



Arnside Parish Council

Minutes of the monthly Meeting held on Monday 11th March 2024 at 7.15pm in the Cemetery Chapel.

Present:

Councillors: Mike Mann (MM) – chair, Neil Punnett (NP), Helen Chaffey (HC), Rebecca Kennington (RK), Darrell Lancaster(DL), Steve Porter(SP) , Jill Abel(JA)

Officers: Clerk - Pete McSweeney, RFO – Caroline Caudwell,

23-24/159	Apologies for Absence: - David Gee, Cemetery Officer – Josh McLeod, Michael Simpson (illness)	
23-24/160	Declaration of Interests: - RESOLVED that the following declarations of interests be noted. None	
23-24/161	Minutes of previous meetings: - RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held the 12 th February 2024 pages 19154 & 19155 be confirmed as a true record and be signed by the chair.	MM
23-24/162	<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: One member of the public, a member of Beetham Parish Council, was present.</p> <p>Westmorland & Furness Council (W&FC) Update: W&FC member Cllr Chaffey reported the following:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintenance of the verges – W&FC’s proposed Template of Agreement is not yet available. It will be discussed at a meeting on 13/3/24. There are 2 grass cutting licences in place for APC, but they do not cover all the W&FC owned verges in the parish. • Highway repairs – the full list of highway repairs requested by W&FC members has been circulated to APC members. The list includes The Promenade. Network North financing may be made available to complete some repairs on the list during 2024/25. • Teams meeting planned for 12/3/24 with W&FC officers and some APC members regarding car parking in Arnside. 	HC
23-24/162	<p>Councillor Matters – Matters raised by Councillors not on the agenda:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The landlord of the Fighting Cocks has asked if their customers can access the public toilets whilst their renovations are taking place. APC does not object to this request, however users of the public toilets will still be expected to pay the full admission price. • Affordable Housing – a bid for the land on Briery Bank has been presented to Persimmon Homes. Outline planning permission has not yet been secured due to a delay in processing the S106 agreement by Persimmon Homes. • A thank you gift, paid for by members, has been sent to Clive Christensen. • Arnside Horticultural Society that is being wound up, has given APC £100 to maintain the planter by the fountain. 	SP NP All SP
23-24/163	<p>Cemetery Report – RESOLVED that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The report from JM be noted. 	JM
23-24/164	<p>Financial Report RESOLVED that: To consider the financial summary for March 2024 The report be received and noted.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Income for the month was £4,132.78 • Expenditure for the month was £7,951.59 net of VAT • Balances – Playground £25,117.96, current account £30,642.22 and reserves £49,449.38 <p>The renewal of APC’s insurance was queried. The clerk & RFO will obtain 2 further quotations and report to the finance committee meeting on 27th March.</p>	RFO Clerk & RFO
23-24/165	<p>Applications for Development – RESOLVED that the clerk should respond to W&FC as follows: 2024/0265/LBC, 2024/0276/FPA & 2024/0346/FPA – No objections</p>	Clerk

23-24/166	<p>Consider the quotation from KTD regarding the services and support necessary to ensure that APC is compliant with the latest NALC recommendations for council domain names and member email accounts.</p> <p>The chairman and clerk explained the rationale behind the proposal and how it would demonstrate a significant improvement on the management and security of APC data and emails. It was RESOLVED that the clerk should contact KTD to ask them to implement the work that was highlighted in the quotation circulated to members. This would not include the additional backup of the Microsoft cloud as recommended by KTD.</p> <p>Action – Clerk to contact KTD to ask for the work to be done.</p>	<p>Clerk & MM</p> <p>Clerk</p>
23-24/167	<p>Consider tree management proposals in Beachwood</p> <p>Cllr Porter explained the request from a tree surgeon to do some work on trees on APC land that had been requested by a resident. It was agreed that a decision should be DEFERRED until the April meeting when more information would be available. SP will be meeting with Dougie Watson for the A&SNL to discuss the proposals.</p> <p>Action – HC to contact Graham Nicholson at W&FC regarding approvals allegedly given to fell and prune the trees with TPOs.</p>	<p>SP</p> <p>HC</p>
23-24/168	<p>To consider supporting, in principle, the 'Climate and Ecology Bill' about to be put before the House of Commons – It was RESOLVED that members would support, in principle, this bill.</p>	SP
23-24/169	<p>Members to provide items for April Parish Council Newsletter – Deadline 15th March 2024</p> <p>NP reminded members of the deadline for information. Some items have been submitted but more is needed.</p> <p>Action – Members and officers to submit more items to NP</p>	All
23-24/170	<p>Confirm date & venue for 2024 Parish Assembly</p> <p>Action – All members and officers to contact chairman & clerk re availability in May 2024</p>	All
23-24/171	<p>Review of Action List</p> <p>The action list was reviewed. An updated list will be sent to all members and officers.</p>	NP
	<p>PART 2 – Members voted unanimously to move the meeting to Part 2 which excludes members of the press and public.</p>	
23-24/172	<p>To discuss the possible acquisition of additional assets</p> <p>The chairman gave members an update on progress in acquiring additional assets for APC. The next stage in the process would become clearer after the meeting with W&FC officers on 12/3.</p>	MM
23-24/173	<p>Consider the proposal for an event in Arnside that will contribute towards fund raising for the playground.</p> <p>The chairman informed members about a fundraising event that has been planned for 1st April on the pier. Members DEFERRED the decision about supporting the event until more information is available from the organisers. A special council meeting will be called before 1st April to make a decision.</p>	MM
23-24/174	<p>Date of the next meeting - RESOLVED that the date of the next meeting is scheduled for Monday 8th April 2024. Items for the agenda should reach the Clerk by Friday 29th March 2024 and finance items to the RFO by this date.</p>	
23-24/175	<p>Meeting closed at 21.30</p>	

Chair:

Date: