**UNDERSKIDDAW PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING held in the Underskiddaw Church Rooms on Tuesday 10th September 2019 at 14:00**

**PRESENT:** Mr J Wilson (in the Chair), Mr Tony Gibbs, Mr Chris Corder, Mr David Lake, Becx Carter-Parish Clerk, 2 members of the public, Mr Dave Watson- United Utilities Planning & Consents Manager

With four councillors present the meeting was quorate.

# 2019.45 Apologies for Absence

Mrs J Boniface, Mr Ian Hall, Mr David Horsburgh

# 2019.46 Minutes of the 9th July 2019

**Resolved** that the minutes be signed as a true and accurate record by Cllr J Wilson in his role as Chair of the meeting.

**Action: Clerk to upload minutes to website.**

# 2019.47 Declarations of Interest & request for Dispensation

None

# 2019.48 Public Participation

1. Mr J Hayes of the Village Hall confirmed he had been unable to print out the information relating to the Parish Council mailing list to be distributed with the most recent Village Hall Flyer

**Action: Clerk to print out a small number of the forms and send to Mr Hayes to be made available at the forthcoming ‘Underskiddaw Arms’ event being held at the Village Hall at the end of September.**

# 2019.49 United Utilities Update

Mr Dave Watson attended on behalf of United Utilities West Cumbria Pipeline Project at the invite of the Parish Council to address specific issues regarding the reinstatement/restoration of the pipeline easement and the number/locations of permanent structures that will remain along the easement within the Parish once the project is completed.

### Reinstatement

The project timescales have now slipped due to the length of time it has taken to pressure test the pipe (there have been issues). As such it is unlikely now that any restoration will take place in the Underskiddaw Parish during 2019. The current timescales are now 2020 for topsoil & boundary features within the Underskiddaw Parish and 2021 for reseeding/greening.

Mr Watson confirmed that he hoped that the area at the bottom of Applethwaite Lane would be filled & levelled before the winter but no further restoration works would occur.

Concern was raised that if the easement is not being reinstated prior to this winter, what the plans for winterisation are to prevent the damage and disruptions that occurred last winter around run of from soil heaps on to roads/into water courses, flooding from the easement, and failure of easement fencing. Mr Watson confirmed that winterisation plans are being prepared.

**Action: United Utilities to provide copies of these winterisation plans to Underskiddaw Parish Council as soon as they are available.**

### Permanent structures

Mr D Watson provided a simplified version of the maps showing the complete pipeline route throughout the county. This confirmed that there would be two permanently constructed kiosks (2m \* 2m approximately) constructed out of Lakeland Stone within the Parish (one opposite Dodd Wood and one at the end of Applethwaite Lane). The kiosks will require power (to the inside) but Mr Watson confirmed they would have no external lighting. And in excess of 45 ‘access manholes’ large concrete squares flush with the ground, consideration is being given to the tinting/colouring of the concrete to make it less visually intrusive. Some of these are in ‘clusters’ where there will be 3/4/5 concrete squares in a close proximity.

Access will be required to all fields that the pipeline easement runs through, but Mr Watson confirmed that at this stage it wasn’t anticipated that any tracks would need to be created. However the details of exact access requirements have yet to be finalised with landowners. Any access required would be on foot/via appropriately vehicles e.g. quadbikes. All hard standings currently in place will be removed once the project is completed.

**Action: Clerk to circulate the simplified maps & mock ups of the permanent structures to all councillors and upload to the website.**

Mr Watson confirmed that when challenged regarding UU’s promise at the start of this process that ‘within 5 years residents wouldn’t know UU had been present’ that this was more wishful thinking. All Councillors present noted that they felt statements like this provided by UU at public consultation events were misleading if not a mis-truth.

Further it was confirmed that whilst reference to the permanent structures required along the pipeline was referred to in the initial planning documents (as part of a word/pdf document) the mapping and locations of them has been dealt with as part of a Planning Condition (with no public consultation). Therefore it is only now that residents are realising the permanent visual impact this project is going to have on the area, long after the construction works are completed.

Mr Watson confirmed that the loss of agricultural land through the creation of permanent structures and the associated impact on stewardship agreements is being dealt with by the land agents team. There is currently both construction period compensation & long term compensation for land losses but no further details are available.

Mr Watson confirmed that UU have a planning obligation to a 5 year monitoring period once restoration is completed to ensure that all the re-seeding/levelling/drainage etc remains good. This period has not yet commence in Underskiddaw Parish.

### Communications

It was noted by Councillors & the Clerk that once again the communication from UU over the past year or so has been deteriorating to the point of almost nothing, which is causing local tensions and frustrations. This has further been noted by Friends of the Lake District who are lobbying UU on a variety of issues on behalf of a number of bodies (including Underskiddaw Parish Council). Mr Watson acknowledged that communication had been poor recently and that this was something that UU were looking to improve.

**Action: UU to confirm emergency contact details for the pipeline in case of incidents over the winter (that don’t involve the central contact centre).**

### Beck Watch

The Clerk informed all present that UU have offered to create a ‘beck-watch’ group for Burr & Applethwaite Ghylls so that people can inform UU of any sedimentation or discolouration of the water.

**Action: Clerk to chase up UU about the formation of this group**

**Action: Clerk to circulate details of this group to all and add any additional numbers to the group as required.**

# 2019.50 Update from other bodies (if present)

### Police

The Clerk read out the Police report and the five incidents within it were noted.

### Lake District National Park Authority

### Keswick Garden Centre

Cllr J Wilson noted that he and the Clerk have spoken to the LDNPA regarding Keswick Garden Centre/Little Dodd. The LDNPA have confirmed that the use of the garage as an annex to the house is not a material change of use even though it has a kitchen & bathroom within it. The LDNPA have confirmed they would only investigate it as a material change of use if the property were to start being marketed for holiday accommodation/air B & B.

### Croft Head Cottage (7/2016/2056)

Cllr J Wilson confirmed that he had raised concerns with the LDNPA that this site appeared to be being developed despite being rejected twice by the LDNPA. It has been confirmed that permission was granted on appeal for this development back in 2016.

# 2019.51 Clerks Report

All matters were covered in the Clerks written report circulated to all councillors prior to the meeting.

*Underscar Manor Fireworks-* Concern has been raised locally regarding the extremely loud fireworks that were discharged from the site recently causing distress to local residents and animals.

**Action: Clerk to contact Underscar to make them aware of the local concerns and enquire as to their future intent regarding fireworks and ask that local residents and land owners are notified if such displays are going to take place in the future.**

# 2019.52 Finances

## Bank Balances

**Resolved** that these were noted as:

Current Account £7,361.22 at 5th August 2019

Money Manager £2,632.46 at 31st July 2019

## Clerks Salary

The Clerk left the room during this discussion.

**Resolved** by all present that the Clerks Salary be increased to SCP 22 for 4 hours per week.

**Action: Cllr J Wilson to confirm this to the Clerk**

**Action: Clerk to process all relevant paperwork.**

## Approval of Cheques

**Resolved** that the following cheques were approved by all present and signed by Cllrs Wilson & Hall (after the meeting)

Crosthwaite Church Room Hire £25.00

Andrew Wilson Parish Maintenance £193.25

Becx Carter Salary rise 19-20 £220.48

David Horsburgh Wasp Nest Removal £30.00

Becx Carter Salary £441.92

HMRC PAYE £110.40

**Action: Clerk to process the above payments**

## To approve & sign the Bank Reconciliation and Spend Against Budget Report up to 5th Sept 2019

**Resolved** by all present that this be signed as a true & accurate record.

## Defibrillator Pads Village Hall

**Resolved** by all present that when the defibrillator pads need to be replaced in 2021 the Parish Council would fund this.

# 2019.53 Lake District National Park Authority

## Decisions

**Resolved** by all present that the below decision be noted:

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| **Ref** | **Address** | **Proposal** | **Decision** |
| 7/2019/2168 | Land adjacent to Brundholme Road & Penrith Road | Approval of details reserved by conditions of planning permission reference 7/2016/2027 (water supply connections from Thirlmere to West Cumbria) in respect of reinstatement of Sheepdog Field & Royal Mail site compounds serving River Greta Tunnelling operations | Approved |
| 7/2019/2051 | Field View, Applethwaite | Single storey extension to rear, creation of porch, Juliette balcony & incorporation of insulation into the roof (marginal increase in ridge & eaves height) | Approved with conditions |
| 7/2019/2148 | Underscar Manor, Underskiddaw | Erection of winery & storage facility | Prior approval not required |
| Various | Site of Keswick to Threlkeld Railway | Multiple applications relating to conditions on planning application 7/2018/2116 | Approved with conditions |

## Planning applications for consideration

**Ref: T/2019/0139**

Location: The Old Coach House, Underskiddaw, Keswick

Proposal: Fell 1 Robina

**Resolved** by all present that the Parish Council have no comments or objections to this proposal.

**Action: Clerk to submit these comments.**

# 2019.54 Members Reports

### Village Hall

Mr J Hayes noted that a very successful summer BBQ had recently been held (thanks were noted to those that did the catering) with an Underskiddaw Arms night planned for the 28th September 2019. Additionally a cake/soup & chat event is being planned, and the Church Carol Service will be held in the Village Hall where there is additional space. The Village Hall now has enough bookings to cover the ongoing running costs.

# 2019.55 Councillor Matters

*Applethwaite Lane Hedges-* It was noted that the hedges appear to be encroaching once again on to the road, Cllr J Wilson noted that this was the responsibility of the landowners.

**Action: Clerk to agenda for the November meeting and if no progress has been made a letter could be sent to the Landowners.**

*Dancing Beck Area Water-* It was noted that since the felling has taken place to the rear of Dancing Gate a large amount of water is now flowing on the road in significant volumes.

**Action: Clerk to report this on HIMS once Cllr D Lake has confirmed the exact location.**

*Underscar Track-*It was noted that there is some drainage damage where Underscar have been doing works of the Ormathwaite road.

**Action: Clerk to raise this with Underscar.**

*Remembrance Sunday*

**Action: Clerk to order a wreath for delivery in time for Remembrance Sunday.**

# 2019.56 Date & Time of the Next Meeting

**Resolved** by all present that the next meeting date be:

Tuesday 12th November 2019-14:00

Meeting closed 15:08