**ARKENGARTHDALE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

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**MINUTES**

**of**

**ARKENGARTHDALE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

**held in St Mary’s Church, Arkengarthdale on Tuesday 16th May 2022 at 7pm**

**Present:** Councillor S Stubbs (Chair); Councillor P Harker(Vice-Chair); Councillor R Stones; Councillor S Atkinson; Councillor N Barningham;

**In attendance:** L Bridge (Clerk)

1. Welcome and Introductions.

 Chairman Stephen Stubbs welcomed everyone to the meeting and congratulated the other Councillors on being returned to office at the election.

1. To read the Notice convening the Meeting.

The Chairman read the Notice convening the Meeting

1. Apologise for absence.

Apologise and reasons for absence were approved for District Councillor R Good and County Councillor Y Peacock.

1. To read the Minutes of the last Annual Meeting of the Parish held on 4th May 2021.

The minutes were read and all councillors agreed that it was a correct record, the Chairman signed it.

1. The Statement of Accounts to 31st March 2022

This was read and approved by all Councillors. It was suggested as we are in such a healthy position we need to look at areas that may have been neglected.

1. Annual Chairman’s Report

As we have emerged from the various Covid-19 restrictions and start to return to something like business as usual it is clear Covid-19 is something we are going to have to learn to live with. As a Parish Council, we have resumed parish meetings in St Mary’s Church and it is good to see everyone and the Church being used again. We are in the process of applying to RDC for a grant to help the Church become a community hub to support the local community as this is the only public building remaining in Arkengarthdale. We are registering Langthwaite Pinfold with Land Registry and have purchased a bench to install once we are the owners as part of the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee celebrations. Which, I hope will be enjoyed by many people for many years to come. We are now registered for internet banking which will simplify payments going forward.

Finally, we have just had and election where we had the highest turnout of electors in Richmondshire and would like to congratulate Paul Harker, Robert Stones, Nicola Barningham and Simon Atkinson on their re-election.

We have a good team evenly distributed throughout the Dale and look forward to working with you all.

1. Discussion topics.

There had been no written resolutions from parishioners received by the Clerk.

1. Parish Council matters.
2. There were no questions to the Councillors on matters for which the Parish Council had responsibility.

The meeting closed at 7.09pm