

# ARKENGARTHDALE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

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**MINUTES**  
**of**  
**ARKENGARTHDALE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**  
**held remotely (via Zoom) on Tuesday 4 May 2021 at 8pm**

**Present:** Councillor P Harker; Councillor P Lundberg (Vice-Chair); Councillor R Stones; Councillor S Stubbs (Chair); Councillor J Watkins; County Councillor Y Peacock; and one member of the public.

**In attendance:** S Dray (Clerk)

**Apologies for absence** were received from District Councillor R Good

1. Last meeting. It was noted that the Annual Parish Meeting had been cancelled last year because of the Coronavirus Pandemic.
2. Annual report from the Parish Council. The Chair thanked all the Councillors for their work throughout the year, and thanked the Clerk for the extra work involved in preparing the accounts for audit. It was noted that the Parish Council's accounts had remained comfortable despite the expenses incurred by the floods in 2019, followed by the Coronavirus pandemic in 2020, and this had been possible because of the generosity of local organisations, authorities and individuals who had donated time, funds and resources to both causes. It was also noted that there was currently a fund being held by the Parish Council for an 'end-of-pandemic' community event that would be organised once it was legal and safe to hold large public gatherings again. The volunteers who had raised the funds last year were planning to hold a similar competition to win a hamper again this year, if a suitable 'quiz' question could be agreed. After some discussion it was unanimously agreed that the question should be "*How many lights were there on the Christmas tree on High Green this Christmas (December 2020)?*" Since only one person in the dale (and in the world) knew the answer, this seemed a fair question that gave every entrant an equal chance to win. Bruno Lesini was thanked for taking on the organising of this competition again.
3. Discussion topics. There had been no written resolutions from parishioners received by the Clerk.
4. Parish Council matters. There were no questions to the Councillors on matters which the Parish Council had responsibility.

The meeting closed at 8.15pm