



Arnside Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 14th December 2020 at 7.15 pm via ZOOM

Present:

Councillors: Peter Smillie (PS) Chair; David Brockbank (DB) vice-Chair; Clive Christensen (CC);

Helen Chaffey (HC) Pete McSweeney (PMcS)

Apologies Councillors: Michael Mann (MM), Keith Halford (KH)

Officers: Clerk Caroline Caudwell (CEC); Finance Officer Jonathan Cartmell (JC); Cemetery Officer Brenda Brockbank (BB)

Also: one member of the public was present.

20-21/181	Apologies for Absence: - RESOLVED that the following apologies were received: Cllr Keith Halford and Cllr Mike Mann.	
20-21/182	Declaration of Interests: - RESOLVED that the following declarations of interests be noted. None.	
20-21/183	Minutes of previous Meeting: - RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on the 9 th November 2020 pages 19052–19053 be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chair. Approved.	
20-21/184	Public Participation – Police report: - RESOLVED that no police report will be received during COVID-19 emergency. Approved.	
20-21/185	<p>Public Participation - County Councillor report: - RESOLVED that</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr McSweeney informed Council that new street signs have been installed at the top and bottom of Pier Lane. • An update was given regarding the land ownership of land adjacent to the Estuary and footpath from YHA Redhills Road down to Shady Bowers as concerns had been raised regarding the deterioration of the railings along the lower stretch of the footpath. Cllr Brockbank has been in touch with the landowner with a view to re-instating the railings where practicable. Cumbria County Council has confirmed that the responsibility of the repair and maintenance of the railings lies with the land owner and APC have been in contact with the landowners thereby discharging any duty. The Chair noted the need for landowners to be fully insured. • Cllr McSweeney was disappointed to have to report that the Promenade will not be re-surfaced during this financial year and that has now been re-scheduled for 2021/22. A stretch of Station Road between the Station and Ashleigh Court will be re-surfaced in March 2021. Cllr Christensen asked what the logic was in re-surfacing this stretch of road when it is not the worst affected. Cllr McSweeney explained that he regularly asks Highways for updates and explanations for their decisions on areas to repair with little satisfactory response other than money is not available. Potholes outside the Londis have been repeatedly reported to Highways with no commitment to repair them yet. • Four Unitary Authority proposals have been presented to the Secretary of State's office at the Ministry for Housing, Communities & local Government. The minister discussed all the bids with the CEOs and leaders on Monday 14th December. The four bids are from: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 'One Cumbria' from Cumbria County Council 2. Carlisle City Council and Eden DC who have put in a bid for Eden, Carlisle and Allerdale in the north & SLDC, Barrow BC and Copeland in the south. 	

	<p>3. The Bay – SLDC, Barrow BC and Lancaster City. Which leaves Eden, Carlisle, Allerdale and Copeland to form a council for the north.</p> <p>4. Copeland DC, Allerdale DC & Carlisle CC in the west and SLDC, Eden DC and Barrow BC in the east.</p> <p>None of the four proposals except no 3 has carried out any consultation with the public and other stakeholders. 60% of those surveyed supported The Bay bid. In the New Year, the Minister will review the bids and decide which ones will be presented to the public for consultation which will be subject to a fairly short timeframe of 4-8 weeks. Cumbria County Council has not put the ‘One Cumbria’ bid to the vote of council members. The decision to proceed with this bid was a cabinet decision only. On 8th December SLDC, Barrow Borough Council and Lancaster City Council held separate full council meetings. The total votes cast across the three councils, was, 110 for, 6 against and 7 abstentions. May 2021 Council elections are likely to be postponed in 2021 and will take place in 2022 under the new authority.</p>	
20-21/186	<p>Public Participation - District Councillor report: - RESOLVED that Cllr Chaffey updated the meeting on the car park consultation. The draft report is complete and will be submitted to informal cabinet early in the New Year. The car parking consultants and Lambert Smith Hampton are working to establish ownership details for potential sites. The Parish Council hope to receive a further update at the 11th January 2021 meeting. At present there is no timeline for the project; this will be developed in the second phase.</p>	
20-21/187	<p>Public Participation: - RESOLVED that a member of the public was present and raised the failure of the lighting on the footpath from Orchard Road up past the rear of the Primary School and St James’ Church. Cllr Chaffey as a School Governor will speak to the Head Teacher to see if the timer/power has been switched off as this sometimes happens inadvertently.</p>	
20-21/188	<p>Financial Report: - RESOLVED that: the Financial Summary to the end of November 2020 be received, balance noted at £80,171.81 and that payments listed in the schedule be approved. Approved. The draft 2021/22 budget was considered and will be put forward for formal approval at the next meeting on 11th January 2021. Approved.</p>	
20-21/189	<p>Cemetery Report and Cemetery Fees – RESOLVED that the report on Cemetery business be noted and one quotation for lifting and levelling of 5 graves at £120 (no vat) be approved. Approved. Proposed new Cemetery fees effective from 15 January 2021 were considered for approval including: 1) increase in Chapel Hire during a funeral from £25 to £30. 2) 2% increase on all fees 3) increase of search fee from £22 to £23. 4) inclusion of an option to buy back pre-purchased graves from owners who no longer need or want them 5) inclusion of a monumental mason registration fee. All Approved.</p>	
20-21/190	<p>Applications for Development - RESOLVED that planning applications be considered for approval. Approved. Planning decisions were noted.</p>	
20-21/191	<p>Promenade Railings – RESOLVED that a greatly reduced budget of £707 be approved to complete outstanding railings repairs on the Promenade. The reduction resulting from Cllr Christensen carrying out the work himself. Approved.</p>	
20-21/192	<p>Christmas Tree on the Pier – RESOLVED that the installation of the Christmas Tree on the Pier be retrospectively approved. Approved.</p>	
20-21/193	<p>Electric Vehicle Charge Points - RESOLVED that that Councillors support the installation of electric vehicle charge points in the village. The Clerk to make further enquires of the company used by Dalton Parish Council. Cllr Chaffey to investigate possible locations and report back to Council. Any proposed locations to be factored into the car park consultation work. Approved.</p>	

20-21/194	Bike Racks – RESOLVED that funds saved by Cllr Christensen repairing the Promenade Railings himself be re-allocated for purchase and installation of bike racks in pre-agreed locations. Approved.	
20-21/195	First Responders – RESOLVED that Council will support the recruitment of new NWAS Community Responders in two ways. Cllr Chaffey will contact AVG to see if any AVG volunteers would be willing to train. Clerk to write to NWAS on behalf of the Council to express its concern about the policy to retire first responders over the age of 70 which has resulted in only 2 remaining operative out of an experienced group of 7. Approved.	
20-21/196	Police Liaison – RESOLVED that in the absence of Cllr Mike Mann there was nothing to report. Approved.	
20-21/197	<p>Councillor Matters – RESOLVED that it be noted that the following matters were raised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Smillie reported that the AVG will visit and give a gift to all those people in the village registered with them as alone and/or vulnerable. The Council expressed its support and great appreciation for the ongoing and valuable contribution of AVG and its members to the well-being of the village. • Cllr Brockbank reported that a plaque/tree side memorial service is taking place for Derek Thompson on Friday 18th December on the lawns opposite the Londis. He will attend as Council representative. • Cllrs considered an email forwarded to the Clerk regarding an unfortunate incident at a Shoot. It was agreed that this had been adequately dealt with by the Clerk of another parish. • Cllr Chaffey encouraged as many residents as possible and other Councillors to report any problems with street lighting using the County Council website link on the understanding that this would result in issues being resolved more promptly. 	
20-21/198	Date of the next meeting - RESOLVED that the date of the next scheduled meeting of Arnside Parish Council be confirmed as 7.15pm on Monday 11 th January 2021 online using ZOOM. Items for the agenda should reach the Clerk by Friday 1 st January Finance items to RFO by this date.	
	Meeting closed at 2114	

Chair:

Date:

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