

Arkholme with Cawood Parish Council
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held Monday 2 November 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 as all present.

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

3 **Minutes of the last meeting held 5 October:** Cllr Dinsdale proposed acceptance of the minutes of 5 October, this was seconded by Cllr Preston and will be signed as a true record by Cllr Jackson-Pitt.

4 **Clerk's report:**

Arkholme Village Hall will have to close again owing to the latest lockdown rules.

Carnforth Town Council are holding drop in clinics for those who need help applying for assistance from the City Council Covid-19 Emergency Assistance Scheme.

Morecambe Bay Foodbank's latest report shows collections still going well in local villages.

Highways and Transport Master Plan Consultation on the proposed reconfiguration J33 of the M6 was circulated to residents.

The Rural Bulletin Consultation on the Review of the Highway Code was also circulated.

5 **Finance:**

a) S137 donations

Donation requests need to be received by the date of the next meeting for approval and in time to be cashed by the end of the financial year. It was decided that a short report on how the recipients had spent the council's donation should be received at some point by the council.

b) Lunch Club

Cllr Huddleston reported that any outstanding monies from the council's donation last year will be donated to an appropriate charity.

c) Refugee Council donation

A card has been received thanking the parish council for their donation in memory of Cllr Michael Mumford.

d) The Clerk reported that a new minute ledger priced, at approx £45, will be needed early next year and this was approved by all.

6 **Planning updates:**

Applications 20/01026/FUL, 20/00786/FUL, 20/00879/FU and 20/0186/TCA were all still awaiting decision on the planning portal.

20/0073/FUL Docker Park Farm

It was decided by majority decision to make no further comments on the application.

It was also noted that on the Mason Gillibrand report Arkholme was classed as 'sustainable' listing a shop and pub which both closed some while ago.

7 **Public Rights of Way:**

Cllr Huddleston and Preston still plan to walk the local footpaths when possible.

Co Cllr Williamson reported that the PROW department is considering cementing in the loose stone at the base of the stile on Footpath 5.

No further progress has been made with the parish council(s) joint letter regarding the condition of the Lune Valley Ramble (Clerk to follow up).

8 **Christmas:**

Pillar feed

Jack Benson has looked at this and found a blown fuse and loose socket. Additionally, the RCD (safety device) is cracked. As that make of spare part no longer exists it would be cheaper to fit a whole new board for £100 plus VAT including labour. This was authorised by all (if council financial regulations allow) and the VAT can be reclaimed later. A price for Christmas tree lights was still outstanding.

Christmas tree

It was agreed to get Gavin Charlesworth to quote for a 20ft tree again and to also look at the ground spike. The Clerk had received 2 offers of sponsorship for the Christmas tree from residents.

Christmas tree lights

The Clerk has done some research online but was not sure exactly how many small LED's would be needed and it was not stated how many were provided last year when hired. One company online recommends approximately 2500 lamps which would cost in the region of £639 for 2000 lamps or £959 for 3000 lamps inclusive of VAT at sale price.

It was decided to hire the lights again this year (£208 last year) as there were public liability and storage issues as well as the initial cost of outlay to factor into the decision making.

9 **PACT report:**

Police are active in enforcing Covid legislation focussing on licensed premises and unlawful gatherings. The pattern of targeting agricultural vehicles and machinery continues as well as quad bikes being used as a means of committing crime. Police will be using high visibility controls and unmarked vehicles to mitigate the risk of further thefts. Four further police constables will be added to the existing Neighbourhood Policing Team (from Phillippa Williamson's update)

On the constabulary website there were 16 offences in the Kellet Ward with one crime of anti-social behaviour reported on Meadoway.

10 **Additional business:**

a) **20/0225/TCA** Longbarrow, Main St, Arkholme, LA6 1AX.

Various treeworks

No comments were made by councillors

b) As part of her Duke of Edinburgh award (volunteering) a resident had asked if she could plant bulbs behind the bus shelter where there was currently just grass and weeds (and potentially plant the tubs as well). It was agreed to donate £50 towards the total cost of bulbs and flowers for tubs on the green and the space behind the bus shelter.

- c) As Chapel House had now been sold the clerk asked if she could advertise the one of the village pounds as available to rent from January 2021.

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Date of next meeting:

This was scheduled for Monday 7 December at 7.30pm to be held remotely.

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