



Arnside Parish Council

Minutes of the monthly Meeting held on Monday 12th February 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)

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

23-24/140	Apologies for Absence: - - Jill Abel, David Gee	
23-24/141	Declaration of Interests: - RESOLVED that the following declarations of interests be noted. None	
23-24/142	Minutes of previous meetings: - RESOLVED that the minutes of the meetings held the 8 th January 2024 pages 19151 & 19152 and on 29 th January 2024 page 19153 be confirmed as a true record and to be signed by the chair.	MM
23-24/143	Consider the recommendation from the People Group to co-opt a new member Proposed by SP and seconded by MM, it was unanimously RESOLVED to co-opt Jill Abel to be a member of Arnside Parish Council.	NP
23-24/144	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"> • W&FC will vote on the 2024/25 budget at their next full council meeting on 22/2/24. It will be proposed to increase the W&FC element of the council tax by 4.9% • Funding has been made available for the following:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ £6.5k for Arnside Sailing Club planning application ○ £99.9k for the design phase of the Arnside to Grange-over-Sands walkway ○ £6k for the resurfacing of Chapel Lane 	HC
23-24/145	Councillor Matters – Matters raised by Councillors not on the agenda: The clerk informed members about significant emails that had been received by the council. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An Arnside residents had asked if APC would be supporting the Climate & Ecology bill. SP informed the meeting that the Morecambe Bay tidal barrage scheme was still under consideration to provide renewable energy. It would also create a transport link across the bay.	Clerk SP
23-24/146	Cemetery Report – RESOLVED that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The report from JM be noted. • It was RESOLVED to accept JM’s recommendations for revised fees and charges for the cemetery for 2024/25. • It was RESOLVED that no action would be taken with regard the moles in the cemetery. The grounds contractor would be asked to level and seed the mole hills. 	JM

23-24/147	<p>Financial Report RESOLVED that: To consider the financial summary for February 2024 The report be received and noted.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Income for the month was £5,097.41 • Expenditure for the month was £5.672 net of VAT • Balances – Playground £25,072.64, current account £35,279.31 and reserves £49,286.83 <p>Action – Send 2 invoices to Bruce Johnson at W&FC. One for £2,500 and one for £923.04 Action – Find out the cost of toilet sign as used at Milnthorpe PC A discussion took place regarding the cost to APC of maintain the public toilets.</p>	RFO RFO HC All
23-24/148	<p>Applications for Development – RESOLVED that the clerk should respond to W&FC as follows: 2024/0062/FPA – No objections</p>	Clerk
23-24/149	<p>Briefing on the way forward and approach on key W&FC The chairman gave a brief explanation about the meeting that had taken place that afternoon with W&FC officers and members. The topics discussed were:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Verge maintenance • Highway resurfacing and maintenance • Car parking • Affordable housing 	MM
23-24/150	<p>Consider CiLCA Training for APC clerk It was RESOLVED that the subject of CiLCA training for the clerk would be reviewed at the September 2024 meeting.</p>	All
23-24/151	<p>Consider increasing rental charges and fees for 2024 for APC assets It was RESOLVED to increase the allotment rental fee for a full plot to £40 per annum. This fee will include a £3 charge for NSALG membership. It was agreed that discussions about the fees for memorial benches, the playing field garage and the playing field sports clubs would be held at the Finance Committee meeting on 27/3/24. Action – Chairman to recirculate spreadsheet with latest member responsibilities</p>	MM & RK MM
23-24/152	<p>To Consider Approval of the APC Record Management Policy document It was RESOLVED to approve the new version of the document. The clerk has uploaded the document to the APC website.</p>	Clerk
23-24/153	<p>Members to suggest items for April Parish Council Newsletter – Deadline 15th March 2024 Playground refurbishment update, dairy of playing field events 2024, Access For All at Arnside station, new RFO, wildlife gardens, Retro Fit event report, SP gets Bittern Award</p>	All
23-24/154	<p>Arnside Horticultural Society SP gave an update on the demise of the AHS. It was RESOLVED that APC would accept ownership of a notice board on The Promenade and a planter by the fountain. Action – add the planter by the fountain to the APC asset register - Done Action – Members to contact SP with suggested sites for bulb planting</p>	SP Clerk All
23-24/155	<p>Confirm date & venue for 2024 Parish Assembly Action – All members and officers to contact chairman & clerk re availability in May 2024</p>	All
23-24/156	<p>Review of Action List The action list was reviewed. An updated list will be sent to all members and officers.</p>	NP
23-24/157	<p>Date of the next meeting - RESOLVED that the date of the next meeting is scheduled for Monday 11th March 2024. Items for the agenda should reach the Clerk by Friday 1st March 2024 and finance items to the RFO by this date.</p>	
23-24/158	<p>Meeting closed at 21.00</p>	

Chair:

Date: