



# Arnside Parish Council

Minutes of the monthly Meeting held on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November at 7.15pm in the Cemetery Chapel.

Present:

Councillors: Mike Mann (MM) – chair, Steve Porter (SP), Neil Punnett (NP), Helen Chaffey (HC), Clive Christensen (CC), Darrell Lancaster (DL), Rebecca Kennington (RK), Michael Simpson (MS)

Volunteers: David Gee (DG)

Officers: Clerk - Pete McSweeney, RFO - Lesley Smyth, Cemetery Officer - Josh McLeod (JM)

23-24/102	Apologies for Absence: - Jill Abel, Cllr Lizzi Collinge	
23-24/103	Declaration of Interests: - <b>RESOLVED</b> that the following declarations of interests be noted. None.	
23-24/104	Minutes of previous Meeting: - <b>RESOLVED</b> that the minutes of the meeting held on 9 <sup>th</sup> October 2023, pages 19147-19148 be confirmed as a true record and to be signed by the chair.	MM
23-24/105	Recruitment a) <b>Co-option of new member</b> – It was <b>RESOLVED</b> to accept the interview panel’s recommendation to co-opt Michael Joseph Simpson on to Arnside Parish Council. b) <b>Volunteers</b> – The chairman gave a verbal explanation the role of APC volunteers c) <b>Recruitment of RFO/deputy clerk</b> – The clerk gave a verbal update on progress	MM MM Clerk
23-24/106	Public Participation – Members of the public to address the council and report from Westmorland & Furness Council members for the Kent Estuary ward: - <b>Members of the Public:</b> No members of the public were present. <b>Westmorland &amp; Furness Council (W&amp;FC) Update:</b> Cllr Helen Chaffey reported the following:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All matters previous raised by Edgar Shepherd have been reported to W&amp;FC.</li> <li>The next meeting of the South Lakeland Locality Board will be in January.</li> <li>Re funding for the playground project, a W&amp;FC officer will contact RK before 11/12.</li> <li>Re the verges project, HC recommended requesting a grant of up to £5k</li> <li>Re the Sailing Club planning application, a request for funding has been made.</li> <li>All funding requests relevant to Arnside have been made and listed. This includes a request for funding to resurface The Promenade.</li> <li><b>Action</b> – HC to circulate cycling speed data when available</li> <li><b>Action</b> – HC to circulate report of 20mph speed limit effectiveness. <b>Action complete</b></li> </ul>	HC
23-24/107	Councillor Matters – Matters raised by Councillors not on the agenda: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Complaint about a pothole on Silverdale Road near to the junction with Orchard Road and Ashmeadow Road.</li> <li>The Kendal King Food Bank has a collection point at the Londis shop on The Promenade.</li> <li>A decision is required about the possibility of restoring the water supply to the fountain on The Promenade opposite The Albion. CC will prepare a paper for members to consider</li> <li>The post at the top of the slipway opposite The Albion needs replacing. It was <b>RESOLVED</b> to ask the APC contractor, Andy Brayshaw, to replace the post at a cost of £230.</li> </ul> The clerk informed members about significant emails that had been received by the council. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A complaint regarding a damaged car parked on Black Dyke Road. Now reported to W&amp;FC.</li> </ul>	DL CC CC Clerk
23-24/108	Cemetery Report – <b>RESOLVED</b> that: The report from JM be noted. JM reported that he is still awaiting more information regarding the possible digitisation of APC cemetery records.	JM

23-24/109	<p><b>Financial Report RESOLVED that:</b></p> <p><b>a) To consider the financial summary for November 2023</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The report be received and noted.</li> </ul> <p><b>b) Review budget for 2023/24</b></p> <p><b>Action</b> – All budget owners to check that their allocations for 2023/24 are accurate in preparation for setting the 2024/25 precept.</p> <p><b>Action</b> – Update APC Financial Regulations regarding the percentage of the precept should be maintained as reserves. Check legal guidance.</p> <p><b>c) Local Government Services Pay Agreement 2023</b></p> <p>It was <b>RESOLVED</b> that APC should accept the recommendations and implement the new pay scales including appropriate back pay for the three council employees.</p>	<p>RFO</p> <p>All</p> <p>RFO</p> <p>RFO/ DM</p>
23-24/110	<p><b>APC and Social Media</b></p> <p>A discussion took place about the degree in which APC should be involved in social media.</p> <p><b>Action</b> – Contact A-M O’N regarding proving a link from the village website to the APC website</p> <p><b>Action</b> – Research CALC &amp; NALC guidance on parish council use of social media</p>	<p>HC Clerk</p>
23-24/111	<p><b>Applications for Development</b></p> <p>Members discussed the applications. No objections were raised about any of the applications. However members wished to record that consideration should be given to the external finish of the building for application SL/2023/0518. The A&amp;S AONB DPD is clear on building design.</p> <p><b>Action</b> – Contact W&amp;FC with the comments from APC members. <b>Action completed</b></p>	<p>Clerk</p>
23-24/112	<p><b>Adoption of W&amp;FC issued Members Code of Conduct</b></p> <p>It was <b>RESOLVED</b> that APC would adopt the recently released version of the members Code of Conduct from Westmorland &amp; Furness Council.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
23-24/113	<p><b>Review of Action List</b></p> <p>The action list was reviewed. An updated version will be sent to all members</p>	<p>NP</p>
23-24/114	<p><b>PART 2</b> – Members voted unanimously to move the meeting to Part 2 which excludes members of the press and public.</p> <p><b>To Discuss the acquisition of additional assets –</b></p> <p>It was <b>RESOLVED</b> to give approval for the chairman to continue discussions regarding the possible acquisition of additional assets for APC.</p>	<p>MM</p>
23-24/115	<p><b>Date of the next meeting - RESOLVED</b> that the date of the next meeting is scheduled for Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024. Items for the agenda should reach the Clerk by Friday 29<sup>th</sup> December 2023, and finance items to the RFO by this date.</p>	
23-24/116	<p><b>Meeting closed at 21:22</b></p>	

Chair:

Date:

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