



# Arnside Parish Council

Minutes of the monthly Meeting held on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> August 2023 at 7.15pm in the Cemetery Chapel.

Present:

Councillors: Mike Mann (MM) – chair, Steve Porter (SP), Neil Punnett (NP), Helen Chaffey (HC), Clive Christensen (CC), Darrell Lancaster (DL)

Officers: Clerk - Pete McSweeney, RFO - Lesley Smyth, Cemetery Officer - Josh McLeod (JM)

23-24/54	<b>Apologies for Absence: - Rebecca Kennington</b>	
23-24/55	<b>Declaration of Interests: - RESOLVED</b> that the following declarations of interests be noted. None.	
23-24/56	<b>Minutes of previous Meeting: -RESOLVED</b> that the minutes of the meeting held on 12 <sup>th</sup> July 2023, pages 19139-19141 be confirmed as a true record and to be signed by the chair.	<b>MM</b>
23-24/57	<p><b>Public Participation – Members of the public to address the council and report from Westmorland &amp; Furness Council members for the Kent Estuary ward: -</b></p> <p><b>Members of the Public:</b> Edgar Shepherd attended the meeting to present invoices for materials for gardening materials used on APC land. He informed the council that he wished to pass on the responsibility for maintaining Station Gardens to someone else. He is willing to pass on his knowledge and continue his work on The Promenade gardens.</p> <p><b>Action – SP</b> to look for an alternative volunteer to maintain Station Gardens.</p> <p><b>Westmorland &amp; Furness Council (W&amp;FC) Update:</b> Cllr Helen Chaffey reported the following:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The recent waste and recycling collection problems were mainly the result of staff shortages. Concern has been expressed about the collection of recyclable materials being put together in the collection vehicle. W&amp;FC has confirmed that the material will be sorted at the depot.</li> <li>The South Lakes Locality Board is up and running and grants can now be applied for.</li> </ul>	<p><b>SP</b></p> <p><b>HC</b></p>
23-24/58	<p><b>Councillor Matters – Matters raised by Councillors not on the agenda:</b> NP informed members that:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Old Vicarage and land is up for sale. A small part of that land adjacent to Hollins Lane has been identified as suitable for housing development by the AONB and the former SLDC Development Plans. The handling agent has been informed of the Parish Council's interest in that land as a possible site for affordable housing.</li> <li>A meeting with Persimmon Homes is imminent.</li> </ul> <p>CC informed members that:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Driftwood boat has now been moved. The yellow lines in that area need repainting.</li> <li>W&amp;FC has been asked to review the risk assessment of the section of path between the entrance to Ashmeadow House and the coastguard station. Are railings needed?</li> </ul> <p>The clerk informed members about significant emails that had been received by the council.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A complaint regarding the condition of The Promenade highway surface.</li> <li>Overnight parking of motorhomes on The Promenade was not being enforced.</li> <li>Two emails regarding the lack of publicly available EV charging points</li> <li>Request from a resident that APC should set up a committee to discuss climate change. <b>Action – SP</b> to contact resident and discuss options.</li> </ul>	<p><b>NP</b></p> <p><b>CC</b></p> <p><b>Clerk</b></p> <p><b>SP</b></p>
23-24/59	<p><b>Cemetery Report – RESOLVED that:</b> The report from JM be noted. JM commented that:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It had been a busy month by Arnside standards.</li> <li>W&amp;FC have assessed numerous options, and as their procurement progresses, options for this council will be prepared and discussed.</li> </ul>	<b>JM</b>

23-24/60	<p><b>Financial Report RESOLVED that:</b></p> <p>a) <b>To consider the financial summary for August 2023</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The report be received and noted.</li> </ul> <p>b) <b>Review budget for 2023/24</b></p> <p>A discussion took place regarding the budget, a number of minor amendments were made.</p> <p><b>Action</b> – All budget owners to check that their allocations for 2023/24 are accurate</p> <p><b>Action</b> - Agree format for and produce a separate report for the playground project expenditure.</p>	RFO  All
23-24/61	<p><b>Consider KTD Quotation</b></p> <p>Suppliers had been contacted regarding the refresh of the APC IT provision. The KTD quotation was discussed by members. It was <b>RESOLVED</b> that the KTD quotation be accepted with the exception of one item. Once implemented, this refresh will improve APC's data security, ability to comply with GDPR and have a reliable back up process.</p> <p><b>Action</b> – Contact KTD to accept quotation with the exception of one item.</p>	Clerk
23-24/62	<p><b>Public Toilet Contract</b></p> <p>Members discussed the quotation from Danfo to extend the existing contract from 11<sup>th</sup> August 2023 until 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2024. It was <b>RESOLVED</b> to accept the offer with the price increase. For future contracts it was agreed that all efforts should be made to share the service with other local councils. It is intended to produce a joint tender with Milnthorpe PC in November 2023.</p> <p><b>Action</b> – Contact Danfo to accept the contract extension offer, ask for signage on the toilet book to be reviewed and ask for Nayax access for the RFO.</p>	Clerk
23-24/63	<p><b>Parish Council Newsletter – Content &amp; Distribution</b></p> <p>NP explained that the next issue would go out in September or October.</p> <p><b>Action</b> – All members to provide NP with suggestions for content by 15<sup>th</sup> September.</p> <p>It was <b>RESOLVED</b> that the next issue would be hand delivered to all dwellings by councillors and clerk . 1200 copies needed</p>	NP All
23-24/64	<p><b>Consider Contacting W&amp;FC re Increasing Number of APC Members</b></p> <p>MM has contacted W&amp;FC about initiating the process to increase the number of seats on APC.</p>	MM
23-24/65	<p><b>Review of the Stone Walls on the Memorial Playing Field</b></p> <p>It was noted that the dry-stone wall at the northern side of the playing field had partially fallen.</p> <p><b>Action</b> – CC to contact David Brockbank regarding either repair or replacement with a fence.</p>	MM CC
23-24/66	<p><b>Priorities for W&amp;FC Locality Board Funding</b></p> <p>HC explained the current position at W&amp;FC with regard to Arnside projects that could apply for funding. The following projects were identified:- Playground refurbishment, Sailing Club improvements and the pollinator project.</p> <p><b>Action</b> – Discuss the possibilities of forming a local business partnership.</p>	HC  HC & MM
23-24/67	<p><b>Playing Field Car Parking Area Upgrade</b></p> <p>A planning application has been prepared for submission to W&amp;FC. One quotation has been received. Two others will have to be sourced. The bowling and tennis clubs have both offered to make significant financial contributions to the works.</p> <p><b>Action</b> – Pay planning application fee and submit application</p> <p><b>Action</b> – Contact local businesses for more financial support.</p>	RFO & Clerk MM
23-24/68	<p><b>Update on Car Park</b></p> <p>A working group has been set up to look at potential sites. A landowner has been contacted with a view to purchasing a site. It was <b>RESOLVED</b> to pay for an independent valuation of the site. A meeting has taken place with NCP to look at what options they could provide.</p> <p><b>Action</b> – Contact Network Rail to ask what options are available to vary the current APC/NR agreement for their area of the foreshore.</p>	HC, MM & Clerk
23-24/69	<p><b>Report of Rats on The Promenade</b></p> <p>The email from a visitor was discussed. It was agreed that no further action was necessary.</p>	
23-24/70	<p><b>Review of Action List</b></p> <p>The action list was reviewed. An updated version will be sent to all members</p>	NP

<b>23-24/71</b>	<b>Date of the next meeting - RESOLVED</b> that the date of the next meeting is scheduled for Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> September 2023. Items for the agenda should reach the Clerk by Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> September 2023, and finance items to the RFO by this date.	
<b>23-24/72</b>	<b>Meeting closed at 21.50.</b>	

**Chair:**

**Date:**