

Arkholme with Cawood Parish Council
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held Monday 16 September 2019

Present: Cllrs Graham Jackson-Pitt, David Howarth, Chris Preston,
Ward Councillor Michael Mumford, County Councillor Phillippa
Williamson, the Clerk Claire Helme.
One member of the public was also present.

1 Apologies: Cllr Rachael Gibson.

2 Declaration of conflicts of interests: none declared.

3 Minutes of the last meeting held 1 July: there were no matters arising. Cllr Preston proposed acceptance of the minutes, this was seconded by Cllr Howarth and signed as a true record by Cllr Jackson-Pitt.

4 Clerk's report:

a) Highways updates

Mobile library van:

Co Cllr Williamson has been successful in getting the library van relocated to the village hall car park to ease congestion on Main St.

Main St parking: Cllr Gibson was not present to update on progress with regard to speaking to the headteacher but it was thought there was still congestion with the start of the school term. Co Cllr Williamson offered to contact the county council to obtain 'A boards'. It was decided that highways markings were not appropriate in this instance.

Action:

Cllr Jackson-Pitt to check outcome of conversation with school with Cllr Gibson

Mowing:

Despite several attempts the Clerk had received no reply to her enquiries from the city council with regard to the mowing schedule for the village or the rules around weed spraying etc. It was established that mowing issues can be reported on 'Report-It'. Co Cllr Williamson agreed to chase the issue up with the County Council as they direct the City Council on mowing schedules.

Action:

Co Cllr Williamson to contact the County Council.

Stile on local footpath:

Cllr Preston had reported this to the Public Rights of Way Officer (Footpath no 5, ref no PRW/122844). There has been a lock on the field gate next to the stile for months requiring walkers to use the stile. The County Council reported that they were very busy but the issue would be dealt with as soon as possible.

b) Election paperwork:

The Clerk reported that this was now all complete and had been delivered to the Monitoring Office without any further communication.

c) Update on other actions:

Arkholme Crossroads signage/mirror - the resident who reported the issue was informed that the highways department would not be proceeding with any actions as not deemed suitable for the location.

The Daily Express had not proceeded with an article on 'Doubly Thankful' villages. The unmetered certificate for the festive lighting has now been updated and filed.

d) The Clerk had located the document listing the location of grit bins in the village.

Discussion then took place about moving one bin across the village green followed by the possibility of ordering two additional grit bins for locations on Main St.

Actions:

Cllr Howarth to speak to Mr and Mrs Ireland about the moving of the grit bin

Co Cllr Williamson to contact the Highways department about additional grit bins.

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Planning application updates:

- a) **19/00551/FUL** 7 Carus Park, Main St, Arkholme
Erection of single storey front extension
Application permitted. No comments made by councillors.
- b) **19/01017/LB** Bay Horse, Kirkby Lonsdale Rd, Arkholme
Listed building application for demolition of single storey rear extension and various other works.
Awaiting decision. Comments in support made by councillors.

Action:

Clerk to forward the Conservation Officer's report to councillors who had not yet seen it.

- c) **199/0083/TCA** Arkholme Village Hall, Kirkby Lonsdale Rd, Arkholme
Tree works application to fell one multi-stemmed ash.
The Clerk had contacted the planning department with regard to potential bat activity in the tree and requested a survey but was told the responsibility is placed on the tree felling contractor. The Clerk had subsequently contacted the Chairman of the village hall to ensure that the committee are aware of their obligations with regard to roosting bats.
- d) **19/0093/TCA** 10 Herb Gardens, Arkholme
Tree works application to re-pollard small crack willows.
Application permitted. No comments made by councillors.

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Finance:

- a) The Clerk will purchase 3 x £15 book tokens for the Hopewell Cup prizes (cheque no 615). A further book token (cheque no 620) is now needed for an additional prize for the winning entry related to the apple pressing day.
Action:
Clerk to purchase 4 book tokens
- b) The Clerk has received a yearly statement September 2018-September 2019 from Lloyds Bank, at the correct address, but has not yet received the 5 August to 5 September bank statement.
Action:
Clerk to chase bank statement
- c) Following advice from LALC and other local councils the Parish Council agreed that a twice yearly audit was not necessary. It was proposed to undertake an annual audit only by Cllr Jackson-Pitt, seconded by Cllr Preston and agreed by all present.
Action:
Clerk to contact potential replacement auditor again with update.

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Hopewell Cup:

As mentioned above this will tie in with Apple Pressing Day and will be held on 12 October. A fourth prize will be needed for the winning entry which could be apple pie, apple cake etc. Entries will be brought to the village hall on the day. Cllr Jackson-Pitt requested that the Clerk try and find out the history of the Hopewell Cup via minutes from the past if possible.

Action:

Clerk to check minute books for reference to Hopewell Cup.

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Best kept Village competition:

There was nothing further to report at the moment.

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500 words competition:

There was no further information at the moment as Cllr Gibson was not present at the meeting. The Council authorised the purchase of a trophy to present to the winner and agreed this should not exceed £30 maximum.

Action:

Cllr Jackson-Pitt to contact Cllr Gibson and organise the purchase of a suitable trophy.

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PACT reports:

There was one crime reported in Arkholme in May (Meadoway) but no further detail was available.

There were no crimes reported in June and July.

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Roger Mace requested feedback on the updated content of his personal website (www.maceonline.co.uk). The Parish Council could not comment but individual councillors are at liberty to do so if they so wish.

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Correspondence:

With regard to Andrew Pearson's request to circulate details of the 'Plantlife' campaign the Clerk reported that he had agreed to circulate via Chris May's email list.

There were no comments on any other correspondence which had been circulated electronically before the meeting by the Clerk.

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Additional business:

Cllr Howarth asked the Clerk to check with Mary Jackson whether he is still listed as Parish Council representative for the local area LALC meetings as he had not received any correspondence recently.

The Clerk was asked to investigate the proper use of CCTV cameras (via PC James Hodgson, local crime officer) as many recently installed in Main St were pointing in directions which could potentially infringe the privacy of residents.

Date of next meeting:

This was scheduled for Monday 7 October at 7.30pm.

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