



Arnside Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 11th October 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
Officers: Clerk Caroline Caudwell (CEC); RFO Lesley Smyth (LS);

Apologies: Councillor Mike Mann (MM); Councillor Steve Porter (SP); Councillor Pete McSweeney (PMcS)
Cemetery Officer Brenda Brockbank (BB)

6 members of the public were present.

21-22/074	Apologies for Absence: - RESOLVED that the following apologies were received: Councillors Mike Mann, Steve Porter, County Councillor Pete McSweeney and Cemetery Officer Brenda Brockbank.	
21-22/075	Declaration of Interests: - RESOLVED that the following declarations of interests be noted. None.	
21-22/076	Minutes of previous Meeting: - RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 13th September pages 19079-19080 be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chair. Approved.	
21-22/077	<p>Public Participation - County Councillor and District Councillor report: - RESOLVED that: In Councillor McSweeney’s absence Councillor Chaffey updated the meeting on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CCC have no powers to stop the fireworks event going ahead, neither have the police. However, the Promenade cannot be legally closed without a temporary Traffic Regulation Order and it would require a qualified traffic management company to stop or direct traffic rather than event marshals. Unfortunately, a TTRO takes 12 weeks to process. • The 30 mph sign in New Barns just prior to the entrance onto the private road down to New Barns Bay has been removed following intervention by Cllr McSweeney on behalf of residents who complained that the sign would encourage drivers to drive too fast down the one lane track. A number of residents have registered their thanks via email to the Clerk for the prompt action in addressing their concerns. • At the instigation of the owners of the Albion pub, public houses in Arnside and Silverdale are joining the National Pub Watch Scheme to ensure that local pubs are a safe place to eat and drink. • A reminder that the individuals who wish to respond to the Local Plan should do so by 31 October 2021. • It is anticipated that the car park consultation results should be available to Council for the November meeting. 	
21-22/078	<p>Public Participation – Matters raised by residents: RESOLVED that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the issue raised by three members of the public regarding the problem that extended speed bumps on the pedestrian access onto the Lancaster side of the railway station cause to any person using mobility equipment should be referred in the first instance to Network Rail by the Clerk on the understanding that they will rectify the issue. The issue is that a mobility scooter scrapes over the bump causing damage and discomfort. Removal of the bump on the section of pedestrian access should resolve the problem. 	Clerk
21-22/079	<p>Public Participation – Police Liaison: RESOLVED that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In the absence of Cllr Mann nothing further to report. 	
21-22/080	<p>Councillor Matters – Matters raised by Councillors not on the Agenda: - RESOLVED that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was agreed that Council should add its voice to others by contacting Tim Farron regarding the unresolved flooding issue on Black Dyke. 	Clerk

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Arnside Parish Council is pleased to have received a Bittern Award 2020 from AONB for its support of the Arnside Volunteer Group. Councillor Mike Mann also received an award in recognition of his personal work and support. Cllr Halford raised the need for a new email address for the RFO. This is part of the existing contract but will involve a cost to activate a new email of about £75. Approved. 	
21-22/081	Financial Report RESOLVED that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Financial summary to the end of September be approved. Approved. Payments approved. Cash Balance of £85,683.35 noted. It was agreed that the procedure for salary authorisation would change to be approved at the Council meeting, alongside all other payments, but also should be annotated to be deferred for payment on or around the 28th of the month in line with employee contracts. Approved. 	
21-22/082	Cemetery Report – RESOLVED that: the details of the Cemetery report be noted and approved. Approved. It was noted separately that even if Hagg wood were available for development of the Cemetery in Hagg Wood it would not be possible as the ground is not deep enough.	
21-22/083	Applications for Development - RESOLVED that: planning applications be considered for approval. Approved. Planning decisions were noted.	
21-22/084	Wild Verges working Group – RESOLVED that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The group expressed its appreciation of the excellent work done by the Council’s Ground Maintenance Contractor John Lawrence. Weather permitting AONB volunteers will commence the planting of the plug plants on Tuesday 12 October. 	
21-22/085	Appointment of new RFO – RESOLVED that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The appointment of Lesley Smyth as the new RFO be approved. The Chair welcomed Lesley to the Council. Approved 	
21-22/086	RFO Training – RESOLVED that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approval sought for the new RFO to attend a budgeting and a VAT Course at a total cost of £60. Approved. 	
21-22/087	Electric Car Chargers – RESOLVED that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Council cannot install car chargers this is the responsibility of the Highways department. This issue will be reviewed again in November when the car park consultation results will hopefully be made available to the Council. In the meantime, Cllr Smillie will contact the Highways team to establish their position and Cllr Chaffey will talk to the District Council about their approach. Approved. 	
21-22/088	Bid Writing Course – RESOLVED that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It was agreed that at least two councillors will attend, but a decision will be made on who that will be at a later date. Approved. 	
21-22/089	Unity Bank Councillor Authorisations – Five Councillors are bank signatories and four councillors have now registered with Unity Bank to authorise online payments.	
21-22/090	Arnside Fireworks – A representative of the Arnside Firework Committee attended to update the Council on the SAG meeting. To the surprise of the Arnside Firework Committee who had attended in good faith and anticipated a collaborative discussion, the SAG meeting was quite adversarial. As a result of the meeting the Arnside fireworks will not be able to go ahead this year, as amongst other reasons, a temporary TRO would be required for traffic management on the night and there is a 12 week turnaround. Council was concerned to hear that the Arnside Firework Committee’s comments at the SAG meeting were not recorded as part of the post meeting minutes and encouraged the representative to request that this omission be rectified for future reference. Cllr Chaffey, on understanding that the SAG meeting had been initiated by SLDC and with Council approval, will approach the SLDC events team to express Council’s concerns at how the matter has been handled. The Council formally gives its support to the Arnside Firework Committee as it seeks a way forward for 2022.	

21-22/091	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 8 th November 2021 in the Cemetery Chapel. Items and Finance Items for the agenda should reach the Clerk by Friday 29th October.	
21-22/092	Meeting closed at 2032	

Chair:**Date:****19082**