

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	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:-	
	• The South Lakeland Locality Board will next meet on 18/7/23. Grants will be available .	
	The SLLB will propose 4 priorities:-	
	 Children & Young People 	
	 Building community assets & addressing inequalities 	
	 Climate action and biodiversity 	
	 Highways 	
	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.	
	Action – Contact Sailing Club re applying for grant under the building community assets item.	MM
	Action – Contact W&FC Highways re possible deer warning sign on New Barns Road.	HC

23-24/44	Councillor Matters – Matters raised by Councillors not on the agenda:	,
	The clerk informed members about significant emails that had been received by the council.	
	 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. 	Clerk
	 Complaint received about rats on The Promenade near to the public toilets. 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.	
	The chairman gave an update on the situation with the public toilet cleaning & maintenance contract.	Clerk
	 The Danfo contract is being terminated at their request in August 2023 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. 	
	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.	CC & MM
	Action – Design parking area	Clerk
	Action – Prepare and submit planning application	
	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.	
23-24/45	Cemetery Report – RESOLVED that:	
	The report from JM be noted.	
	JM requested that he be allocated a dedicated email address for the cemetery officer.	
	Action – Set up an email address as part of the IT estate review.	MM

23-24/46	Financial Report RESOLVED that:	
•	To consider the financial summary for June 2023	RFO
	The report be received and noted.	
	The RFO raised a number of points:-	
	The RFO had contacted HMRC about the ongoing problems with acknowledgement of	
	PAYE payments. That has now been resolved.	
	RFO highlighted the fact that HSBC was giving 4.3% interest. RFO suggested that £20k	
	should be moved to there from the Unity Bank rather than to an investment fund as had	
	been previously agreed. It was RESOLVED that the RFO should do that.	
	Review at a future meeting where the second precept payment should be deposited.	
	 Action - Move £20k from Unity Bank to HSBC account. 	RFO
	Payments to Westmorland Fire & Security had been complicated because the company	
	was now called Walker Fire UK.	
	Action – Contact KTD re a laptop for the RFO	Clerk
	 Action – Include a Budget Review on the agenda for the August meeting. 	Clerk
	Action – Set up Finance sub committee	Clerk
23-24/47	Applications for Development – RESOLVED that the clerk should respond to W&FC as follows:	Clerk
	SL/2023/0459 – No objections	
	SL/2023/0509 – No objections, but planning officers should take note of any concerns raised be	
	neighbours	
23-24/48	Healthy Arnside	
	HC reported that she, with SP, attended the second workshop last week. The group are	
	addressing the following topics:=	
	Poor air quality and wood burning	
	Ensure surgery services are accessible to all (eg. Technology)	
	Buses – what do we want and how do we get it	
	 Youth Provision for 14 – 17 years olds apart from organised sport 	
	What can the church offer the community and people of Arnside	
	Live in Balance	
	Improve the quality of the water in the Kent Estuary	
	Make 'foot-walking' routes in Arnside safer	
	Increase biodiversity eg. more wildflowers / pollinators / wild birds etc	
23-24/49	Woodburning Stoves	
	HC informed the meeting she had contacted W&FC regarding a complaint from an Arnside	
	resident who was concerned about air quality in the village. The complainant suggested that wood	
	burning stoves were making a significant contribution to poor air quality in two areas of	
	Arnside. HC will report at the next APC meeting if she has had a response from W&FC.	нс
22-24/50	Action – Report back to August APC meeting. Tennis Club Proposals for a New Clubhouse	пс
23-24/50	Tim Griffiths sent his apologies for not being able to attend. Members noted the latest suggestion	
	from him regarding a possible design for the new building.	
23-24/51	Review of Action List	
25 24,51	The action list was reviewed. An updated version will be sent to all members.	NP
	It was noted that NP will be the second APC representative on the Beetham Exhibition Trust.	
	Action – All leaders of working groups to circulate notes of meetings to all members.	All
23-24/52	Date of the next meeting - RESOLVED that the date of the next meeting is scheduled for	
-	Monday 14 ^{4h} August 2023. Items for the agenda should reach the Clerk by Friday 4 th August	
	2023 and finance items to the RFO by this date.	
23-24/53	Meeting closed at 21.25.	

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