



Arnside Parish Council

Minutes of the monthly Meeting held on Tuesday 11th April 2023 at 7.15pm in the Cemetery Chapel.

Present:

Councillors: Mike Mann (MM) – chair, Steve Porter (SP), Neil Punnett (NP), Helen Chaffey (HC), Keith Halford (KH), Rebecca Kennington (RK), Clive Christensen (CC)

Officers: Clerk - Pete McSweeney, RFO Lesley Smyth.

22-23/143	Apologies for Absence: - Josh McLeod (JM)	
22-23/144	Declaration of Interests: - RESOLVED that the following declarations of interests be noted. None.	
22-23/145	Minutes of previous Meeting: - RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 13 th March 2023, pages 19129-19130 be confirmed as a true record and to be signed by the chair.	MM
22-23/146	<p>Public Participation – Members of the public to address the council and report from Westmorland & Furness Council members for the Kent Estuary ward: -</p> <p>Members of the Public: Fran Richardson from ACTION with Communities in Cumbria gave a verbal update on the draft report that has been compiled as a result of the recent Housing Needs Survey conducted in Arnside for which there was a 45% response. The draft report has been distributed to all APC members and a summary was handed out to all members at the meeting. Action – All APC members to respond to NP re survey results.</p> <p>Westmorland & Furness Council (W&FC) Update: Cllr Helen Chaffey reported the following:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • W&FC went live with Vesting Day on 1st April 2023. • The W&FC AGM will take place on 20th April 2023 when all member committee and board appointment will be made. • W&FC will have a portfolio of dwellings available for social rent. These dwellings have come from the now defunct Barrow Borough Council. 	HC
22-23/147	<p>Councillor Matters – Matters raised by Councillors not on the agenda:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cricket club representative Tony Pidgeon, has asked if the parking area on the memorial playing field can be made more weatherproof. <p>Action – Discuss at playing field committee meeting on 19th April.</p>	MM
22-23/148	<p>Financial Report RESOLVED that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The report be received and noted. • Members to give guidance to RFO regarding insurance concerns outlined in recent email to all members. Action – Members to respond to RFO • Action - RFO to get quotations regarding the recent pier survey, • Councillor allowances to remain the same. • Action – RFO to send out invoices to allotment holders who have not yet paid. Plot rental fees to remain as per 2022/23. • An external auditor is needed and will cost more than previous years. Action – RFO to get 3 quotes for audit service. • It was resolved to raise the price for benches. 	MM RFO RFO RFO
22-23/149	<p>Cemetery Report – RESOLVED that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The report from JM be noted. 	
22-23/150	<p>Applications for Development – RESOLVED that the clerk should respond to W&FC as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SL/2023/0256 – with comments • SL/2023/0218 – with comments • SL/2023/0267 – No objections 	Clerk

22-23/151	Wildflower Verges Project – RESOLVED that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update report sent out to all councillors prior to meeting be noted. • Thanks to Dougie Watson and the AONB volunteers to be noted. • Action – agenda item for next meeting to discuss residents’ rewilding possibilities. 	Clerk
22-23/152	Consider allocation of funds to pay for the hire of the PA system for the Coronation Picnic on the 7th May. – RESOLVED that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contingency funds be used. 	RK
22-23/153	Date of the next meeting - RESOLVED that the date of the next scheduled meeting of Arnside Parish Council be confirmed as Wednesday 10 th May 2023 in the Cemetery Chapel upon the closure of the Annual Meeting of the parish council which will start at 7:15pm. Items and Finance items for the agenda should reach the Clerk and RFO respectively by Friday 28 th April 2023.	
22-23/154	Meeting closed at 20:55.	

Chair:

Date: