

## **Arnside Parish Council**

Minutes of the monthly Meeting held on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2023 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), Rebecca Kennington(RK)

Officers: Clerk - Pete McSweeney

23-24/89	Apologies for Absence: - Darrell Lancaster (DL), RFO - Lesley Smyth, Cemetery Officer - Josh					
	McLeod					
23-24/90	<b>Declaration of Interests: - RESOLVED</b> that the following declarations of interests be noted.					
	None.					
23-24/91	<b>Minutes of previous Meeting: -RESOLVED</b> that the minutes of the meeting held on 11 <sup>th</sup> Sept.	MM				
	2023, pages 19145-19146 be confirmed as a true record and to be signed by the chair.					
23-24/92	Public Participation – Members of the public to address the council and report from					
	Westmorland & Furness Council members for the Kent Estuary ward: -					
	Westmorland & Furness Council (W&FC) Update:					
	Cllr Helen Chaffey informed APC that the W&FC voted last week to reinstate all bus services that					
	have been lost in the last 5 years. Funding to support these services will be available until June					
	2024. There will now be one 552 return service per day on Tues, Thurs & Sat in addition to the					
	current Mon, Wed & Fri services. A request is to be made for shelters at the Arnside stops.					
	Members of the Public:					
	Pete Evoy from the South Cumbria Rivers Trust addressed the meeting regarding local concerns					
	about the quality of the water in the River Kent estuary. Mr Evoy explained that taking water					
	samples was not a simple process. Consideration should be given to the time of year, the height					
	of the tides, the recent weather patterns, etc. A protocol for taking samples needs to be					
	established. He doesn't think that just taking samples from Arnside will give a full picture of the overall water quality in the estuary. He also made the point that sampling and testing for E.coli is					
	expensive.					
	Action – APC to set up a meeting with SCRT, UU and EA	нс				
	Edgar Shepherd raised a number of points:-	11.0				
	Continuing damage to the wall at Station Gardens caused by large vehicles turning					
	Need for Bus Stop to be painted on Silverdale Road at junction with Springfield					
	Gulleys around the village need to be cleaned by W&FC					
	<ul> <li>Request for additional double yellow lines at junction of Silverdale Road &amp; Orchard Road</li> </ul>					
23-24/93	Councillor Matters – Matters raised by Councillors not on the agenda:					
23-24/33	SP gave details of the planting day on 30 <sup>th</sup> Sept. Approx 20 people attended the site on Black	SP				
	Dyke Road. 2kg of wildflower seeds and hundreds of plug plants were planted on the day with	J.				
	help from Dougie Watson of the AONB team. Special thanks to Andy Brayshaw for cutting the					
	grass in bad weather on the day before.					
	RK asked that thanks should be expressed to Arnside Sailing Club for hosting the successful quiz	RK				
	evening that was held to raise funds for the playground project.					
	A discussion was held about the need for regular maintenance of Station Gardens. <b>Action</b> –	Clerk &				
	Clerk to contact neighbour again who had offered to help. <b>Action</b> – SP to contact local gardeners	SP				
	to see if any voluntary help could be secured.					
	CC informed members that he can create bike stands behind the fountain on The Promenade.					
	He has agreed the services of a welder, free of charge, but will need to spend £105 on steel. It	СС				
	was <b>RESOLVED</b> to approve the spend of £105 on steel.					
	The clerk informed members about some correspondence that had been sent to APC regarding					
	the boundary changes for the next General Election. Details of the new parliamentary					
	constituencies can be found at					
	https://boundarycommissionforengland.independent.gov.uk/2023-review/north-west/					

23-24/94	Cemetery Report – No report available.			
23-24/95	Financial Report RESOLVED that:			
	a) To consider the financial summary for October 2023			
	The report be received and noted.			
	<b>Action</b> – Discuss composition of report with RFO regarding the roll up of toilet expenditure, roll up of staff costs and expenses.			
	Action – Clarity required for the Octopus Energy bills for the sports clubs and cemetery chapel.			
	b) Consider Updated APC Financial Regulations.			
	Members were informed that at the meeting of the Finance Working Group on 30/8/23, changes to the APC Financial Regulations were agreed. Members have been sent copies of the revised	Clerk		
	regulations before the meeting. Members unanimously <b>resolved</b> to approve the adoption of the	Cierk		
	revised regulations. <b>Action</b> – Clerk has published the revised regulations on the APC website.			
23-24/96	To receive the Notes from the People Working Group meeting on 25/9/23			
	Members received the notes without comment	NP		
23-24/97	Consider quotation for valuation survey of land on Briery Bank			
	4 quotations have been received. It was agreed that the quotation from H&H Land Estates be			
	accepted. It was <b>RESOLVED</b> to approve a spend of up to £750 +VAT.	NP		
23-24/98	Consider the report already circulated to members regarding the damaged wall on the north			
	side of the playing field and consider the quotation to remove vegetation from along the wall.			
	A discussion to place on the merits of rebuilding the wall. <b>Action –</b> SP to contact the AONB team			
	to ask if their volunteers could clear the vegetation from the wall and what cost would be in-	SP		
	volved. Action – CC to look at the wall area with regard to the safety of the wall and the stock-			
	proof barbed wire fence behind the wall.	CC		
23-24/99	Review of Action List			
-	The action list was reviewed. An updated version will be sent to all members	NP		
23-24/100	Date of the next meeting - RESOLVED that the date of the next meeting is scheduled for			
	Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> November2023. Items for the agenda should reach the Clerk by			
	Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November 2023, and finance items to the RFO by this date.			
23-24/101	Meeting closed at 20:48.			

Date