



Arnside Parish Council

Minutes of the monthly Meeting held on Monday 8th April 2024 at 7.15pm in the Cemetery Chapel.

Present:

Councillors: Mike Mann (MM) – chair, Neil Punnett (NP), Helen Chaffey (HC), Rebecca Kennington (RK), Michael Simpson (MS), Darrell Lancaster(DL), Steve Porter(SP) , Jill Abel(JA)

Officers: Clerk - Pete McSweeney, RFO – Caroline Caudwell, Cemetery Officer – Josh McLeod

23-24/176	Apologies for Absence: - David Gee, Cllr Helen Chaffey arrived mid meeting due to W&FC commitments at Milnthorpe Parish Council meeting.	
23-24/177	Declaration of Interests: - RESOLVED that the following declarations of interests be noted. None	
23-24/178	Minutes of previous meetings: - RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held the 11 th March 2024 pages 19156 & 19157 be confirmed as a true record and be signed by the chair.	MM
23-24/179	Public Participation – Members of the public to address the council and report from Westmorland & Furness Council members for the Kent Estuary ward: - Members of the Public: No members of the public were present. Westmorland & Furness Council (W&FC) Update: W&FC member Cllr Chaffey reported the following:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Details of a conversation with Graham Nicholson of W&FC regarding tree management in the Beachwood area. 	
23-24/180	Councillor Matters – Matters raised by Councillors not on the agenda: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It was reported that the cardboard bins at the W&FC waste collection site on Briery Bank are overflowing. It was suggested that commercial packaging is being illegally placed in these bins. ACTION - Contact Andy Vickers at W&FC to arrange for bins to be emptied and investigate the depositing of commercial waste at the site. It has been reported that a memorial sign has been attached to rocks near to the Coastguard Station. ACTION – Identify contact the land owner. It has been reported that representatives of Holgates Caravan Parks may have been cutting grass verges near to the entrance of their site. ACTION – Contact Holgates to ask if they have done the cutting and if so, have they got a licence from W&FC 	HC Clerk Clerk
23-24/181	Cemetery Report – RESOLVED that: The report from JM be noted. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> JM reported that the digitisation of APC cemetery records has progressed. The potential purchase of digitisation software by W&FC is on hold. 	JM
23-24/182	Financial Report RESOLVED that: a) To consider the financial summary for April 2024 The report be received and noted. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Income for the month was £4,122 Expenditure for the month was £6,614 net of VAT Balances – Playground £26,024.47, current account £27,965.20 and reserves £49,525.60 ACTION – Ask David Brockbank to photograph chapel meter readings ACTION – Request smart meter for chapel ACTION – Consider one electricity supplier for council assets b) Finance Working Group Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The APC budget for 2024/25 has been agreed by the working group and is recommended for approval. It was RESOLVED that recommendation be approved. W&F Council have confirmed the precept request for 2024/25 from APC at £59,023. The chairman gave members a brief outline of the AGAR process. 	RFO Clerk RFO RFO MM & RK MM
23-24/183	Applications for Development – RESOLVED that the clerk should respond to W&FC as follows: 2024/0481/FPA – No objections, but include positive comments from NP	Clerk

23-24/184	<p>Consider tree management proposals in Beachwood</p> <p>No progress on confirmation that residents of adjoining properties will fund any work on the trees. Graham Nicholson from W&F Council has informed SP that the ash tree that is suffering from ash die back disease should be felled before the end of April 2025. ACTION – Contact Graham Nicholson for written confirmation of advice regarding the ash tree and ask if he is aware of a tree management plan for Beachwood.</p>	Clerk
23-24/185	<p>Newsletter Distribution</p> <p>The newsletters were handed out to all members and clerk for distribution to all dwellings in Arnside that have an accessible letterbox.</p> <p>ACTION – distribution to be completed by 30th April 2024.</p>	All
23-24/186	<p>To consider adopting the “ Events on APC Land” and the updated “Advertising on APC Property” documents. – It was RESOLVED to adopt these two documents.</p> <p>ACTION – Publish the documents on the APC web site.</p> <p>ACTION – Send copy of Events on APC Land document to the organisers of the proposed Battleship event.</p>	Clerk Clerk
23-24/187	<p>Arnside Village Meeting 2024</p> <p>Confirmed as Thursday 16th May 2024 at 7pm at the WI Village Hall Members were asked for their ideas for speakers.</p> <p>ACTION – Members and officers to submit ideas for speakers to MM & NP</p> <p>ACTION – Get quotation for banner advertising the event.</p> <p>ACTION – Send out slide pack of 2023 event to all members and officers</p> <p>ACTION – Include item on potholes for May APC meeting</p>	All RK Clerk/ MM
23-24/188	<p>Review of Action List</p> <p>The action list was reviewed. An updated list will be sent to all members and officers.</p> <p>ACTION – Include item on May APC meeting agenda for HC to present cycling speed data.</p>	NP Clerk
	<p>PART 2 – The next agenda item was due to be discussed under Part 2 rules. Because no members of the press or public were present, the meeting continued under Part 1 rules.</p>	
23-24/189	<p>To discuss the possible acquisition of additional assets</p> <p>The chairman gave members an update on progress in acquiring additional assets for APC. The council is awaiting a response from W&FC regarding funding support that will be necessary before considering the next stage of the process.</p>	MM
23-24/190	<p>Date of the next meeting - RESOLVED that the date of the next meeting is scheduled for Monday 11th May 2024. This meeting will immediately follow the AGM that will start at 7:15pm. Items for the agenda should reach the Clerk by Friday 3rd May 2024 and finance items to the RFO by this date.</p> <p>SP gave his apologies for the May meeting. He will be on holiday.</p>	
23-24/191	<p>Meeting closed at 21.00</p>	

Chair:

Date: