



# Arnside Parish Council

Minutes of the monthly Meeting held on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2022 at 7.15pm in the Cemetery Chapel

**Present:**

**Councillors Present:** Peter Smillie (PS) Chair, Clive Christensen (CC); Helen Chaffey (HC), Neil Punnett (NP); Mike Mann (MM); Rebecca Kennington (RK), Pete McSweeney (PM), S. Porter (SP)

**Officers:** Clerk Michelle Thear (MT); RFO Lesley Smyth (LS); Brenda Brockbank (BB).

A member of the public attended the meeting

22-23/55	<b>Apologies for Absence: - Received and accepted from K. Halford,</b>	
22-23/56	<b>Declaration of Interests: - RESOLVED</b> that the following declarations of interests be noted. None.	
22-23/57	<b>Minutes of previous Meeting: -RESOLVED</b> that the minutes of the meeting held on 13 <sup>th</sup> June 2022 pages 19103-19105 be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chair. Approved.	
22-23/58	<p><b>Public Participation – County Councillor and District Councillor report: - RESOLVED that:</b></p> <p><b>1. County Councillor Report:</b>            Councillor McSweeney updated the meeting as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cumbria County Council are focussed on creating the new Council, establishing processes for a smooth transition from day one, alongside maintaining the day-to-day business. Work is ongoing to understand how key services such as Social Care, Children and Young People, Adult Services can be disaggregated. Much of this work is still in its infancy and hence is not yet in the public domain. Fire and Rescue Services are being discussed at a meeting on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> July to consider whether the service should fall under the Police Commissioner, Peter McCall. A further update will be available in August.</li> </ul> <p>The Councillors thanked Cllr. McSweeney for his report. He retired from the meeting at 7.40pm.</p> <p><b>2. District Report:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cllr Chaffey emphasised how much effort and work is being done to understand how the disaggregation will work whilst also ensuring service is maintained throughout this transitional period. A blueprint document is currently being drafted, with the principal detail being around disaggregation. The Cabinet and the Council will review the document and it will be made available to the public from 22<sup>nd</sup> July.</li> </ul> <p><b>3. Public Participation – Matters raised by residents: RESOLVED that:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The APC volunteer gardener attended in person to explain that following the laying of the new tarmac it is necessary to fill in the gap between the tarmac and the lawn with topsoil and sow grass seed. This will protect the edges of the driveway and prevent the edges from becoming damaged and breaking. The gardener will obtain a quote for 10 tonnes of topsoil to be discussed at the August meeting</li> </ul>	

<b>22-23/59</b>	<p><b>Councillor Matters – Matters raised by Councillors not on the agenda: - RESOLVED that:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cllrs Porter and Chaffey, along with Paul Barnes from AONB, are attending Arnside Primary School assembly on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> July to talk to the children about the Beechwood restoration work and the possibility of them being involved in some of the ideas/work. This will be included on the agenda for the August meeting.</li> <li>• Cllr Porter updated the meeting on the work being done with the AONB regarding the information boards for Beechwood Park. Discussions are ongoing with respect to the boards to be sited on the verges. The possibility of a detailed information board at the recycling site is being considered. The boards are being wholly funded from the Barnes Trust grant.</li> <li>• Cllr Christensen had been contacted requesting the parking area across from the Fish &amp; Chip shop be levelled out. Services and machinery had also been offered to do the job. As not all this land is owned by Arnside Parish Council Cllr Smillie will draft a letter to Network Rail to notify them of the suggestion and seek permission as appropriate.</li> <li>• Cllr Chaffey informed the meeting of the Arnside Parish Council Community Wellbeing Day to be held on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> October. An announcement will be placed in the Broadsheet as well as on the Village Website.</li> <li>• Cllr Chaffey had been contacted by the President of the Archive Group requesting input from the Council for the siting of an Interpretation Board providing information on the history of the viaduct etc</li> <li>• The Clerk had been contacted by a resident regarding three areas of concern: 1) Clarification that Black Dyke Road (between Sandside Rd and Briery Bank) is a 20mph limit. 2) Consideration for a memorial bench on Silverdale Road alongside the play park for those with dogs to sit and watch. 3) Querying who is responsible for cutting back the overgrown vegetation alongside the railway line on Black Dyke Road</li> <li>• A resident queried Councillor’s views regarding the installation of permanent traffic lights over Dallam Bridge, thus making it safer for pedestrians and cyclists and improving the life of the bridge.</li> </ul>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>PS</p>
<b>22-23/60</b>	<p><b>Financial Report RESOLVED that:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Financial summary to the end of June 2022 be approved. Approved.</li> <li>• Payments be approved. Approved.</li> <li>• Cash Balance of £84,233 noted.</li> <li>• Payment of £350 to AONB and £300 to North-West Air Ambulance approved. These payments have remained the same for several years and should be reviewed for next year’s budget.</li> </ul>	
<b>22-23/61</b>	<p><b>Cemetery Report – RESOLVED that:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The details of the Cemetery report be noted.</li> </ul>	
<b>22-23/62</b>	<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>	
<b>22-23/63</b>	<p><b>Arnside Station Accessibility – RESOLVED that:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Council is fully supportive of the issues raised by residents regarding access to platform 2 at Arnside Station.</li> <li>• Cllr Helen Chaffey and Cllr Rupert Audland are to be the new District Council representatives at the Better Connected Cumbria meetings chaired by Tim Farron. Cllr Chaffey to confirm the date of the next meeting.</li> </ul>	<p>HC</p>

22-23/64	<b>Clerk Vacancy – RESOLVED that:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Clerk confirmed that interviews for the vacancy are to take place between 14<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> July.</li> <li>The Clerk agreed to continue to provide cover in the short term and will support the new clerk with a handover.</li> </ul>	
22-23/65	<b>Annual Tree Condition / Hazard Survey – RESOLVED that:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Council considered the survey of all Council owned trees and approved it go ahead. Cllr Porter will meet with and shadow the surveyor whilst the survey is being completed.</li> </ul> <p>Approved</p>	
22-23/66	<b>Additional Allotments – RESOLVED that:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Council discussed the possibility of creating two additional plots at the existing allotment site on Silverdale Road.</li> <li>Cllr Chaffey explained a resident had enquired about the Council's appetite for a Community Garden. This will be added to the agenda for the August meeting.</li> </ul>	Clerk
22-23/67	<b>Beachwood Park – RESOLVED that:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Clerk confirmed, following the lifting of the Tree Preservation Order, Tree 545 in Beachwood Park will be removed on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July.</li> <li>The Clerk explained she has spoken with the owner of the memorial bench in Beachwood who understands the container plants around the bench will need to be removed. As these are summer flowering annuals the Council fully supports the resident's request that they be allowed to flower in situ before they are removed. Approved</li> <li>The Council, alongside the AONB, are discussing what to plant to replace the lost pine trees. Fruit trees (apple and damson) have been looked at as being appropriate. As bare-root trees are best planted from late autumn onwards Cllr Porter will contact Halecat Nursery in the late summer to obtain prices.</li> </ul>	SP
22-23/68	<b>APC Newsletter – RESOLVED that:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Council supports the publication of a 2<sup>nd</sup> issue of the Newsletter in early October and advertised in the Broadsheet in September.</li> <li>Councillors to send contribution ideas to Cllr Punnett</li> <li>The newsletter to be included on the agenda for August's meeting.</li> </ul>	
22-23/69	<b>Community Led Housing – RESOLVED that:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Having reviewed the Rural Housing Alliance Guide Councillors agreed that although suitable land would need to be acquired it is a good initiative and merits looking into further and promoting within the village to see if there is appetite for its uptake.</li> <li>Cllr Punnett explained that a local housing-needs survey is probably the best starting point for initially progressing this and proposed obtaining a quote for the survey.</li> </ul> <p>Approved</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cllr Chaffey will also enquire whether the AONB have capacity to carry out the survey.</li> </ul> <p>Approved</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To be included on the agenda for August's meeting to report back on actions above.</li> </ul>	NP HC Clerk
22-23/70	<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 8 <sup>th</sup> August 2022 in the Cemetery Chapel. Items and Finance items for the agenda should reach the Clerk and RFO respectively by Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> July 2022.	
22-23/71	<b>Meeting closed at 21:16</b>	

Chair:

Date: