



# Arnside Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2021 at 7.15pm in the Cemetery Chapel

Present:

Councillors: Peter Smillie (PS) Chair; Helen Chaffey (HC); Clive Christensen (CC); Keith Halford (KH) Vice Chair  
Steve Porter (SP); Pete McSweeney (PMcS)

Officers: Clerk Caroline Caudwell (CEC); RFO Lesley Smyth (LS);

Apologies: Councillor Mike Mann (MM); Cemetery Officer Brenda Brockbank (BB)

2 members of the public were present.

21-22/093	<b>Apologies for Absence: - RESOLVED</b> that the following apologies were received: Councillors Mike Mann, who is on leave and Cemetery Officer Brenda Brockbank.	
21-22/094	<b>Declaration of Interests: - RESOLVED</b> that the following declarations of interests be noted. None.	
21-22/095	<b>Minutes of previous Meeting: - RESOLVED</b> that the minutes of the meeting held on 10 <sup>th</sup> October pages 19081-19082 be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chair. Approved.	
21-22/096	<p><b>Public Participation – County Councillor and District Councillor report: - RESOLVED that:</b> The Chair welcomed Councillor McSweeney to the meeting who updated as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The first meeting of the Pub Watch run by volunteers in collaboration with Cumbria Police took place two weeks ago. Although 14 pubs in the local area had signed up only 3 attended the meeting. The next meeting is on 30 November at 10am at the Coach and Horses in Milnthorpe when it is hoped more publicans will attend. An invitation is extended to Arnside Parish Councillors.</li> <li>• The headlines of progress on the Local Government Re-organisation have been sent to the Chair via email. The draft strategic change order has been released. The new names will be Westmorland &amp; Furness and Cumberland. There are currently about 190 councillors across the Westmorland &amp; Furness area and this number will be reduced to 65. Elections will be held in May 2022. In the Arnside and Milnthorpe ward/Kent Estuary division the number of councillors will reduce from 4 to 2 with effect from 1 April 2023. The shadow authority will be put in place from 8 May 2022 and remain until 31 March 2023. The leader of Cumbria County Council continues to pursue a judicial review of Central Government proposals against the majority view of County Councillors who voted in favour of stopping the judicial review. CALC are considering how parish councils could take on more responsibility for more local services. Northamptonshire and Bucks have recently gone through a similar process.</li> <li>• Whilst new signage prohibiting cyclists on certain footpaths can be put in place unfortunately the police will not enforce a no cycling rule and therefore unless users choose to respect the signs there is no further action Council can take.</li> <li>• The discussions with the Environment Agency and Network Rail regarding the flooding caused by Black Dyke not draining effectively are ongoing.</li> <li>• The District Councillor stated that the car park report should be available in advance of the December meeting so that councillors can review and consider any questions they wish to ask. It will be possible to invite the report’s author to the meeting.</li> </ul>	
21-22/097	<p><b>Public Participation – Matters raised by residents: RESOLVED that:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A member of the public raised two issues: 1) as the Queen will have been 70 years on the throne in 2023, would Council consider purchasing a Union flag to mark the occasion? Cllrs agreed in principle, but that they would need to know how much a flag would cost</li> </ul>	

	<p>before giving consent. 2) There is a street lamp on the corner of Ashmeadow and Silverdale road that is obscured by foliage. Cllr Chaffey will speak to the owners of the tree in the first instance.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Clerk read out two emails from the cricket club and the bowling club requesting that Council consider health and safety concerns caused by the condition of the car park on the Memorial Field. Cllrs Chaffey and Christensen are meeting a contractor on site to ascertain what action can be taken.</li> <li>• Cllr Chaffey confirmed that the same contractor was meeting with her to decide how best to resolve the concerns raised by a resident regarding the inaccessibility via a mobility scooter to the station caused by speed bumps.</li> <li>• It was agreed that an earlier email from a resident proposing a crossing by the playground on the playing field would not be progressed as the recent TROs re traffic calming had only just been put in place.</li> </ul>	
<b>21-22/098</b>	<p><b>Public Participation – Police Liaison: RESOLVED that:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In the absence of Cllr Mann nothing further to report.</li> </ul>	
<b>21-22/099</b>	<p><b>Councillor Matters – Matters raised by Councillors not on the Agenda: - RESOLVED that:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Following monitoring of the air flow in the Chapel during Council meetings, Cllr Christensen requested that the issue of ventilation in the Chapel be put on the December agenda. Quotations for any work will be required, but he anticipates a cost of around £1500.</li> <li>• Quotations for new garage doors on the lock up on the memorial field will also be brought to the December meeting by Cllr Christensen.</li> <li>• Cllr Chaffey proposes a Well being day on 2 April 2022 with support from local health professionals. Cllr Chaffey will bring a scope for the well being day for Council approval to the December meeting.</li> </ul>	<p>CC</p> <p>CC</p> <p>HC</p>
<b>21-22/100</b>	<p><b>Financial Report RESOLVED that:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Financial summary to the end of October be approved. Approved.</li> <li>• Payments approved.</li> <li>• Cash Balance of £74,321.09 noted.</li> </ul>	
<b>21-22/101</b>	<p><b>Cemetery Report – RESOLVED that:</b> the details of the Cemetery report be noted and approved. Approved.</p>	
<b>21-22/102</b>	<p><b>Applications for Development – RESOLVED that:</b> planning applications be considered for approval. Approved although noted that SL/2021/0990 was not unanimously supported. Planning decisions were noted.</p>	
<b>21-22/103</b>	<p><b>Wild Verges working Group – RESOLVED that:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AONB have cut Beechwood.</li> <li>• There are cables in the ground where the beech hedge is proposed by the recycling bins. Further investigations are necessary before work commences.</li> <li>• CCC have been approached to change their cutting regime.</li> <li>• It is noted that the Lake District Foundation has given a grant of £492.80 that will be paid to Arnside Parish Council, but is to be ring fenced for wild verging work only.</li> </ul>	
<b>1-22/104</b>	<p><b>NCP Car Parking – RESOLVED that:</b></p> <p>The report written for Cllr Porter by a representative of NCP car parking was shared with the Council. It was agreed that the power point presentation be shared with Cllrs and that the findings would be considered alongside the overall car parking strategy for the village.</p>	SP
<b>21-22/105</b>	<p><b>The Parish Assembly – RESOLVED that:</b></p> <p>It was agreed that the Parish Assembly should be held on Thursday 7 April 2022, assuming the WI Hall is available. If it is not, another date will be sought. Councillors were asked to forward any ideas for presenters to the meeting to the Clerk in advance of the December Council meeting for wider consideration. Approved.</p>	Clerk

21-22/106	<p><b>RFO Windows 10 upgrade – RESOLVED that:</b> Approval be given to the cost of £75 for upgrading the RFO’s PC to windows 10 as she is using her personal PC for Council work. In addition, £55 was also approved for a 365 upgrade.</p>	
21-22/107	<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 13<sup>th</sup> December 2021 in the Cemetery Chapel. Items and Finance Items for the agenda should reach the Clerk and RFO respectively by Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2021.</p>	
21-22/092	<p><b>Meeting closed at 2100</b></p>	

Chair:

Date:

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