

Arkholme with Cawood Parish Council
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held Monday 5 October 2020

This meeting was held remotely due to the social distancing requirements of Covid-19

Present: Cllrs Graham Jackson-Pitt, David Howarth, James Huddleston, Chris Preston, Helen Dinsdale, Co Cllr Phillippa Williamson and the Clerk Claire Helme.

1 **Apologies:** none received

2 **Declaration of conflicts of interest:** none declared

3 **Minutes of the last meeting held 7 September :** Cllr Dinsdale proposed acceptance of the minutes of 7 September, this was seconded by Cllr Huddleston and signed as a true record by Cllr Jackson-Pitt.

4 **Clerk's report:**

The co-option forms for Cllrs Dinsdale and Huddleston have been sent to the Monitoring Officer and are being processed. The AGAR has now been published on the City Council website to meet council transparency requirements.

After the latest revised Covid-19 guidelines, including the rule of 6 and extra restrictions for Lancashire, the City Council have very strongly advised that meetings revert to Zoom. In any case, the rule of 6 would make it impossible for members of the public to attend in the hall and for virtual meetings we are required to send residents a meeting link if this is requested. When hybrid meetings are allowed to resume there is a QR code to scan at the entrance to Arkholme Village Hall and a new terms of hire agreement has been signed and returned.

5 **Finance:**

a) Clerk's salary

Councillors had discussed the Clerk's salary for 2020/21 and agreed to increase the hourly rate from £9.02 to £9.27 using the new NALC pay scales as a guide.

Backdated pay of £3, the difference between the old and new rate, from 1 April was agreed. This new rate of pay was proposed by Cllr Jackson-Pitt and seconded by Cllr Howarth.

b) Cheque no 646 for the Clerk's wages/expenses July-October was therefore agreed by all present.

c) Arkholme Lunch Club

Mrs Carole Webb had written to the Parish Council to explain the reasons behind the sad demise of the Arkholme Lunch Club established in 1988. Cllr Huddleston agreed to speak Mrs Webb about any monies which may remain and how the Lunch Club wished that they be used as the council had donated £100 last January.

6 **Planning applications:**

20/01026 FUL Gunnerthwaite Farm, Locka Lane, Arkholme, LA6 1AN

Erection of an extension to existing agricultural storage building and creation of an area of hardstanding.

No comments were made by councillors.

Planning updates:

Recent applications **20/00773/FUL** Docker Park Farm, **20/00786/FUL** Bullcopy Farm and **20/00879 FUL** The High Farm were all still awaiting decision on the planning portal.

Planning Appeal 20/00023/HAS Woodside, Kirkby Lonsdale Rd, Arkholme
Cllr Howarth reported that this appeal had been refused on the grounds that the wall fits in with the boundary treatments in the area and makes a positive contribution but the fence (despite the use of timber cladding on the house) is deemed to not reflect the traditional boundary treatments of the Conservation Area.

20/00319/FUL Bainsbeck Barn

Cllr Howarth reported that the application for an agricultural building for livestock and storage had been refused. This was on the grounds that the “siting and appearance would have an unacceptable adverse impact to the landscape and ‘Open Countryside’ designation”

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Public Rights of Way:

Cllrs Huddleston and Preston will investigate the local footpaths and make a proper plan using the map provided by Linda Anderson but this may take 6-8 weeks to report back. It was decided that the £500 grant was too small an amount to make any impact on the Lune Valley Ramble.

Action

Clerk to check progress on writing of joint parish council letter to PROW regarding the work needed on the above footpath

Clerk to reply to the residents who had highlighted the issues to explain the decision.

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Cllr Huddleston has spoken to the landowner who has no knowledge of the missing stone step. The Public Rights of Way Team have repaired this twice but it was suggested that perhaps the stone could be cemented in to prevent removal.

Action

Phillippa Williamson agreed to ask the PROW team if this would be possible.

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Christmas:

In response to her recent email the Clerk has received offers of sponsorship for the village Christmas tree and will co- ordinate them in due course.

Actions

Clerk to contact Gavin Charlesworth to quote for supply/erection of the tree and to look at the ground spike.

Clerk to contact Jack Benson to look at the pillar feed as there was difficulty connecting to it last year.

Clerk still needs to investigate cost of Christmas tree lights but it was likely that the parish council would continue to hire as usual.

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500 words competition:

Cllr Jackson-Pitt has proposed to Arkholme School that the competition is held using a similar format as last year but with different timescales and it may be delayed until spring. It will not be possible to hold the lantern procession and carols this year.

Using set themes the children will put together a story in appropriate age groupings. The Parish Council will again contribute the money to purchase the ‘book piles’ which will be awarded to the winners.

9 **PACT report:**

From Phillipa Williamson's September update it can be seen that the pattern of the theft of agricultural vehicles and machinery has not changed including the theft of catalytic converters. On 14 September a set of events was reported which began with the theft of a pickup van in Bowerham. Suspicious activity involving the use of a pickup style vehicle was then reported in Wray and Roeburndale and then in the early hours a Mitsubishi L200 was driven into the front window of the Dennis Barnfield showroom in Carnforth. The vehicle was later found on fire on the Lune Industrial Estate. A 44 year man from Carnforth was subsequently arrested in Caton on suspicion of taking a motor vehicle without consent and burglary.

During August, according to the constabulary website, 3 crimes classified as violence/sexual offence were recorded in/on Meadoway as well as 1 theft and on Locka Lane 1 vehicle crime was recorded.

10 **Additional business:**

There was no additional business

11 **Date of next meeting:**

This was scheduled for Monday 2 November at 7.30pm to be held remotely.

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