

ARKENGARTHDALE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting
held at St Mary's Church, Arkengarthdale on
Monday 10 March 2025 at 7.15pm

MINUTES

Present: Cllr. S Atkinson; Cllr. N Barningham; Cllr. P Harker; Cllr. R Stones and Cllr. S Stubbs (Chair).

In attendance: S Dray (Clerk); D Southwell & P Wickham, ACEG (for item 091); J Fox & A Wallace, UDCLT (for item 090); A Walmsley, Rural Housing Enabler (for item 090)

085-24/25 Audio/visual recording

The Chair reminded all present of the council's expectations for audio or video recording of the meeting.

086-24/25 Apologies and reasons for absence

86.1 Apologies were received from Cllr Peacock.

86.2 Cllr Peacock's reason for absence was considered and approved.

087-24/25 Declarations of interest

87.1 Cllr Stubbs declared an interest in item 090-24/25 as the Chair of both the Parish Council and the UDCLT.

87.2 No applications for dispensation had been received. It was agreed that Cllr Stubbs would not participate in item 090-24/25, and that Cllr Harker, as vice-Chair, would chair the item.

088-24/25 Minutes

The minutes of the last meeting held on 10 February 2025 were confirmed as a true and correct record by the Council, and signed by the Chair.

089-24/25 Public Session

There had been no requests from members of the public.

090-24/25 UDCLT Housing Need Survey in Arkengarthdale

90.1 Councillors received a report from volunteers of the Upper Dales Community Land Trust (UDCLT) about a Housing Need survey that the Trust was going to undertake in Arkengarthdale in May 2025. UDCLT was working with a local housing provider and was supported by NYC Housing Enablers.

90.2 The following points were made in discussion:

- The aim of the survey was to demonstrate that there was a need for affordable housing in Arkengarthdale in order to trigger the building of 4 houses (two 2-bedroom and two 3-bedroom properties) on the land between the former Methodist Chapel and the war memorial. Planning permission had been granted on this site, which had been classified as an 'exception site' by the planning authority. The site was therefore not identified as a development site on the YDNPA Local Plan.

- The new houses would be rented only to people with a connection to the area (i.e. subject to the 106 clause). They would be owned by YDCLT and the housing provider.
- It was not possible to define what “affordable” housing was, because this was calculated according to the average house and rental values in the area and no local rental values had been identified by UDCLT.
- The survey would be sent to every household and business in the parish. It would be undertaken by UDCLT, and there was no requirement for the Parish Council to be involved.

90.3 The Council agreed to support the rolling out of the survey in Arkengarthdale.

091-24/25 Arkengarthdale Community Emergency Group (ACEG)/CEP

- 91.1 The revised terms of both the ACEG Charter and the APC/ACEG Service Level Agreement were considered, approved, and signed by the chairs of both committees, Cllr Stubbs and Mrs D Southwell.
- 91.2 The revisions made to the Community Emergency Plan since the last meeting were considered, approved and endorsed by the Council on condition of one minor amendment. The CEP was signed by Cllr Stubbs and Mrs D Southwell. It was agreed that the endorsed CEP would be sent to NYC by ACEG.
- 91.3 Mr M Wickham was thanked for the additional time he had spent amending the documents.

092-24/25 Clerk's report

- 92.1 Arrangements for the Annual Parish Meeting on 12 May 2025 were considered. It was agreed that the meeting would take place as usual immediately before the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council, and that it would be publicised within the parish.
- 92.2 The police report for Jan-Feb 2025 was noted.
- 92.3 An invitation for one councillor to attend the YDNPA Planning Webinar on 2 April was considered and it was agreed that Cllr Barningham would attend.
- 92.4 An invitation was considered for two representatives to attend the online YDNPA Spring Parish Forum for the northern area on 23 April 2025. It was noted that no one was available to attend due to other work commitments.
- 92.5 Councillors received a report from the Chair and the Clerk on a community meeting held on 6 March organised by Sustainable Swaledale with *Ousewem*, a project seeking to implement natural flood management solutions in Arkengarthdale over the next 2 years. It was noted that a further meeting was being held in Reeth specifically for farmers with land in Arkengarthdale, Reeth and Grinton.
- 92.6 Notifications from YDNPA of temporary, phased, closures to footpaths and bridleways in Arkengarthdale, Swaledale and Hurst between March and September were noted. It was agreed that these would be posted on the website as well as circulated to residents via email.
- 92.7 A message was noted from the A66 Northern Trans-Pennine project team confirming that work would restart on upgrading the road following the dismissal of a legal challenge to the project.
- 92.8 A request to submit a response to the YDNPA consultation on its draft Management Plan for 2025-2030 was considered. It was agreed that the Parish Council would not submit a response.
- 92.9 A request for feedback on NYC's Public Conveniences Service Plan, specifically with regard to the public toilets in Langthwaite was considered. It was agreed to send feedback stating that the toilets were well used and the building was in good order.
- 92.10 An invitation to enter the Richmond Rotary Best Kept Village Competition 2025 was considered. It was agreed not to enter Langthwaite in the competition this year.

- 92.11 A consideration of the options for ordering multiple copies of a parish map was postponed to the next meeting on account of the sample map not yet being available for inspection.
- 92.12 A note was considered from the Royal British Legion representative in Reeth about the forthcoming events to commemorate VE Day (8 May) and VJ Day (14 August), with a request to order any wreaths promptly. It was noted that there were no plans to hold such events in Arkengarthdale, and that the only wreath required this year would be for the Remembrance Service in November.

093-24/25 **Planning**

The following application was considered:

R/01/38B: Application for planning permission for erection of bespoke timber-framed summer house on concrete slab at Arkle Barn, Arke Town.

It was agreed to object to this application on the following grounds:

- a) The proposed building appeared to block the only vehicular access to the pasture beyond the site. The plans failed to demonstrate that the proposed building was not obstructing this access.
- b) The proposed building would compound the already difficult parking situation in Arkle Town.

094-24/25 **Matters requested by councillors**

(None)

095-24/25 **North Yorkshire Councillor's report**

No report was received owing to the absence of Cllr Peacock.

096-24/25 **Highways**

- 96.1 Roadside railing at Whaw: No updates had been received. It was agreed that this would be followed up with Highways
- 96.2 Potholes: No updates had been received. It was agreed that this would be followed up with Highways
- 96.3 NYC grass cutting in 2025: It was noted that correspondence had now been received from NYC, who were grateful that the lack of maintenance had been brought to their attention, and reported that the contractor had been contacted, and that future cutting of the visibility verges would be closely monitored by NYC.

097-24/25 **Financial matters**

- 97.1 The bank balances as at 28 February 2025 were noted as follows:
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| Current account | £1849.25 |
| Community Emergency account | £1253.07 |
| Seat Maintenance account | £ 19.88 |
| Liquidity Manager Seat Maint. account | £ 678.18 |
- 97.2 Payments made since the last meeting were noted as follows:
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| S Dray | Salary Feb | £ 265.20 |
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- 97.3 The following payments were considered and approved:
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| Latitude Mapping Ltd (CEP/ACEG Account) | Laminated parish map | £ 111.00 |
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- 97.4 The following receipts were noted:
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| Interest on CEP account Feb | £ 1.20 |
| Interest on Seat Maint. account Feb | £ 0.02 |
| Interest on Liquidity Mgr Seat Maint. Feb | £ 1.79 |

- 97.5 The arrangements for the internal audit were considered. It was agreed to ask Mr David Williams if he would kindly undertake the internal audit as usual.

098-24/25 Clerk's balance of hours

The Clerk reported that at the end of February there were 8.5 hours in hand, and that the end of year accounting requirements of the AGAR would be likely to consume all of these.

099-24/25 Date of next meeting: Monday 12 May 2025, St Mary's Church

It was noted that the next meeting would be preceded by the ***Annual Parish Meeting*** at 7.15pm. The ***Annual Meeting of the Parish Council*** would follow this at 8pm.

The meeting closed at 8.57pm.