



Arnside Parish Council

Minutes of the monthly Meeting held on Monday 10th July 2023 at 7.15pm in the Cemetery Chapel.

Present:

Councillors: Mike Mann (MM) – chair, Neil Punnett (NP), Helen Chaffey (HC) Clive Christensen (CC)

Officers: Clerk - Pete McSweeney, RFO - Lesley Smyth

23-24/40	Apologies for Absence: - Rebecca Kennington, Steve Porter, Darrell Lancaster, Josh McLeod	
23-24/41	Declaration of Interests: - RESOLVED that the following declarations of interests be noted. Regarding agenda item 10, MM, CC & NP have wood burning stoves in their properties.	
23-24/42	Minutes of previous Meeting: - RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 12 th June 2023, pages 19136-19138 be confirmed as a true record and to be signed by the chair.	MM
23-24/43	<p>Public Participation – Members of the public to address the council and report from Westmorland & Furness Council members for the Kent Estuary ward: -</p> <p>Members of the Public: No members of the public were present.</p> <p>Westmorland & Furness Council (W&FC) Update: W&FC member Cllr Chaffey reported the following:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The South Lakeland Locality Board will next meet on 18/7/23. Grants will be available . • The SLLB will propose 4 priorities:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Children & Young People ○ Building community assets & addressing inequalities ○ Climate action and biodiversity ○ Highways <p>It was noted that the C&YP item may be an opportunity for APC to apply for playground funding. A question was asked if funds would be available for business development. HC explained that there is a simple process for applying for grants via Carol Last at W&FC.</p> <p>Action – Contact Sailing Club re applying for grant under the building community assets item.</p> <p>Action – Contact W&FC Highways re possible deer warning sign on New Barns Road.</p>	MM HC

23-24/44	<p>Councillor Matters – Matters raised by Councillors not on the agenda:</p> <p>The clerk informed members about significant emails that had been received by the council.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comments have been received about the water quality in the Rivers Kent & Bela. HC highlighted that improving water quality is the W.I's national campaign this year and that this maybe an opportunity for community action such as the Staveley Clean Up The River Kent campaign. • Suggestion for a 5-a-side all weather court on the Memorial Playing Field. • Complaint received about rats on The Promenade near to the public toilets. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Action – Contact vermin control company to discuss options. • Complaint received about possible “vandalism” on The Common footpath. Clerk has responded to complainants to say that this was work being undertaken by the landowners. • Complaints about changes to waste and recycling collection on Mount Pleasant. This is a W&FC matter, but noted by APC members. • Complaint about anti social behaviour o the playing field near to the bowling club. • Complaint about the cleanliness of the public toilets. <p>The chairman gave an update on the situation with the public toilet cleaning & maintenance contract.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Danfo contract is being terminated at their request in August 2023 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Action – Contact Danfo to agree exit plan. • Other local parish and town councils have been consulted about sharing services. Options for a new contractor are being considered. <p>The chairman explained the requirement for refurbishment of the parking area at the entrance to the Memorial Playing Field. This exercise will need planning permission and 3 quotations for the work.</p> <p>Action – Design parking area Action – Prepare and submit planning application</p> <p>NP updated members regarding the opening of a new affordable housing project in the Lancaster area that he had attended. There was a good example of a “passive” house build.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>CC & MM Clerk</p>
23-24/45	<p>Cemetery Report – RESOLVED that:</p> <p>The report from JM be noted.</p> <p>JM requested that he be allocated a dedicated email address for the cemetery officer.</p> <p>Action – Set up an email address as part of the IT estate review.</p>	<p>MM</p>

