

**ARKENGARTHDALE PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of a meeting held at  
St Mary's Church, Arkengarthdale  
Monday 2 September 2019 at 8.00pm

**MINUTES**

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

**In attendance:** S Dray (Clerk)

**Apologies for Absence** were received from District Councillor R Good

**44/19 Declarations of interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**45/19 Minutes**

The minutes of the meetings held on Monday 1 July 2019 and 12 August 2019 were confirmed as a correct record by the Council and signed by the Chair.

**46/19 Matters arising**

There were no matters arising not otherwise addressed on the agenda.

**47/19 Flood damage**

- 47.1 Councillors considered the ongoing work to clear Arkle Beck of obstructions following the flooding on 30 July, and the possible funds available to continue with the work from the top of Arkengarthdale down to the parish boundary at Slei Gill, in order to minimise the risk of future flooding.
- 47.2 It was noted that several donations had already been gratefully received for flood repair work: The Duke of Norfolk had contributed £10,000. Contributions had also been donated by The CB Inn and Margaret & John Sparke. The Council expressed a heartfelt thank you for these generous donations, which had made it possible to start the work in the beck in a timely manner.
- 47.3 It was noted that several additional offers of donations had been made recently and it was agreed that no decisions could be made about accepting these offers until it was clear how much government funding would be made available to the Council.
- 47.4 The following flood-related matters were considered:
  - 47.4.1 The high edge of tarmac on the Arkengarthdale side of the water splash was damaging the underside of cars and would be reported to Highways as a matter of urgency **[Action: SD];**

47.4.2 The YDNPA was organising a group of volunteer wallers to rebuild the walls along Storthwaite Lane on 13-15 September and it was agreed that the Parish Council would pay for the hire of a manitou to move the stones.

47.4.3 Thanks were expressed to Cllr Stubbs for his time spent securing funding and to Jill Lundberg for her expertise in writing the related press reports.

#### **48/19 School building and sports field**

48.1 It was noted that the school building was being registered as a community asset for six months to allow time for the community to make a decision about the building, and it was agreed that a date for a public meeting in January 2020 would be decided at the next Council meeting.

48.2 It was noted that the proposal from the Chair to return the sports field to the original owner had been supported by three of the other four councillors by email, and that, should the owner not wish to accept it, the Parish Council would take responsibility for the field.

#### **49/19 Affordable housing**

It was noted that the Upper Dales Community Land Trust would be holding a meeting to decide a way forward following the death of the County Councillor and the floods.

#### **50/19 RDC proposal to move Arkengarthdale polling station**

50.1 Councillors considered a proposal and consultation document from RDC to move Arkengarthdale Polling station to Reeth.

50.2 It was unanimously agreed that the polling station should remain in St Mary's Church in Arkengarthdale, and a response to the consultation giving several reasons for this would be submitted to RDC. **[Action: SD]**

#### **51/19 Police reports**

The police reports for July and August 2019 were noted.

#### **52/19 Training event for clerks and chairs**

It was noted that the clerk would be attending a training/information event for small parish councils in Richmond in October.

#### **53/19 Fire hydrant cover**

A complaint had been received from a resident who was concerned about the dangerous state of the fire hydrant cover opposite the bridge in Langthwaite. This would be reported to Highways. **[Action:SD]**

#### **54/19 Dalesman Yorkshire Village of the Year competition**

Councillors considered a competition for Yorkshire Village of the Year, organised by The

Dalesman. It was agreed not to enter as flood-related activities were being prioritised.

#### **55/19 NYCC Highways**

Councillors considered a number of urgent road and drainage issues that still required attention. It was agreed that a list would be drawn up and sent to Highways with another request for a site meeting. This would also include the long-standing issue about maintenance responsibility for the Kitley Cottage /Seal Houses road. **[Action PL/SD]**

#### **56/19 Planning matters**

Councillors considered the following:

- 56.1 Planning Consultation - Application: R/01/163 at Swallow Holm, Arkengarthdale, DL11 6RU for alterations to existing dwelling and extension of living accommodation into attached utility/workshop/store and installation of air source heat pump and solar panels to detached garage. There were no objections.
- 56.2 Planning Consultation - Application: R/01/74E at West House, Langthwaite, DL11 6RG from Arkengarthdale Estate for full planning permission for demolition of existing building and erection of new building to provide shooting store and rest room/kitchen/shower facilities for workers in connection with Arkengarthdale Estate. A letter of support had already been submitted following discussion by email.

#### **57/19 Financial matters**

- 57.1 The following expenditure was approved:

Arkengarthdale School	Room hire 1/7/19	£ 15.00
2 Dales Junior Football	Donation	£ 50.00
S.Dray	Salary 2 months(1/8-1/9)	£ 203.20
Michael Atkinson	Labour for beck clearance	£1980.00

- 57.2 The following receipts were noted:

Duke of Norfolk	Donation for flood-related work	£10,000.00
M & J Sparke	Donation for flood-related work	£300.00

- 58.2 The new payment arrangement for meeting room hire at St Mary's Church was noted and approved: The parish council would receive invoices six-monthly in arrears, with meetings being held every two months at a cost of £15 per meeting.

#### **58/19 Phone mast at Seal Houses**

Councillors heard that no further information had been forthcoming, but it was understood that the new mast installation would be complete by the end of 2020.

#### **59/19 Church tree-pruning**

It was noted that YDNPA had no objections to an application to prune several trees in the

Church grounds.

**60/19 Signage at Waterfall View**

The Council had requested suggestions for a form of words to replace the current sign about considerate parking at Waterfall View, Langthwaite, and were waiting to receive this before taking any further action.

**61/19 Waste enclosure in Langthwaite car park**

It was noted that no action had as yet been taken to remedy the poor state of the waste enclosure at Langthwaite. RDC would be contacted again. **[Action: SD]**

**62/19 Land at the Old Butcher's Shop**

It was confirmed that the grass verge between Langthwaite bridge and the Old Butcher's Shop was the responsibility of that property, and was not Parish Council land.

**64/19 Date of next meeting – Monday 4 November 2019**

The meeting closed at 22.07pm.