



# Arnside Parish Council

Minutes of the monthly Meeting held on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2022 at 7.15pm in the Cemetery Chapel

Present:

Councillors Present: Clive Christenson (CC) Chair, Pete McSweeney (PM), Steve Porter (SP), Mike Mann (MM), Rebecca Kennington (RK), Neil Punnett (NP)

Officers: RFO Lesley Smyth (LS), Clerk Carly Taylor (CT).

Guest Speaker Fran

22-23/72	Apologies for Absence: - Received and accepted from P.Smille, B.Brockbank, M.Mann, H.Chaffey	
22-23/73	Declaration of Interests: - <b>RESOLVED</b> that the following declarations of interests be noted. None.	
22-23/74	<p><b>Public Participation – County Councillor and District Councillor report: - RESOLVED that:</b></p> <p><b>1. County &amp; District Report:</b></p> <p>Councillor McSweeney updated the meeting as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cllr McSweeney advised that we should add Westmorland &amp; Furness Council to be added to the agenda going forward.</li> <li>• Friar Coates bridge – the sign on the road regarding the road closure is currently incorrect. Contractor is going to rectify this to reflect the correct closure information.</li> <li>• Cllr McSweeney gave an update regarding the traffic lights and situation regarding work at the bottom of Silverdale Rd – After investigation it is believed that when there are periods of heavy rain, excess water runs down Ashmeadow Road and under the tarmac on Silverdale Rd. CCC are probably going to seal the junction of Ashmeadow Rd/Silverdale Rd and then resurface Silverdale Rd.</li> <li>• Cllr McSweeney attends the SLDC standards committee and reports back. Cllr McSweeney advised of the complaints procedure regarding complaints raised against SLDC members &amp; Parish/Town Council officers, and if they cannot be resolved locally, they go to the local government ombudsmen. All recent complaints to the ombudsmen have been dismissed, in contrast to the national average of only 49% dismissed, highlighting the good work of SLDC &amp; local Town/Parish Officers.</li> <li>• Cycling petition – Cllr McSweeney had a conversation with the lead CCC officer for walking/cycling, explaining our concerns behind our petition and received some good advice on how best to take the petition forward. Ideally, we would need at least 200 signatures and then for the petition to be presented at the beginning of November before being officially submitted to the CCC meeting at the end of November. It was recommended that we attach two covering pages outlining what the issues are and our suggested resolutions. Cllr McSweeney offered his help with the covering pages.</li> <li>• Ahead of our speaker, on the topic of community led housing, Cllr McSweeney wanted to share his previous experience. He advised back in 2010 some work was done on this and discussions had been had with Action Cumbria and Keswick Community Led Housing Project. There was lots of potential and enthusiasm, but it is very hard to get it going. Difficulty is finding someone to lead on the project.</li> </ul> <p>The Councillors thanked Cllr McSweeney for his report.</p>	Clerk

22-23/75	<p><b>Community Led housing :</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cllr Punnett introduced guest speaker Fran Richardson from Action with Communities in Cumbria and gave an overview of progress up to now. 8 years ago AONB conducted a housing needs survey which stated a need for 13 affordable houses. Cllr Punnett has secured funding from SLDC for an up-to-date survey to be carried out, and once the survey has been completed the data collected will determine the current needs of the parish.</li> <li>• Fran Richardson introduced herself and advised on the work she does with the Community Led Housing Hub for Lancashire and Cumbria. Fran advised that SLDC are very supportive of this approach to housing, and due to housing needs being documented before there will be plenty of supportive documentation to this.</li> <li>• Fran advised that is very important to ensure that the survey is structured well, to ensure that this opportunity is not wasted, and the right information is collected.</li> <li>• Fran also advised that is important to do some community engagement before sending the survey out, and during the survey to try and improve return rate.</li> <li>• Cllr McSweeney also advised that Persimmon owns the site on Briery Bank (the old orchard). SLDC have a budget to spend on housing. If the need is there, finance potentially could be available and with a potential site. If funding came from SLDC 100% of development could be possible.</li> <li>• Next steps: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Community engagement to be done ahead of survey.</li> <li>○ APC to agree format for survey and cover letter, ensuring it gets to every house registered.</li> <li>○ Deliver the survey and pre-paid return envelope (probably next Spring)</li> <li>○ Fran then to collate data (anonymised)</li> <li>○ APC to review data, which will lead next actions.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• The Cllrs thanked Fran for her presentation and information given.</li> </ul> <p>Cllr McSweeney retired from the meeting at 20.07.</p>	
22-23/76	<p><b>Public participation:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Request for a motorhome to be sited overnight on promenade car park – the councillors thanked the parishioner who has sought permission; however it was agreed that we cannot condone this and had to decline the request.</li> <li>• A couple of individual reports of rats around the promenade, beach, clock tower area. It was noted that fewer have been seen since the vegetation cleared on the banking. Clerk to get in touch with environmental health to ask for advice.</li> <li>• A local retired nurse approached our RFO to offer free first aid courses if over 20 people in attendance. All agreed this would be very useful.</li> <li>• Lighting issue in ginnel behind Arnside Primary School linking Church Hill to Orchard Rd. Light owned by APC. To contact school first and then electrician.</li> </ul>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>

22-23/77	<p><b>Councillor Matters – Matters raised by Councillors not on the agenda:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cllr Porter got a quote for promenade shelter, as discussed at the last meeting. The quote was for a galvanised steel frame, with the cheapest at £3000 for smaller shelter and £5000 for larger shelter. Although a good idea, and thanks to Cllr Porter for gaining quotes but due to cost all agreed unable to take forward.</li> <li>• Cllr Christenson advised remedial repairs to water fountain will cost £350.00. Grounds contractor quoted £125.00 for work – small tree on coastal path by Ashmeadow, small tree by playfield memorial and apply a small dose of pesticide. All agreed.</li> <li>• Cllr Halford raised issue of large vegetation causing sight issues at junction under railway bridge. The vegetation is making it difficult to see when turning into the village from the junction. To contact Network Rail.</li> <li>• Cllr Kennington asked if it may be possible to have a separate bank account for the playground funds to be kept in. RFO to contact bank. RFO raised it would need signatories - Cllr Kennington, Cllr Smillie and Cllr Mann. Cllr Kennington also mentioned about creating a working group for the playground, as she has two volunteers from the community.</li> </ul>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>LS</p>
22-23/78	<p><b>Financial Report RESOLVED that:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Issues with banking, unable to raise DD for grounds contractor, so has had to set up standing order instead. Due to some Cllrs not being able to access bank account yet, RFO has had to pay invoices via cheque. However Glasdon cheque was not accepted due signature error. RFO to contact bank.</li> <li>• Payments be approved. Approved.</li> <li>• Cash Balance of £62505.62 noted.</li> <li>• Finance/budget meeting scheduled for November 7<sup>th</sup>.</li> </ul>	<p>LS</p>
22-23/79	<p><b>Cemetery Report – RESOLVED that:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reported on behalf of cemetery officer by clerk: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Request for cemetery funding is being put together, as question raised from SLDC.</li> <li>○ Purchase fee for grave Nc121a waived due to historical anomaly.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
22-23/80	<p><b>Applications for Development – RESOLVED that</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SL/2022/0851 – no comments received. Councillors were content.</li> </ul>	
22-23/81	<p><b>Wildflower Verges Project – RESOLVED that:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cllr Porter fed back on the positive interest raised through the Health &amp; Wellbeing Day. Grant application for £2500 for AONB has now been submitted.</li> <li>• Still awaiting the information board for Beachwood, but is due very soon.</li> <li>• Children from Arnside Primary School coming to sow seeds on October 20<sup>th</sup>.</li> <li>• There is a meeting 14<sup>th</sup> October at Grange by the Grange &amp; District Naturalist Society on pollination. Cllr Porter cannot attend but will receive feedback and bring this to APC.</li> </ul>	
22-23/82	<p><b>Wildflower Gardens – RESOLVED that:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Caroline Howard was due to come and speak to the councillors but was unable to attend this evening. This will be revisited at another meeting when Caroline can attend.</li> </ul>	

<b>22-23/83</b>	<p><b>Wildflower Verges Project – RESOLVED that:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cllr Porter advised he has contacted Caroline regarding grant available and will be doing a second draft application with Caroline’s suggestions. The plan is to cut the verge on Sandside Road to the edge of the village boundary before the end of the year.</li> <li>• Trees for Beachwood – mainly apple trees/pear trees open rooted trees approximately £50 each. Cllr Porter advised between 12 to 15 trees would be needed with planting for them to be around November time. All agreed cost.</li> <li>• Information board at Beechwood being made by Design Works, need to find location for it be fixed.</li> <li>• On the 20<sup>th</sup> October children from Arnside Primary School will be involved in the seeding at Beachwood. Signs and protective fencing to be placed around.</li> <li>• Item 23/76 from the last meeting – Cllr Porter advised work is going to be done and cuttings to be left in situ on the banking. Cllr Mann raised issue of nearby works being done and asked if permission had been given. Cllrs Mann and Porter to go and visit to find out.</li> <li>• Cllr Porter would like to introduce some more colour into the wildflower verges.</li> </ul>	
<b>22-23/84</b>	<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 14<sup>th</sup> November 2022 in the Cemetery Chapel. Items and Finance items for the agenda should reach the Clerk and RFO respectively by Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2022.</p>	
<b>22-23/85</b>	<p><b>Meeting closed at 21:15</b></p>	

Chair:

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