



Arnside Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 8th March 2021 at 7.15 pm via ZOOM

Present:

Councillors: Peter Smillie (PS) Chair; David Brockbank (DB) vice-Chair; Clive Christensen (CC); Helen Chaffey (HC); Michael Mann (MM); Keith Halford (KH); Stephen Porter (SP); Pete McSweeney (PMcS)

Officers: Clerk Caroline Caudwell (CEC); Finance Officer Jonathan Cartmell (JC); Cemetery Officer Brenda Brockbank (BB)

Also: two members of the public were present.

20-21/239	Welcome to New Co-opted Councillor – RESOLVED that the Chair formally welcomed the new co-opted Councillor, Stephen Porter to the Council and meeting. Approved	
20-21/240	Apologies for Absence: - RESOLVED that the following apologies were received. None.	
20-21/241	Declaration of Interests: - RESOLVED that the following declarations of interests be noted. Councillor Mann is a friend of the owner of Royce House and Chair Smillie is a friend of the owner of Cherry Cottage. Both to abstain from any discussion regarding the respective properties.	
20-21/242	Minutes of previous Meeting: - RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 8 th February 2020 pages 19060–19062 be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chair. Approved.	
20-21/243	Public Participation – Police report: - RESOLVED that no police report will be received during COVID-19 emergency. Approved.	
20-21/244	<p>Public Participation - County Councillor report: - RESOLVED that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The consultation process for the Local Government Reorganisation runs until 19 April. All residents are encouraged to complete it. It is anticipated that Government will make a decision on which of the four options to progress by the end of June, that is before the summer recess. Local elections will take place in May 2022, but not this May and this results in Cllr McSweeney staying in his CCC post until 2022. The Cumbria Police, County and district by-elections will go ahead this year. • A progress update on the car park consultations will be made during this week and APC will be updated at the April meeting. • Green Bin Waste Collections will be monthly not bi-monthly until further notice due to staff shortages. • Traffic engineers from the Highways department will visit Arnside this week regarding the road safety and Motorhome parking TROs. Highways intend to consult with all village households on both TROS at the same time post the Census. The engineers will design their road safety proposals for discussion with Pete McSweeney after which they will engage with APC and consult with the village. The proposals will then be put to County Council local committee on 1 June 2021 after which there is a two week 'cooling off' period with a view to implementing the TROs from mid-June onwards. This work will also take into consideration the water that flows across Black Dyke Road. If a chicane is recommended and installed the opportunity will be taken to build a culvert to re-direct the water. Cllr Christensen raised that it had previously been agreed that the consultation regarding the Motorhome TRO would be with Promenade residents and businesses only. He expressed some concern that the views of the Promenade residents would not be given full weight when they are the ones most adversely affected. 	

	Chairman Smillie also noted that the TROS were first requested in March 2017 and that the delays have been incredibly frustrating. Cllr McSweeney noted the concerns.	
20-21/245	Public Participation - District Councillor report: - RESOLVED that: no matters were raised.	
20-21/246	Public Participation: - RESOLVED that: no matters were raised by any members of the public.	
20-21/247	Financial Report: - RESOLVED that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the Financial Summary to the end of February 2021 be received, balance noted at £69,537.43 and that payments listed in the schedule be approved. Approved. • the RFO has reviewed the Financial Regulations and proposes that no changes be made for 2021. Approved. • the RFO has reviewed the Financial Internal Controls. The only change being the adoption of online payments and the updating of processes accordingly. The RFO confirmed that the substance of the internal controls has not changed and recommended that the Financial Internal Controls be approved. Approved. 	
20-21/248	Parish Assembly – RESOLVED that: Councillors considered holding the Assembly via ZOOM rather than face to face, but it was deemed impractical. It was agreed that consideration would be given to holding the Assembly later in 2021 once COVID restrictions are lifted and face to face meetings are allowed on NALC advice. Approved.	
20-21/249	Members Allowance and Gift Register – RESOLVED that: Chair and Councillors will accept their allowances and will donate them to the APC budget for use on behalf of the village. Approved. Councillors were reminded of their responsibilities in relation to any gifts received.	
20-21/250	Rent Review – RESOLVED that: due to the unprecedented nature and impact of COVID-19 on the community that neither the allotment nor playing field rents will be increased this year. Approved.	
20-21/251	Cemetery Report – RESOLVED that: the report on Cemetery business be noted and approved. Approved.	
20-21/252	Applications for Development - RESOLVED that: planning applications be considered for approval. Approved. There were no planning decisions to be noted.	
20-21/253	Insurance Contract - RESOLVED that: the recommendation by the RFO in a paper comparing quotations from Zurich Insurance and a specialist insurance broker be awarded for three years to Zurich Insurance. The Councillors agreed to award the contract on the basis of best price, previous good service and that the cover to be purchased is appropriate to the Councils needs and requirements. Approved.	
20-21/254	Arnside Parish Council Biodiversity Plan 2021 – 2023 (incorporate recent findings in Wild Verges report September 2020) – RESOLVED that: the two year plan be approved and that a project sub-committee be put in place to take the plan forward. Cllr Porter offered to become part of the sub-committee. Approved.	
20-21/255	Grounds and Maintenance Contract – RESOLVED that: the recommendation to appoint Contractor 2 be approved on the basis of completeness of response and price. Approved.	
20-21/256	Timing for a return to face to face meetings – RESOLVED that: the APC meeting of 10 May be moved to 4 May and held via zoom. That once the implications of preparing for face to face meetings in the Chapel are better understood, consideration be given to using another venue for Council meetings rather than face costly alterations to the Chapel to ensure compliance. Approved.	
20-21/257	Introduction of a Parish Council Facebook page – RESOLVED that: Councillors discussed the benefits and de-merits of introducing an APC Facebook page. It was agreed that Cllrs Chaffey, Mann, Porter and Halford would discuss the set up and ongoing management of a page with the Clerk for implementation in the near future. Approved.	HC/KH /MM/ SP/ Clerk
20-21/258	Bicycles on National Trust Land – RESOLVED that: Cllrs Halford and Chaffey to collaborate with other interested parties in exploring possible solutions to current issues. Approved.	HC/KH

20-21/259	Playground Grant – RESOLVED that: the information received from SLDC be re-circulated to Cllrs Christensen, Halford, Brockbank and Smillie with a view to considering what next steps should be. Approved.	Clerk
20-21/260	Combatting Social Isolation – RESOLVED that: Council review and approve the wording on the proposed signs. Approved. That the Clerk request a quotation for the signs to be made up. Approved. That wording of the leaflet to be distributed in Arnside be approved. Approved. That the location of the chatty benches as shown on the map be approved. It was agreed that Cllrs Halford and Brockbank would review the map locations prior to approval.	Clerk DB/KH
20-21/261	Police Liaison – RESOLVED that: A total of 6 crimes were reported in Arnside during January, a reduction of 2 from December. The Police appear to have the incidents under control and no follow up action was deemed necessary by APC. Approved. More information on reported crimes in our area can be found on the police.uk website.	
20-21/262	Councillor Matters - RESOLVED that it be noted that the following matters were raised: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A resident, who is very supportive of a local café, raised a concern about the lack of a COVID compliant queueing system for customers. Cllr Chaffey to approach the owner with some proposals. • A resident raised concerns about the number of vehicles that ‘idle’ ie with engines running when going into the Londis or Averys. It is an offence under the Road Traffic Act (1988) to do so and is liable to a fixed penalty notice and fine. Cllr Chaffey to request signage from Highways to try and prevent this continuing. • Cllr Chaffey asked for advice on how best to support residents who are unsure whether or not to sign up for the Openreach offer for improving broadband in the village. Cllrs Mann and Halford are happy to be approached by residents who have questions. • The de-constructed Christmas Tree is still on the Foreshore. Cllr Chaffey to approach the resident most likely to help with removal. • It was noted that the Dales Divide bike ride has been postponed. • On 25th January, a resident raised a concern that one of the trees on the right-hand side of High Knott Road appears unsafe. An initial review concluded the land is owned by Cumbria County Council (CCC). Cllr Brockbank agreed to organise a more detailed inspection of the tree by our contractor, then follow up as appropriate with CCC. 	HC HC MM/ KH HC DB
20-21/263	Date of the next meeting - RESOLVED that the date of the next scheduled meeting of Arnside Parish Council be confirmed as 7.15pm on Monday 12 th April 2021 online using ZOOM. Items for the agenda should reach the Clerk by Thursday 1 st April Finance items to RFO by this date.	
	Meeting closed at 2215	

Chair:

Date: