

Minutes of the meeting of Urswick, Bardsea & Stainton Parish Council, held at 7.00 p.m. on Thursday 5th December, 2024 @ Urswick Parish Rooms

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

AGENDA

- 1. To receive and approve apologies for absence.**
Apologies received and approved from Cllrs Cawley & Chamberlain
- 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 31st October, 2024**
Resolved: That the minutes are signed as a correct record
- 5. To note progress on ongoing matters not on today's agenda**
- present for logo winners - Clerk to arrange for January meeting.
- 6. Public Forum:**
None present
- 7. Report from Councillor Cooper on matters of interest (for information only).**
 - 20MPH consultation has been successful and will now progress to the next stage.
 - Wellhouse, Bardsea - dead end sign in production "no access to Birkrigg"
 - update on discussions with Virginia Taylor (W & F Council cabinet member for Sustainable Communities and Localities) re planning enforcement generally and particularly Bourn House. Also response to Cllr Cooper from the head of planning enforcement.
 - ward boundary submission from W&F Council.
- 8. To discuss & consider applications for Bardsea ward vacancy.**
1 application received from an Urswick resident. The Council feel that ideally Bardsea ward should be represented by a Bardsea resident. Resolved: To put the application received on hold and focus on trying to advertise the vacancy throughout Bardsea. Cllr Stepanian to arrange flyers to go through letterboxes/see if there is a Village facebook group and look at attending the coffee morning.
- 9. 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)**
2024/2217/FPA - Cafe, Coast Road - variation of condition 2 to planning permission SL/2020/0596. Resolved: no objection.
- 10. To receive update on Bourn House planning enforcements/Common land access obstruction and agree any further action.**
Response received and circulated from planning enforcement and also copy of response to Cllr Cooper.
Resolved: To contact Open Spaces for further guidance on the common land obstruction.
- 11. To raise any Highways issues**
 - to report the detritus left by the flooding at junction Church Rd/Hooks Lane
- 12. To receive updates from the Tarn Working Group**
 - £500 locality grant received for nesting platforms. Costs of platforms are approximately £100. Cllr Cowsill had made a prototype. To look at other options as to where to purchase/have made.
 - permission letters issued for SCRT Tarn access
 - A resident has the original Tarn level markers which just require a new rule and they have offered to take photographs to record the levels.

13. To receive any updates from Parish Projects Working Group

Orchard trees purchase to be arranged by Cllr Scott – date for planting to be agreed at the next meeting. The Parish Steward is meeting to look at the clearing work. Costs for clearing had originally not been included in the grant application as it had been thought this may have been done by a Volunteer. As this will now have to be done by the PS, any remaining grant funds after tree & equipment purchase will be used to cover clearing of the orchard area.

14. To approve costs of Parish Council mobile phone

£55 for phone & Approx £7 per month basic contract. Resolved: To proceed.

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

Hagg as per agenda item 13. Invoice received for works carried out.

16. To consider renewal of grasscutting contract for 2025.

The revised quote for 2025 is as per 2024 +£100. Resolved: To approve renewal of contract.

17. To discuss use of Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) funds

Ideas put forward for contribution towards new mower for Little Urswick Green grasscutting/provision of bin emptying at Urswick Rec.

18. To consider 2025/2026 budget

A first look at 25/26 budget was made with final decision to be at the next meeting.

19. To receive updates on new PC website

This will be launched in the New Year.

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

Salary - S.Order

Salary - (by cheque) - £13.06

HMRC - £32.40

Expenses - £68.25

A Thompson (Parish Steward) - £148.80

Urswick Parish Rooms - £15 (hall hire)

21. To approve amendment to salary standing order effective from January 2025.

Approved.

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

- W&F Council submission to the ward boundary consultation is for the ward to change to Dalton & Low Furness with 3 ward Councillors. First consultation will be Feb 2025.

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

Budget&Precept/bin for Urswick Recreation Hall/nesting platforms.

24. To confirm date and time of next meeting as Thursday 16th January, 2025 @ Stainton Recreation Hall.

Confirmed

Signed: *S Workman* (Clerk)

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