



Arnside Parish Council

Minutes of the monthly Meeting held on Monday 13th March 2023 at 7.15pm in the Cemetery Chapel.

Present:

Councillors Present: Peter Smillie (PS) Chair for 127 to 129, Steve Porter (SP), Mike Mann (MM) chair for 131 onwards, Neil Punnett (NP), Helen Chaffey (HC), Keith Halford (KH), Pete McSweeney (PM) Clive Christensen (CC)

Officers: Clerk Carly Taylor, RFO Lesley Smyth.

22-23/127	Apologies for Absence: - Rebecca Kennington (RK), Josh McLeod	
22-23/128	Declaration of Interests: - RESOLVED that the following declarations of interests be noted. None.	
22-23/129	Minutes of previous Meeting: - RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 13 th February 2023 pages 19127-19128 be confirmed as a true record.	
22-23/130	Election – To appoint new Chair Person: - After resignation of chair Cllr Peter Smillie as chair and council member. Resolved that: Discussion held regarding Chair, Cllr Mann was put forward, this was seconded and council unanimously agreed to appoint Cllr Mann as Chair.	
22-23/131	Appointment of new Clerk: - Resolved that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recruitment was held in February for new Clerk, council all agreed on appointment of Pete McSweeney as Clerk. PM to start in April. Councillors all welcomed PM to the role of Clerk. 	
22-23/132	Public Participation – County Councillor and District Councillor report: - RESOLVED that: A&B. County & District Report: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Network Rail have started work around the railway crossing clearing the vegetation, as part of solving the flooding issue. No finish date has been advised. Cllr McSweeney updated the council on the process for handing over all the work to the new Westmorland & Furness Council is happening ahead of take over on 1st April. C. Westmorland & Furness Council Update: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cllr Chaffey echoed Cllr McSweeney’s update on the handover of the council to Westmorland & Furness. Council noted and discussed 4.99% increase in council tax to start from April. 	
22-23/133	Public participation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Resident raised issue of poor state of Arnside’s roads, and the presence of multiple pot holes around the village, and could APC report this to highways. CT has already advised the resident that they can report individual pot holes. Action - Agreed Parish Council should write to Highways to highlight the concerns. An individual has contacted regarding the toposcope on Arnside Knott. Council advised it is the responsibility of the National Trust. Action -Clerk to email the individual and advise. Resident has re raised outstanding issue about the broken light on the coastguard station. Andrew Vickers at SLDC had been contacted about this. Action – Clerk to recontact Andrew and get this sorted. Cllr Chaffey had received some information regarding a previous resident raised concern over environmental impact of wood burners. Action – Item to be added to next agenda. Alistair from the sailing club would like to come and speak at a council meeting about plans for the sailing club Action – to let sailing club know of Aprils meeting date Dangerous ash tree has been reported on slipway on promenade. Action – Cllr Porter is already aware and having this checked. 	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>SP</p>

22-23/134	<p>Councillor Matters – Matters raised by Councillors not on the agenda:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Punnett requested items for the upcoming newsletter. Any items should be sent to Cllr Punnett by 31st March. • Cllr Punnett advised there was a 40% uptake of the recent housing survey. Survey results will be available for April's meeting. • Cllr Chaffey advised that 'clean up Kent estuary' group has been in touch, and this information has also been passed on to AONB. Cllr Chaffey suggested that as part of the King's coronation weekend we could hold a volunteer day on the Monday to clean up the estuary potentially involving AONB, School & others. All agreed would be a good idea. Action – Cllr Chaffey to create event. • Fireworks committee – Cllr Christenson to represent APC • Cllr Christenson advised that risk assessments will be starting in the next few weeks. Also headstone checks – Action – Cllr Mann to speak to D.Brockbank • Cycle event – they will be giving a donation to the playground fund Action – Clerk to let Cllr Kennington know. 	<p>HC</p> <p>MM</p> <p>Clerk</p>
22-23/135	<p>Financial Report RESOLVED that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Received and noted. • Payroll details not yet received as payroll officer on holiday. • Need to authorise Cllr Mann – Action – Cllr Mann to send over relevant details to RFO • Verges grant not yet received – Cllr Porter to chase • Still no update on cemetery grant – Action – Cllr Mann to speak to JM. 	<p>MM</p> <p>SP</p>
22-23/136	<p>Cemetery Report – RESOLVED that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nothing raised. 	
22-23/137	<p>Applications for Development – RESOLVED that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PN/2023/0016 – No comments • SL/2023/0149 – No comments • SL/2023/0185 – No comments 	
22-23/138	<p>Wildflower Verges Project – RESOLVED that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update sent out with agenda for all councillors to read prior to meeting. • Louise Foster CC Community Projects Officer advised survey has been done of the site. When the seeds arrive organise with Dougie from AONB to remove thatch and put seed in (weather dependant) probably April time. Meeting to be held with group on Wednesday. • Parish agreement – wildflower group to be discussed. 	
22-23/139	<p>Meeting Rules – RESOLVED that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Mann discussed meeting rules that were shared previously with councillors. • Action – Action tracker to be created to keep track of progress of items discussed and out coming actions to ensure resolution. 	<p>MM/Clerk</p>
22-23/140	<p>Review of bench costs – RESOLVED that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unfortunately no costs received yet, despite request over 1 week ago. Unable to review. Action – Clerk to chase Glasdon • D.Brockbank having a bench placed at the war memorial. 	
22-23/141	<p>Date of the next meeting - RESOLVED that the date of the next scheduled meeting of Arnside Parish Council be confirmed as 7.15pm on Tuesday 11th April 2023 in the Cemetery Chapel. Items and Finance items for the agenda should reach the Clerk and RFO respectively by Friday 31st March 2023.</p>	
22-23/142	<p>Meeting closed at 21.15.</p>	

Chair:

Date: