

ARKENGARTHDALE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Arkengarthdale Parish Council held at
Arkengarthdale Church of England Primary School
Monday 7 January 2019 at 8.00pm

MINUTES

Present: Councillor S Stubbs (Chair); Councillor P Lundberg (Vice-Chair); Councillor J Watkins;
Councillor P Harker; Councillor R Stones

In attendance: S Dray (Clerk to the Parish Council)

Apologies for Absence: Councillor J Blackie; Councillor I Scott

36/18 Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest relating to the meeting agenda.

37/18 Minutes

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 12 November 2018 were confirmed as a correct record by the Council and signed by the Chair.

38/18 Matters arising

There were no matters arising not otherwise on the agenda.

39/18 Planning Applications

Planning application R/01/162, 1&2 Elderberry Cottages, Booze. Councillors heard that, in line with their email correspondence before Christmas, a letter of support had been sent to the YDNPA for the proposed changes to the property. It was noted that it would be nice to see the building looking cared for and lived in once again. Further correspondence had been received from the owners just before the meeting and councillors heard that the YDNPA were requesting considerable amendments to the original plans, which the owners of the property were intending to address, but had requested advice from the Council. It was agreed that the owners would be asked to forward their revised plans, and would be invited to attend the next meeting of the Parish Council to discuss these and that, in the meantime, they should contact the Chairman directly for general advice. **[Action: SD]**

40/18 NYCC Upper Dales Locality Budget

Councillors heard that funds were available to the Parish Council for projects costing up to £500 that promote the social, economic and environmental well-being of the local community. The deadline for applications was 1 February 2019. Given this short time frame, it was agreed that the feasibility of developing a Parish Council website should be investigated and a quote for the cost should be determined. **[Action: SD]**

41/18 Financial matters

Councillors received a report from the Clerk on expenditure since the previous meeting. Four payments had been made:

- Grass cutting £693.75;

- First payment for the graphic design on the interpretation board £444.00. The second, and final, invoice was expected soon;

- Meeting room hire on 12/11/18 £15.00;
- IT antivirus software and maintenance £85.00.

42/18 Local Matters

42.1 Arkengarthdale School closure

Councillors heard that funding was available to keep the school open until the end of the summer term at the latest. Primary school children in the dale would attend school in Reeth once it had closed. There would be discussions with the relevant parties about the future use of the building.

A request had been made to the Parish Council for an event to celebrate the 359 years of the school in Arkengarthdale. It was agreed that such an event should be decided and organised by the church, the school governors and the Friends of the School, and that the Parish Council would be happy to be involved in the organisation of an event and could provide a donation towards refreshments. The Chair of the School Governors would be contacted. **[Action: PL]**

42.2 Christmas Lights

The Council heard that several people had expressed their appreciation of Langthwaite's Christmas lights on the green. Councillors expressed their thanks to Richard and Liz Smith for the kind use of their electricity. Thanks were also expressed to Jack Stones for helping install and take down the lights.

42.3 Footbridge at Arkletown

Councillors heard a report from the Clerk, who had received confirmation from the YDNP ranger, that the bridge had already been surveyed and that plans were underway to repair both the bridge at Arkletown and one in a similar state of disrepair at Eskeleth in due course.

43/18 A.O.B

43.1 Parking at The Rigg

Further complaints had been received about inconsiderate parking on the roadside and on the pavement outside The Rigg.

43.2 Dog Fouling

Complaints had been received about dog fouling on paths, particularly near the sports field in Langthwaite.

43.3 Road repairs

It was noted that both sides of the road west to Tan Hill were in need of attention beyond Beck Crooks Bridge, and that there were several pot holes on both sides of the road between Whaw Lane Top and Beck Crooks Bridge. Highways would be contacted. **[Action: SD]**

44/18 Date of the next meeting: 4 March 2019.

The meeting closed at 09.53pm.