Agency so it was agreed that fa bit further into the ecology project this is a potential line of discussion to be had.

- It was also agreed that commencing regular recorded depth measurements would be sensible – Cllr Chamberlain will look into appropriate measuring sticks.

- To ask the Parish Steward to do some clearance at the Catwalk and The Croft and inspect the fishing pegs.

- Bird nesting platforms to be purchased if the locality grant is approved.

15. To receive any updates from Parish Projects Working Group

- Community Orchard – purchase of fruit trees and tree protection approved and approximate timeline for clearance and planting.

16. To receive updates on new PC website and judge/agree new PC logo.

The new website is built and now ready for input.

The Council were delighted with the enthusiastic and creative logo designs from the pupils at Low Furness Council. A winner was chosen and runner ups but all agreed that they were all so good that there should be a montage of them all for the new website. Prizes to be agreed.

17. To approve purchase of dedicated Parish Council phone.

Resolved: To approve purchase. Clerk to look at options.

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

The Hagg/Tarn by the Catwalk and fishing pegs/small lane by recreation hall/brambles on the road near Rec.

19. To note completion of bank reconciliation & budget review for 2nd quarter.

Noted

20. To note receipt of CIL funds of £702.42 for period April-Sept 24.

Noted.

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

Salary – S.Order

Salary (backdated) - £104.88

Expenses - £34.40

Remembrance wreath - £24.50

HMRC - £103.40

Stainton Rec Hall - £20 (hall hire)

A Lavery Gardening Services - £177.85 (Oct)

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

NJC SCP salary scale increase backdated to 1st April noted.

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

Bardsea vacancy/2025-2026 budget/Community Infrastructure Levy use

24. To confirm date and time of next meeting as Thursday 5th December, 2024 @ Urswick Parish Rooms, 2024

Confirmed

Signed: *S Workman* (Clerk)

31st October, 2024

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