



Arnside Parish Council

Minutes of the monthly Meeting held on Monday 11th September 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), Darrell Lancaster (DL), Rebecca Kennington(RK)

Officers: None

23-24/73	Apologies for Absence: - Clerk - Pete McSweeney, RFO - Lesley Smyth, Cemetery Officer - Josh McLeod	
23-24/74	Declaration of Interests: - RESOLVED that the following declarations of interests be noted. None.	
23-24/75	Minutes of previous Meeting: - RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 14 th August 2023, pages 19142-19144 be confirmed as a true record and to be signed by the chair.	MM
23-24/76	Public Participation – Members of the public to address the council and report from Westmorland & Furness Council members for the Kent Estuary ward: - Members of the Public: Resident complaint about road safety on the stretch of road between the visitor noticeboard and the junction of Inglemere on Redhills Road. Action - HC to raise with Highways. Resident complaint about visitor management suggested park & ride from Milnthorpe. Resident complaint about recycling into one truck and green bins not collected. Resident complaint about footpath along the common being overgrown and not wide enough Westmorland & Furness Council (W&FC) Update: Cllr Helen Chaffey informed APC that the W&F CEO would be visiting Arnside on Monday 18 th September and agreed that she would introduce the Chair and other Councillors in relation to their projects; affordable homes, playground refurbishment, wild flower verges and car parking.	HC
23-24/77	Councillor Matters – Matters raised by Councillors not on the agenda: NP reminded members about the 15 th September deadline for the newsletter. NP informed members that South Lakes Housing Association recommended 3 x land valuation companies NP raised the topic of EV charging points in Arnside DL requested that the Recycling Centre needs emptying more frequently and that people don't flatten their cardboard boxes. CC informed members that W&FC replied to coastal path hazards to say no action would be taken on the PRoW between the entrance to Ashmeadow House and the Coastguard Station. Action - CC to share reply with HC	NP NP NP DL CC
23-24/78	Cemetery Report – RESOLVED that: The report from JM be noted.	JM
23-24/79	Financial Report RESOLVED that: a) To consider the financial summary for September 2023 • The report be received and noted. b) The Finance Working Group that met on 30/8/23 proposed the following motion for full council consideration:- <i>Following a discussion of the Transparency Provisions as applied to APC, it is the recommendation of the Finance Committee to Arnside Parish Council that during any tender period for a major contract, commercially sensitive information is not published on the web site or in writing, with the monthly APC meeting minutes. It is of the opinion of the committee that such information may prejudice negotiations, and to withhold it gives the council a better opportunity to secure the best possible value for the residents of Arnside.</i> Members were informed that legal guidance says that financial details need to be published just once a year. Members unanimously resolved to approve the motion.	All All

23-24/80	To authorise the clerk or RFO to sign, on behalf of APC, the Terms & Conditions of Business document as requested by H&H Land & Estates Members resolved unanimously to give authority for the document to be signed.	All
23-24/81	Applications for Development SL/2023/0613 – 4 Inglemere Gardens – No objections SL/2023/0637 – Arnside Tennis Club – No objections Action – clerk to contact W&FC with above comments	Clerk
23-24/82	Wildflower Verges Working Group Project Review, June SP wanted to thank Paul Barnes as a resident getting this off the ground, Tony Sturdy and Doug Watson & Caroline Howard of the AONB. And our contractor for going beyond the call of duty. In short, the progress to date has been significant but not obvious. Really happy with the progress the verges have made, all of the work is being funded by grants from outside sources. CCC/W&F Planters for Pollinators and the AONB. Next phase is to encourage residents to plant for pollinators in their own backyard. Gardening for wildlife programme launch in January 2024. 17 th January at the E.I. with experts with a view to setting up a resident led working group. Set up meeting with local bodies and apply for funding from W&F for the contractor costs relating to the wild flower verges. Action - Still need to establish ownership of the verge on Sandside Road as APC are still maintaining it. HC to pick up with W&F. Action - Clerk to upload report onto the website and the report that Steve did for CALC.	SP HC Clerk
23-24/83	Sale of APC assets in relation to Memorial Bench Policy Finance committee will review the policy.	
23-24/84	Clean Up The Kent Estuary Campaign Plan is to replicate the Staveley Group programme and sample the water in the estuary using volunteers in conjunction with their recommended laboratory for testing the samples. APC approved. Action - HC to contact the Staveley Group and arrange a briefing.	HC
23-24/85	Woodburning Stoves HC confirmed that Arnside is not in a Smoke Control Area but that the concerned residents can make a specific nuisance complaint to W&F. Action - HC to supply contact details to the Clerk.	HC
23-24/86	Review of Action List The action list was reviewed. An updated version will be sent to all members	NP
23-24/87	Date of the next meeting - RESOLVED that the date of the next meeting is scheduled for Monday 9 th October 2023. Items for the agenda should reach the Clerk by Friday 29 th September 2023, and finance items to the RFO by this date.	
23-24/88	Meeting closed at 21:00.	

Chair:

Date: