

ARKENGARTHDALE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting
held at St Mary's Church, Arkengarthdale on
Monday 5 July 2021 at 8.00pm

MINUTES

Present: Councillor P Harker; Councillor P Lundberg (Vice-chair); Councillor R Stones; Councillor S Stubbs (Chair); District Councillor R Good; County Councillor Y Peacock; one elector and two members of the public.

In attendance: S Dray (Clerk)

There were no apologies for absence.

22/21 Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

23/21 Minutes

The minutes of the last meeting held on 4 May 2021 were confirmed as a correct record by the Council.

24/21 Public Session – Tree planting at Far Ghyll Cottage, Fore Gill, Arkengarthdale

- 24.1 A proposal from Mr Forster to plant 300-400 native woodland trees in a one-acre area of land at Far Ghyll Cottage, Fore Gill was considered;
- 24.2 Councillors heard that a grant from the Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust had already been awarded but that the funders required notification of the Parish Council's position on the proposal;
- 24.3 Councillors unanimously agreed to approve the proposal.

25/21 Vacancy in the office of Councillor

- 25.1 The resignation of Cllr John Watkins since the last meeting was noted, and councillors expressed their thanks for his contributions to the Parish over the years;
- 25.2 As part of the co-option process, expressions of interest in the position of Councillor had been advertised and two had been received;
- 25.3 The applications were considered and Councillors were unanimous in agreeing that both candidates were equally appointable, and that the decision was difficult. Councillors agreed to appoint Nicola Barningham. Both candidates would be informed. **[Action: SS/SD]**

26/21 Seat maintenance and grass cutting

- 26.1 Councillors received a report on the recent maintenance work to the public seats and benches in the parish;
- 26.2 It was noted that all the seats and benches requiring attention had now been attended to, and one seat had been removed from Booze for safety reasons. The balance in the Seat Maintenance account for future maintenance was £943;
- 26.3 A proposal was considered from the grass-cutting contractor to cut the grass twice a year around some of the seats at an additional annual cost of £75. This was agreed and approved. The contractor would be informed. **[Action: SD]**

- 26.4 It was noted that the list of seats in the Asset Register would now need updating and that Cllr Lundberg held the list of all the current seats and benches.

27/21 Clerk's overtime and salary

This item is minuted in Part 2 of these minutes for reasons of confidentiality.

28/21 St Mary's Church as multi-user centre

- 28.1 A request was considered from St Mary's Church to support the church's plans to adapt the Church building for multiple community uses;
- 28.2 Councillors agreed that the plans were important for both the future of the church and of the community. They were fully supportive of the initiative to make use of the church as a community resource, and it was noted that an internet service could be installed in the church free of charge by Reeth Rural Radio Network. Internet usage in the church would also be free. The church would be informed. **[Action:SD]**

29/21 Two Ridings Community Foundation – Flood Recovery Fund

- 29.1 A request to complete an online survey as a recipient of the Recovery Fund had been received and would have been considered at the meeting if the survey had not already closed without notice. Since the feedback questions were no longer unavailable it was agreed to submit a note of thanks for the funding which had been greatly appreciated;
- 29.2 Updates were received on progress with the recovery work. It was noted that the gutter work was now complete. It was unclear when the clearance work in Arkle Beck and the tree removal work would be completed. This would be followed up. **[Action: SS/PH]**

30/21 Payments and receipts

- 30.1 The following expenditure was approved:

S.Dray	salary (May/June 2021)	£334.08
S.Dray	overtime	£167.04
Steve Coleman/Alan Richardson	seat maintenance	£650.00
W.C.Stones & Son	flood work to gutters	£1596.00

- 30.2 There were no receipts

31/21 Correspondence received

The following correspondence were noted:

- 31.1 Dales police reports for May and June 2021;
- 31.2 Invitations from Highways England to the A66 Community Liaison Group meetings;
- 31.3 Notification from NYCC of the installation of a flood warning system on the A684 between Bainbridge and Wensley for 3 months from 28/6/2021;
- 31.4 A request from YLCA to nominate a representative at YLCA Branch meetings;
- 31.5 An invitation to join the North Yorkshire Police Fire and Crime panel as co-opted members;
- 31.6 Publicity from *CitizensOnline* about a digital inclusion project;
- 31.7 An invitation to respond to a consultation on RDC's local plan.

The following correspondence were considered:

- 31.8 RDC Area Partnership Funding Scheme: It was noted that the scheme was now open and it was proposed that an application be made for protective storage cases for the Council's records, maps and historic paperwork. It was agreed to submit an application **[Action: SD]**;
- 31.9 The Queen's Platinum Jubilee: A request from YLCA to take part in the lighting of beacons on 2 June 2022 to celebrate the year of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee was noted, and it was agreed that this would be put on the agenda for consideration at the next meeting in September **[Action: SD]**;
- 31.10 Meeting minutes: A complaint from the owner of the school building challenging the accuracy of Minute 18.2.3/21 (4 May 2021) and requesting confirmation of responsibility for Parish Council minutes was considered. Councillors agreed that Arkengarthdale Parish Council was responsible for the minutes. The owner of the school building would be informed **[Action: SD]**.

32/21 Planning

- 32.1 The following decision was noted: The Corn Mill R/01/41D: Approved - Conditional;
- 32.2 The following requests for information relating to Carter's Cottage were noted and considered:

- A request for the history of planning applications/decisions from a prospective purchaser;
- A request for planning advice from an intended purchaser;
- A request for the local reaction to conversion plans prior to submitting an application from a prospective purchaser.

It was noted that there had been several requests of this kind over the past few months and that the Parish Council did not have the authority to engage with these enquiries. It was agreed that a standard response would be sent to any future enquiries directing the prospective purchasers to the YDNPA planning authority.

33/21 Highway matters

- 33.1 Street lighting: An invitation from RDC to apply for new street lighting was considered. It was agreed that no more lights were required.
- 33.2 Blocked drains: An update on the blocked drains near New House Farm was received. It was noted that the drains would be jet-washed by Highways. No date had been given.

34/21 Local matters

- 34.1 BT Kiosks: An update was received on the two kiosks: RDC had requested that the kiosk at CB Yard was not removed following requests from residents. The whereabouts of a DIY kit for maintaining the traditional red kiosk at Langthwaite would be looked into. **[Action: YP]**;
- 34.2 Obstructions and parking on Arkengarthdale Road: It was noted that obstructions on the road had been less frequent in recent weeks and it was agreed that the situation would be monitored;
- 34.3 Best Kept Village competition: It was noted that judging was due to take place in July;

- 34.4 Street light on High Green: It was noted that the broken street light on High Green near Garbutt Cottage had been reported again but it was not known whether or not it had been fixed. This would be followed up. **[Action: RG];**
- 34.5 'Booze Only' bins: Information had been received from Holiday Homes Yorkshire about the legitimate use of the 'Booze Only' bins by holiday cottage users at Swallowholm Cottages. Three properties had been given keys by RDC on receipt of a fee. It was noted that the bins were not large enough to accommodate this arrangement. This would be followed up **[Action: RG];**
- 34.6 Volunteer community support 'thank-you' event: It was noted that the Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust, who had funded the fuel costs for the volunteer delivery drivers during lockdown, had generously agreed for the remaining funds to be spent on a 'thank you' event for the volunteers, and that this was being arranged.

35/21 Date of next meeting: Monday 6 September 2021

The meeting closed at 9.26pm.