

**ARKENGARTHDALE PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of a meeting of Arkengarthdale Parish Council held at  
Arkengarthdale Church of England Primary School  
Monday 4 March 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

**45/18 Declarations of interest**

Coun. Stones declared an interest in item 48.3/18.

**46/18 Minutes**

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 7 January 2019 were confirmed as a correct record by the Council and signed by the Chair.

**47/18 Matters arising**

There were no matters arising not otherwise on the agenda.

**48/18 Planning Applications**

*48.1 Planning application R/01/162, 1&2 Elderberry Cottages, Booze:* Councillors heard that following a revised description in January, the application had been approved conditionally in February for full planning permission. The owners of the property had expressed their thanks to the Parish Council for the support and advice they had received;

*48.2 Planning application R/01/147A, The Old Butcher's Shop, Langthwaite:* Councillors noted that the application for full planning permission for conversion of the butcher's shop to a local occupancy dwelling had been considered and passed by the YDNPA Planning Committee on 12 February 2019. The Parish Council had expressed support (Minutes of 14 May 2018 refer);

*48.3 Planning consultation R/01/126B, Pepper Hall, Arkengarthdale:* Councillors heard that their letter of support had been submitted to Planning in February for full planning permission to cover over existing yard for storage of machinery and straw, and to house cattle;

*48.4 Planning approval R/01/153, Langthwaite Chapel, Arkengarthdale:* Councillors noted that full planning permission had been granted for change of use of the chapel to form a single dwelling.

*48.5 Planning consultation R/01/160, Fairview, Booze, Arkengarthdale:* Councillors heard that the original application (item 17.1/18 refers) had been withdrawn in January and considered a new application for full planning permission for the conversion of an attached barn to a self-contained annex. It was agreed to support the new application. [Action: SD]

**49/18 Arkengarthdale Parish Council Website**

Councillors heard that the Parish Council had been awarded a grant from the NYCC Upper Dales Locality Fund to develop a website where Parish information, meeting minutes and agendas would be publically available.

**50/18 Litter in Langthwaite car park and Arkle Beck**

The council considered a letter of complaint from a parishioner concerned with the poor state of repair of the waste and recycling enclosure in Langthwaite, and the resulting untidiness of old sandbags and rubbish littering the car park and the beck. It was agreed that the Manager of Operational Services at RDC would be contacted. [Action: SD].

**51/18 National Park Parish Forum Meeting**

It was noted that the National Park Parish Forum Meeting would take place on 15 May 2019 at Fremington Village Hall. RSVPs were required by 26 April.

**52/18 Planned road closure – Marske to Fremington**

It was noted that the road between Marske and Fremington would be closed for wall repairs between 4-8 March. A notice had been placed on the Parish notice board.

**53/18 Affordable Housing**

Councillors received a report from the Chair on the progress of the funding arrangements for the affordable housing: a grant from RDC had been offered, and an application had been made to Homes England for a further grant.

**54/18 Interpretation Board**

The Council heard from Coun. Lundberg that the stand for the interpretation board had been made and that the board could now be erected next to the mining cart on High Green. The board would be installed by the councillors by the end of the month, weather permitting. [Action: all]

**55/18 Financial matters**

55.1 Four payments were approved:

- £432.00 final payment to Headland Design- graphics for the interpretation board;
- £15.00 to Arkengarthdale School - room hire in January 2019;
- £97.20 to Blenkirons Joinery - machining of the stand for the interpretation board;
- £55.90 to Coun.Lundberg - reimbursement for wood for the interpretation board.

55.2 The Parish Precept request had been submitted for the same amount as last year.

**56/18 Public consultation meeting on proposal to close Arkengarthdale School**

Councillors noted that the meeting organised by NYCC and The Church of England Diocese of Leeds had taken place on 18 February and had been well attended. Coun. Stubbs, Coun. Watkins and the clerk had attended. A copy of the meeting minutes would be requested. [Action: SD]

**57/18 Road maintenance at Seal Houses to Kitley Cottage**

Councillors considered the long-standing request to Highways to clarify responsibility for

road repairs on the stretch of road from Seal Houses/High Faggergill junction up to Kitley Cottage. The request had been with the Highways legal department for some time, and it was agreed that Steve Barker, NYCC, would be contacted again for written confirmation.

**[Action:SD]**

**58/18 Road repairs**

58.1 Councillors noted that Highways had been in the Dale monitoring the recently reported pot holes and poor road surfaces by the chapel/memorial in Langthwaite and at Whaw lane top, but there had been no repairs as yet.

58.2 Councillors noted a complaint that the bottom culvert on High Green had either collapsed or was blocked and that the access road on High Green needed attention. It was agreed that these would be assessed at the same as the interpretation board was installed (item 54/18 refers). **[Action: PL/all]**

**59/18 Arkletown and Eskeleth foot bridges**

Councillors noted a report received from the Area Ranger (YDNP) providing an update on the progress towards the repairs of both bridges. Full structural surveys had been carried out on the bridges, and the bridge at Arkletown would be the first to be repaired. No dates had been provided as yet.

**60/18 Save the Friarage Hospital petition**

Councillors considered a letter received from *Save the Friarage Hospital* Group promoting a Facebook petition to save the A&E department at the hospital, and a request from a parishioner to make the petition available in hard copy locally, so that parishioners without Facebook accounts could also express their support. It was agreed that paper copies of the petition would be requested and made available for signing at The Red Lion and The CB Inn.

**[Action:SD]**

**61/18 Parking – Waterfall View**

Councillors considered the unresolved parking situation beside Waterfall View holiday cottage in Langthwaite, following further complaints about the blocked access to Storthwaite lane (item 22.5/18 refers). It was agreed that Coun.Lundberg would find out the name of the contact for Waterfall View so that a letter could be written to ask that guests at the property were informed of the need to keep the access clear for large farm vehicles.

**[Action: PL/SD]**

**62/18 Parish function room and meeting venue**

It was noted that, should the school close in the summer, there would no longer be a community function room or meeting venue in the parish. Councillors considered possible alternatives and it was agreed to approach the Church to discuss the possibility of using the parish room for such purposes. **[Action: SS]**

**63/18 Date of the next meeting: 13 May 2019.**

The meeting closed at 9.53 pm.