



# Arnside Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2022 at 7.15pm in the Cemetery Chapel

Present:

Councillors: Clive Christensen (CC) Chair; Helen Chaffey (HC); Rebecca Kennington (RK); Neil Punnett (NP); Pete McSweeney (PMcS); Steve Porter (SP)

Officers: Clerk Michelle Thear (MT); RFO Lesley Smyth (LS);

Councillors present via Teams: Mike Mann (MM)

Officers present via Teams: Brenda Brockbank (BB)

Two members of the public were present face to face.

21-22/152	<b>Apologies for Absence: - RESOLVED</b> Peter Smillie and Keith Halford sent their apologies.	
21-22/153	<b>Declaration of Interests: - RESOLVED</b> that the following declarations of interests be noted. None.	
21-22/154	<b>Minutes of previous Meeting: -RESOLVED</b> that the minutes of the meeting held on 14 <sup>th</sup> January pages 19089-19091 be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chair. Approved.	
21-22/155	<p><b>Public Participation – County Councillor and District Councillor report: - RESOLVED that:</b> Councillor McSweeney updated the meeting as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cumbria County Council continues to pursue the Judicial Review over the decision to approve the plan to split the county into two unitary authorities.</li> <li>• Plans for the establishment of the two unitary authorities remain on track for 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023. New Council elections will take place on 5<sup>th</sup> May 2022 with the shadow authority starting to develop structures and budgets a few days later.</li> <li>• A single emergency service function based in the Storth / Sandside area covering Arnside, Milnthorpe, Storth and Sandside is being considered. Progress is uncertain due to identifying the appropriate site, and the potential for redefined priorities with the emergence of the two unitary authorities.</li> <li>• An overview of the 2022/23 Council Tax increases was provided.</li> </ul>	
21-22/156	<p><b>Public Participation – Matters raised by residents: RESOLVED that:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A member of the public presented a suggestion for a Village Emergency Plan. The purpose of such a plan being to identify the risks alongside the local resources that may be leveraged to provide support to those in need in an emergency situation, for example long-term loss of power following a storm.</li> <li>• A member of the public sought permission from the Councillors for use of Arnside playing field for the Queen’s Jubilee celebrations over the June Bank Holiday weekend. Council approved subject to any existing bookings being rearranged.</li> </ul>	
21-22/157	<p><b>Public Participation – Police Liaison: RESOLVED that:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cllr MM confirmed the recent burglary in the village had been followed up with the PCSO. The importance of ensuring online shopping delivery ‘safe places’ are agreed and actually used by the delivery companies was reiterated. Also, a reminder to store spare sets of car keys in a safe place, ideally out of sight.</li> <li>• Reminders to be included on Arnside Social Media sites and the APC website.</li> </ul>	CC KH Clerk

21-22/158	<p><b>Councillor Matters – Matters raised by Councillors not on the agenda: - RESOLVED that:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cllr HC had been contacted by Cumbrian Action for Sustainability, requesting Council to consider whether Arnside is a good rural test location for sustainable opportunities such as Solar rooftop modelling. Item to be included on the March agenda.</li> <li>• Cllr MM queried whether the plans for road resurfacing are still in place. Cllr HC will enquire and reminded the meeting of the importance of reporting any issues via the Cumbria County Council Highway’s website.</li> <li>• Cllr HC referenced an email from a resident who is interested in building a dry-stone memorial seat in the village and will be invited to attend the March meeting.</li> <li>• Arnside Sailing Club contacted the Council enquiring about opportunities for Queens Jubilee plans in the village.</li> <li>• A member of the public has notified Arnside Parish Council of their concerns regarding the new road layout on Black Dyke Road and has correctly raised this with Cumbria County Council Highways department.</li> </ul>	HC
21-22/159	<p><b>Financial Report RESOLVED that:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Financial summary to the end of January be approved. Approved.</li> <li>• Payments be approved. Approved.</li> <li>• Cash Balance of £95,331.43 noted.</li> <li>• The RFO confirmed the need to ensure all Arnside Parish Council owned buildings are revalued every five years for insurance purposes.</li> </ul>	
21-22/160	<p><b>Cemetery Report – RESOLVED that:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The details of the Cemetery report be noted and approved. Approved.</li> <li>• The tree works is completed.</li> <li>• The tarmac work ordered to date is now finished.</li> <li>• Options to aid ventilation in the chapel were discussed and Councillors approved the purchase of an opening window, £1,360 + VAT. Approved</li> <li>• It was agreed the Clerk would look for a cleaner to attend the cemetery chapel and once a month. Approved.</li> </ul>	Clerk
21-22/161	<p><b>Applications for Development – RESOLVED that:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Planning applications be considered for approval. Approved.</li> <li>• Planning decisions were noted.</li> </ul>	
21-22/162	<p><b>Village Emergency Plan – RESOLVED that:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Council will collaborate with the central community resilience support teams and local residents as appropriate to look into developing a Village Emergency Plan. Approved.</li> </ul>	
21-22/163	<p><b>The Queen’s Green Canopy – plant a tree for the Jubilee – RESOLVED that:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cllr SP to contact Cllr Eamonn Hennessy to discuss the potential for taking delivery of some free trees for the village. Approved</li> </ul>	SP
21-22/164	<p><b>Wild Verges Working Group – RESOLVED that:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cllr SP provided a verbal update from the Wild Verges Working Group meeting of 9<sup>th</sup> February</li> <li>• A bid for funds for information boards for the verge sites will be made to the Barnes Trust. Approved.</li> </ul>	
21-22/165	<p><b>Storm Arwen – RESOLVED that:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• RFO continues to work with the insurance company to resolve remaining queries.</li> <li>• SLDC advised a favourable arboriculturist report is required to support the application to have the TPO removed from the Scots Pine remaining closest to the Beachwood properties.</li> <li>• Clerk following up with two SLDC recommended arboriculturists to provide a second opinion.</li> </ul>	
21-22/166	<p><b>Clerk Training Courses – RESOLVED that:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Request for Council approval for funding for Clerk induction and Cemetery Management training courses. Approved.</li> </ul>	

21-22/167	<b>Memorial Field Garage – RESOLVED that:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Council considered quotations for garage door replacement and maintenance. Income is earned from the garage and hence the need for property to be maintained is recognised. Approved</li> </ul>	
21-22/168	<b>Groundsman Contract – RESOLVED that</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The tender for the grounds and maintenance contract will be advertised on the website and on village noticeboards this week, and in the Westmoreland Gazette on 24<sup>th</sup> February. Approved.</li> </ul>	
21-22/169	<b>Repair Person Call Off Contract – RESOLVED that:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To consider a proposal from Cllr Christensen for a repair person contract to be put in place for the Council to use for certain works. Approved</li> </ul>	
21-22/170	<b>Date of the next meeting - RESOLVED</b> that the date of the next scheduled meeting of Arnside Parish Council be confirmed as 7.15pm on Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> March 2022 in the Cemetery Chapel. Items and Finance Items for the agenda should reach the Clerk and RFO respectively by Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> March 2022.	
21-22/171	<b>Meeting closed at 21:20</b>	

Chair:

Date: