

ARKENGARTHDALE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting held remotely via Zoom in accordance with
The Local Authorities (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority Meetings) (England) Regulations 2020
 Monday 2 November 2020 at 8.00pm

MINUTES

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

In attendance: S Dray (Clerk)

Apologies for absence were received from County Councillor Peacock.

53/20 Public session

There were no topics raised by members of the public.

54/20 Declarations of interest

Cllr Stones declared an interest in item 58.2/20 and did not participate in the discussion.

55/20 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 7 September 2020 were confirmed as a correct record by the Council, and would be signed in due course by the Chair. **[Action: SD/SS]**

56/20 Correspondence received

The following correspondence, which had been circulated prior to the meeting, was noted:

- 56.1 Notification of 'A Green New Dales' conference held in October;
- 56.2 Notification of the cancellation of the YDNPA Autumn Parish Forum due to the ongoing pandemic;
- 56.3 Police reports for September and October 2020;
- 56.4 Information about the potential roll out of 5G technology in Arkengarthdale: it was noted that Coverdale had been selected as the 'experimental' dale for 5G roll-out;
- 56.5 The agenda of the YLCA Richmond Branch meeting, held on 1 October 2020;
- 56.6 A request from Herriot Hospice Homecare to promote their 'Make a Will Month' campaign. A poster had been placed on the noticeboard;
- 56.7 A request to respond online to a consultation from RDC on council tax reduction. It was noted that this was a request for individual responses, rather than for parish councils;
- 56.8 A request to publicise the "what3words" emergency locator app for 999 incidents. Information had been placed on the noticeboard;
- 56.9 The agenda for the Richmond (Yorks) Area Constituency Committee meeting on 14 October;
- 56.10 Notice of the availability of further funding from RDC's COVID support fund;
- 56.11 Notification from Natwest of changes to business account terms and of "Business Banking Switch";
- 56.12 A letter and summary proposal from Carl Les (NYCC) for a new unitary council for North Yorkshire in which it was proposed that the seven district councils would be replaced;
- 56.13 A request to publicise RDC's 'Visit Richmondshire Safely' campaign. Leaflets and posters had been received and would be put on the noticeboard **[Action: SD]**.

The following correspondence had been circulated prior to the meeting and was considered:

- 56.14 The Wensleydale parish councils' submission to the YDNPA Local Plan 2023-2040 Consultation. It was agreed to submit a response from Arkengarthdale Parish Council at the next round of consultations [Item 90.9/19 APCmin_200113 refers];
- 56.15 An invitation from RDC to attend a virtual consultation meeting with parishes on 11 November 2020 to discuss the changes and issues of concern to parishes. It was agreed that Cllr Watkins would attend **[Action: JW]**;
- 56.16 Notification of the Upper Dales Area Partnership meeting on 15 December. It was agreed that Cllr Stubbs would attend **[Action:SS]**;
- 56.17 A request from NALC to consider making a formal response to the Committee for Standards in Public Life's (CSPL) consultation on the Code of Conduct. The Parish Council's code of conduct was considered and it was agreed that this document should be revised if necessary and then made available online **[Action: SD]**;

57/20 Highways

- 57.1 Culvert near Langthwaite: It was noted that, following the removal of obstructions, an inspection had been carried out and the culvert was in excellent condition. It was agreed that there was a need for the entry to the culvert to be widened in order for it to cope with large volumes of water, and that NYCC would be made aware of this **[Action: SS]**;
- 57.2 Footbridges: It was noted that no progress had yet been made by NYCC with reinstating the foot bridges at Woodhouse and Punchard. NYCC would be contacted. **[Action: SS]**;
- 57.3 Potholes: Highways had put tarmac in the potholes in Arkle Town and Langthwaite.
- 57.4 Notification from Highways. Changes to traffic management at the flood damaged bridge at Cogden Beck on the B6270 were noted. The information would be placed on the noticeboard **[Action: SD]**;
- 57.5 Chippings on Stang Lane: It was noted that recent rain had washed out the repairs to the roadsides on Stang Lane and the road surface was now heavily covered in chippings and was hazardous. Highways would be informed. **[Action: SS]**

58/20 Planning applications

- 58.1 The following planning decisions were noted:
- i) Low Seal House, Arkengarthdale R/01/166: application approved conditionally;
 - ii) Whaw Village, Arkengarthdale R/01/132C/OH from Northern Powergrid (North East) Plc for replacement poles and conductors: application approved no objections.
- 58.2 The following planning application was considered:
Low Lock Slack Cottage, Arkengarthdale R/01/167 for the erection of a two-storey extension and replacement windows. Councillors agreed that whilst they did not object to an extension and replacement windows in principle, the proposed style of these - being a flat roof and bay windows - were not in keeping with the surrounding properties. It was also noted the proposed top-floor window would overlook the neighbouring property. It was agreed that something more in keeping and less intrusive be recommended to Planning **[Action: SD]**.

59/20 Financial matters

- 59.1 The following expenditure was approved:
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| S. Atkinson | IT support | £ 70.00 |
| S. Dray | salary 2 months (sept/oct) & back pay (1 st installment) | £ 830.62 |
| St Mary's Church | room hire for 2020 (2 meetings) | £ 30.00 |
| S. Coleman | Grass cutting 2020 | £ 566.25 |

- 59.2 There were no receipts;
- 59.3 External audit: It was noted that PKF Littlejohn had requested additional information in order to complete the audit. This was in-hand **[Action: SD]**;
- 59.4 Parish precept: A request to submit the parish precept request for 2021/22 had been received from RDC. It was noted that this had been agreed and set at £4100 [Minute 35.3/20 APCmin_200803 refers]. A request for this amount would be submitted to RDC. **[Action: SD]**
- 59.5 RDC Area Partnership Fund application: It was noted that an application for a new printer had been submitted to this fund.

60/20 Website

It was noted that whilst a decision had been agreed at the last meeting to return to the RDC website next year, it was proposed to replace the website with a Facebook page. It was agreed that this proposal would be considered at the next meeting, and that the responsibility for creating a Parish Council Facebook account and for maintaining, monitoring and posting content would be the responsibility of one of the councillors, not the clerk.

61/20 Local matters

- 61.1 Access across High Green: It was noted that a response had been received from the new owners of Scar View, acknowledging the Parish Council's request to keep the access road clear and clarifying the contact details of the owners;
- 61.2 Notice board: It was noted that Robin Miller had kindly agreed to hold a second key for the Parish Council notice board.
- 61.3 Renovation of petrol pumps at Arkle Town: It was noted that an application to the YDNPA Sustainable Development Fund could be submitted by the Parish Council for 75% of the costs of the renovation work and that, if successful, an information board would need to be erected as a condition of the grant. This would be at the expense of the Parish Council. Clarification was requested about the terms of the grant, the implications for the Parish Council, and the requirements, if any, for planning permission to place an information board on private land. **[Action: PL/RG]**
- 61.4 Road issues: The ingress of water from the roadside at Moor Edge was again raised, along with the issue of excess surface water on Bouldershaw Lane, which would be dangerous if allowed to freeze during winter. It was noted that Highways did not agree to take responsibility for these.
- 61.5 Seat maintenance/repairs: It was noted that Alan Richardson and Steve Coleman were offering to refurbish and/or repair any of the public seats in the dale for a minimum cost of £70. It was agreed that the owners of the seats would be contacted and informed about this opportunity and that the Parish Council's seat in Langthwaite (the 'Jubilee' seat) would be repaired and refurbished. Cllr Stones would liaise with Alan Richardson and Steve Coleman. Letters would be sent out to seat-owners once the clerk had received contact details. **[Action: RS/all]**.

62/20 Christmas Lights

A provisional date to put up the Christmas lights on High Green was agreed. This would be Saturday 5 December, if the weather permitted. Cllr Stubbs would liaise with Cllr Stones. **[Action SS/RS]**

63/20 Date of next meeting: Monday 11 January 2021.

The meeting closed at 9.57pm.