

ARKENGARTHDALE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting held at
St Mary's Church, Arkengarthdale
Monday 2 March 2020 at 8.00pm

MINUTES

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

In attendance: S Dray (Clerk)

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor R Stones; District Councillor R Good and County Councillor Y Peacock.

The passing of Clark Stones, former Chair of the Parish Council for over 40 years, was noted with great sadness. His contribution to the dale had been considerable and he would be greatly missed by all. Flowers would be sent to his family. **[Action PH/SD]**

98/19 Declarations of interest

Cllr Stubbs declared an interest in planning application R/01/137A [Item 106.2 refers].

99/19 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 13 January 2020 were confirmed as a correct record by the Council and signed by the Chair.

100/19 Arkengarthdale Parish Council Standing Orders

A draft version of the Council's standing orders was considered and approved. It was noted that the rules of the Council outlined in the document could be amended at any future time by the Council, should circumstances change. A final version would be produced by the Clerk. **[Action: SD]**

101/19 School building

Notification from RDC of the six-month moratorium period for the school building was noted. The moratorium period would end on 12 June 2020. The School Building Community Group would be asked to confirm whether or not they intended to continue with their project for a community building in order that the Parish Council could withdraw the request for the moratorium if appropriate. **[Action:SS]**

102/19 Affordable housing

Cllrs Stubbs and Watkins had attended a meeting of The Upper Dales Community Land Trust in January 2020. The UDCLT were working with RDC and Broadacres Housing Association to assess the feasibility of converting the school building into four affordable homes subject to a site and structural survey. A survey to assess local need for affordable housing in the dale was also required and this was underway.

103/19 Flooding matters

- 103.1 An invitation had been received to attend Richmond Motor Club's presentation evening at The Buck Hotel, Reeth, on 13 March 2020 to accept a donation towards the flood relief work. It was agreed that Cllr Stubbs would attend. Richmond Motor Club would be informed. **[Action:SD];**
- 103.2 It was confirmed that flood-related work on the church roadway was due to start mid-April, or when the weather was suitable;
- 103.3 YDNPA had acknowledged the need for reinstating the foot bridges across Arkle Beck, but had not as yet provided a time frame for the work. The ranger would be informed of the need for a new bridge at Arkle Town for the annual duck race on Friday 8 May **[Action: SS];**
- 103.4 Extensions to temporary closure orders for YDNPA footpaths in Arkengarthdale were noted;
- 103.5 An application to the RDC Community Investment Fund for funding to reinstate the foot bridges in Arkengarthdale was considered. RDC would be contacted for more information about the requirements for matched funding **[Action:PL];**
- 103.6 A feedback meeting with the report writers of the Section19 Flood report for government was held on 19 February with councillors from Arkengarthdale and Reeth Parish Councils. It was noted that the report had concluded that no further flood-relief government funding would be made available for the July floods because the population was not large enough to merit it, and the nature of the flooding was such that it was unlikely to happen again. The report team would work with the riparian owners of the land along Arkle Beck to minimise the risk of flooding to homes in the future;
- 103.7 A request for a final report had been received from the Two Ridings Foundation to account for the £10,000 community flood relief funds that had been managed by the Parish Council on the Charity's behalf. It was agreed to submit a description of the work undertaken and the relevant invoices, and to communicate to the charity that there was still work to do, if additional funds were available. **[Action: SD]**

104/19 Correspondence received

The following correspondence was noted:

- 104.1 Police report for January 2020. No report had been received for February 2020;
- 104.2 Notification of the YLCA Spring Training Conference on 28 March 2020;
- 104.3 A complaint from a resident in Langthwaite about the ongoing problem of waste from the recycling enclosure falling down the bank into the beck. This had been reported to RDC;
- 104.4 Publicity for volunteering and loneliness campaigns had been received from *Community First Yorkshire*. A poster had been placed on the notice board;
- 104.5 Information about NYCC funding for supported rural bus services and the rural bus fund.

105/19 NYCC Highways

- 105.1 A road closure notice for repairs to Stang Lane in February was noted;

- 105.2 A road closure notice for repairs between Richmond and Half Penny House in February was noted;
- 105.3 A list of queries had been received from Highways relating to reported highways issues following the floods on 9 February. These were considered and Highways would be informed of the Parish Council's responses to the queries as follows:
- The tree stump near Langthwaite needed to be removed from the field in order for Highways to be able to attend to the roadside gutter. The landowner would be informed. **[Action: SS];**
 - Contrary to Highways' assessment, drains on Bouldershaw Road and Arkengarthdale Road were partially blocked and blocked solid respectively and Highways would be informed that Councillors were willing to attend a site meeting to get these drains attended to as soon as possible **[Action:SD];**
- 105.4 Highways would be informed of a new issue at Whaw where further damage had occurred to the retaining wall on the river banking above the recent repairs **[Action: SD];**
- 105.5 A road closure notice for repairs to the entrance to the Eskeleth road on 27 February was noted;
- 105.6 An update from the resident of Kitley Cottage on correspondence with NYCC about the Seal Houses - Kitley Cottage road was noted.

106/19 Planning matters

- 106.1 Councillors noted the following planning decision:
- Planning application R/01/163 at Swallow Holm, Arkengarthdale: approved conditionally;
- 106.2 Councillors considered the following planning applications:
- Planning consultation: Amended description for application R/01/137A at Arkle Barn, Langthwaite to include 'short term holiday let': "Planning application for full planning permission for conversion of barn to form 1 no. local occupancy dwelling or short term holiday let with associated parking, curtilage and package treatment plant." Cllr Stubbs declared an interest in this application and took no part in the discussion. There were no objections.
 - Planning consultation: Application R/01/164/OH at Kitley Cottage, Whaw, from Northern Powergrid (North East) to replace 7 no. poles and approximately 350m of existing open-wire conductors with aerial bunched conductors; and to move 1 no. pole approximately 10m north out of a residential garden location. There were no objections

107/19 Financial matters

- 107.1 The following expenditure was approved:

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| S.Dray | salary 2 months (jan/feb 2020) | £203.20 |
| VisionICT | web support fee apr20-mar21 | £210.00 (£175+VAT) |
| CB Inn | refreshments on 9/1/2020 | £ 45.00 |

Arbores/T.Hollingworth flood-related tree work £450.00

107.2 There were no receipts.

108/19 Website

It was noted that the annual fee for the maintenance, support and hosting of the Parish Council website was £210 this year and had increased from last year. An offer of £300 from the NYCC Locality Budget towards the fees for this year (2020/21) and next year (2021/22) had been kindly made by Cllr Peacock and it was agreed to accept this offer and re-evaluate the feasibility of website next year.

109/19 Local matters

Local matters were had been addressed under item 105.

110/19 Date of the Annual Parish Council Meeting and the Annual Parish Meeting: Monday 11 May 2020

The meeting closed at 9.45pm.