



# Arnside Parish Council

Minutes of the monthly Meeting held on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> June 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)

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

22-23/40	<b>Apologies for Absence: - Received and accepted from S. Porter, K. Halford,</b>	
22-23/41	<b>Declaration of Interests: - RESOLVED</b> that the following declarations of interests be noted. None.	
22-23/42	<b>Minutes of previous Meeting: -RESOLVED</b> that the minutes of the meeting held on 9 <sup>th</sup> May 2022 pages 19100-19102 be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chair. Approved.	
22-23/43	<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 Highways department has allocated £2.5k funding and has prioritised that this be spent on road line markings above all other highways work in the village requiring attention. The Councillors expressed their disappointment that line marking has been prioritised above the resurfacing of the promenade and other potholed and damaged roads in the village. Clerk to escalate to Cumbria County Council Executive Director of Economy and Infrastructure, and the Assistant Director Highways and Transport.</li> <li>• Cumbria County Council are scheduled to complete a speed survey in Autumn 2022 to assess whether the implementation of the 20mph speed limit signage have reduced the average speed in the village.</li> </ul> <p><b>2. District Report:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cllrs Chaffey and McSweeney recently attended a meeting where Peter Thornton, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Finance, was presented with a list of improvements required throughout the district, including Arnside. Funding for highways related issues is the problem and which prevents many issues from being addressed. Adult Social Care is the priority over Highways.</li> </ul> <p>The Councillors thanked Cllr. McSweeney for his report. He retired from the meeting at 7.45pm.</p>	Clerk & MM

22-23/44	<p><b>Councillor Matters – Matters raised by Councillors not on the agenda: - RESOLVED that:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cllr Chaffey updated the meeting that a resident had queried whether more traditional allotments could be created in the village. Item to be added to next month's agenda.</li> <li>• The Clerk had been contacted by a resident regarding three areas of concern: 1) Request for speed checks to better enforce the 20mph limit. 2) Consideration for a pedestrian crossing between Londis and the Promenade. 3) The hazardous sign between the Country Shop and the Pharmacy on the Promenade. These are all Highways related issues and hence out with the remit of Arnside Parish Council. Cllr McSweeney explained that road traffic law does not permit a pedestrian crossing at that location due to the bend in the road, visibility, and sight lines. A crossing has previously been requested and there is not anywhere one can be legally sited. Cllr Christensen confirmed the hazardous sign had been reported to Highways by a number of people. The Clerk will also report it via CCC Highways website to communicate the Parish Council's full support.</li> <li>• The clerk referenced an email from a resident unhappy with the early morning sounding of the tidal siren at the weekend. The siren is the responsibility of SLDC, and the Clerk will ensure SLDC are made aware of the complaint.</li> </ul>	Clerk  Clerk  Clerk
22-23/45	<p><b>Financial Report RESOLVED that:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Financial summary to the end of May 2022 be approved. Approved.</li> <li>• Payments be approved. Approved.</li> <li>• Cash Balance of £89,816 noted.</li> <li>• Internal Audit Report 2021-22 be approved. Approved</li> <li>• Annual Governance Statement 2021/22 be approved. Approved</li> <li>• Accounting Statements 2021/22 be approved. Approved</li> <li>• The Clerk confirmed the Annual Governance Statement 2021/22, and the Accounting Statements 2020/21 will be published on the Arnside Parish Council notice boards and website by 30<sup>th</sup> June 2022. The period for examination will be from 30<sup>th</sup> June to 10<sup>th</sup> August inclusive.</li> <li>• Revision to the timing of the salary approval process be approved. Approved</li> <li>• The RFO confirmed that the Chapel and Cemetery have been self-funding each year since financial year 2019/20</li> </ul>	
22-23/46	<p><b>Cemetery Report – RESOLVED that:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The details of the Cemetery report be noted.</li> <li>• The Cemetery Officer confirmed the tarmac work will commence on either Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> June or Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> June.</li> </ul>	
22-23/47	<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>	
22-23/48	<p><b>Stone Memorial Seat – RESOLVED that:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The stone memorial seat design and plaque wording were both considered for approval. Approved by the Chair and seconded by Cllr Punnett</li> <li>• The construction of the seat is due to commence around 9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> July</li> </ul>	
22-23/49	<p><b>Station Gardens – RESOLVED that:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The gardens are tended by a volunteer who has submitted a request, along with a quote, for help with some physical work to ensure a part of the gardens can be maintained. Approved</li> </ul>	
22-23/50	<p><b>Allotment Grass Cutting – RESOLVED that:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cllr Kennington updated the meeting on the background and why the request had now come about. The quote from the Grounds and Maintenance contractor was considered against budget availability and it was agreed the work should be completed by the contractor, commencing as soon as possible. Approved</li> </ul>	

22-23/35	<p><b>Beachwood Replanting – RESOLVED that:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cllr Porter to contact Halecat nursery detailing requirements for replacing the lost trees. Approved</li> <li>• Cllr Porter has been working with the AONB. He requested Council’s approval to consider broadcasting some wild meadow plant seed and planting some plug-plants in autumn to further increase the species present. Approved</li> <li>• Cllr Porter to approach the grounds and maintenance contractor to quote for grass seeding where needed. Approved</li> <li>• Cllr Porter to contact the contractor to consider if any additional hedging is required. The damaged hedge appears to be recovering and growing back. Approved</li> <li>• The clerk to contact the tree surgeon to arrange for the brash on the east side of the site be removed. Approved</li> <li>• The replacement benches will be ordered by the clerk this week.</li> </ul>	<p>SP</p> <p>SP</p> <p>SP</p> <p>SP</p> <p>Clerk</p>
22-23/36	<p><b>Community Led Housing – RESOLVED that:</b></p> <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. To be included on the agenda for July’s meeting</li> <li>• Cllr Chaffey understands a housing study has recently been commissioned by SLDC and will check to see if Arnside is included within its remit.</li> </ul>	<p>HC</p>
22-23/53	<p><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 11<sup>th</sup> July 2022 in the Cemetery Chapel. Items and Finance Items for the agenda should reach the Clerk and RFO respectively by Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2022.</p>	
22-23/54	<p><b>Meeting closed at 21:30</b></p>	

Chair:

Date: