

Arkholme with Cawood Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held Monday 6 September 2021

- Present:** Cllrs David Howarth, Helen Dinsdale, James Huddleston, Chris Preston, Co Councillor Phillippa Williamson and the Clerk, Claire Helme.
- 1 **Apologies:** None
- 2 **Declaration of conflicts of interest:** None declared
- 3 **Minutes of the last meeting:** Cllr Huddleston proposed acceptance of the minutes of 8 July, this was seconded by Co Cllr Williamson and will be signed as a true record by Cllr Howarth.
- 4 **Clerk's report:**
There was nothing to report not otherwise covered in the agenda.
- 5 **Finance:**
- a) Cheque 000667 for £301.27 for the Clerk's wages July/Aug/Sept was proposed by Cllr Huddleston and seconded by Cllr Preston.
 - b) Cheque 000668 for £36.86 for the Clerk's expenses was proposed by Cllr Howarth and seconded by Co Cllr Williamson.
Cllr Huddleston proposed that the Clerk's mileage rate be increased from 0.40p a mile to 0.45p a mile as this was widely accepted as the standard rate and this was seconded by Co Cllr Williamson.
 - c) Bank balance as of 6 July stands at £6,875.48 with the VAT refund of £94.03 resulting in a bank balance of £6,969.51. Cheques not yet presented include £23.99 for grab handles for stiles, £120 for valuation of the pounds, £75 for school book prizes and £10 for trophy engraving for the school. The bank balance after these deductions stands at £6,740.52.
 - d) The change of signatories at the bank was progressing slowly - the new signatories will be required to show identification documents at a Lloyds bank branch when all the forms have been signed.
- 6 **Planning updates:**
- 21/00817/LB** Cawood House, Main St, Arkholme, LA6 1AX
Awaiting decision
 - 21/00631/FUL** Crossroads House, Kirkby Lonsdale Road, Arkholme, LA6 1BA
Awaiting decision
 - 20/00679/FUL** Teal Cottage, Main St, Arkholme, LA6 1AX
Awaiting decision
 - 21/00652/PAA** Docker Park Farm, Docker Lane, Arkholme, LA6 1AR
Prior approval refused on the grounds that " the building that is being proposed for change of use, does not have an agricultural use and any such use has clearly ceased. Therefore, as the proposal fails to meet the requirements of Schedule 2 Part 3 Class Q of the General Permitted Development Order, the property is not eligible to be changed from an agricultural building to a dwellinghouse."
- Tree works:**
- 21/0121/TCA** Meadowlands, Main St, Arkholme, LA6 1AU
Application permitted

21/0108/TCA Denny Bank, Main St, Arkholme, LA6
Application permitted.

7 **Public Rights of Way:**

Footpath 5

Councillors reported on their July meeting with Andrew Wallbank, the tenant farmer, whose land is on Footpath 5 next to Meadowlands. To replace the current stile with a kissing gate would restrict the access and narrow it - access is needed for farm machinery and turning space. It would be better to replace with a new farm gate or for Mike McKendry, the Land Agent, to obtain a quotation for the total rebuilding of the stile including the replacement of the missing step.

Action:

Cllr Huddleston to request the quotation from Mike McKendry

Footpath 7

The footpath which runs near Lower Broomfield, across the farmyard, is missing a footpath post and needs to be reported to PROW.

Footpath 2

The Clerk received a report from a walker of several large nails sticking out on fencing which had damaged his wife's clothing. The landowner will be contacted to sort out the problem.

Footpath 9

A repair is needed to the support post of the gate at the entrance to the footpath on the river bank.

8 **B6254 traffic and road safety issues:**

Concerns have been raised by residents about lack of a footpath near the Sheiling and the need to cross the road, for this reason, to go to school or the Village Hall. During the development phase of the Sheiling, Section 106 of the development plan stated that traffic calming measures would be put in place but this did not happen and the City Council signed off the development. There is no statutory duty for Lancashire County Council to provide a pavement or footpath. A Speed Indicator Device cannot be installed because it would be contrary to the 20mph flashing speed limit sign near the school. Co Cllr Williamson reported that the rumble strips at both ends of the village would be refreshed and that the installation of 'dragon's teeth' was also a possibility. The Speed Detector Van was making frequent visits to Arkholme and community speed awareness signs might also be possible. Co Cllr Williamson will also look into the possibility of 'wires' across Main St/Kirkby Lonsdale Road to measure the speed of vehicles and also the 'five-barred gate system' to slow speeding used in North Cumbria.

9 **Village pounds:**

The valuation of the village pounds has now been completed by Richard Turner and Son. They will now be formally registered at the Land Registry, by the solicitor, but further details will be needed regarding the rental/payment history. Cllr Huddleston will also ask the solicitors to draw up a basic rental agreement template for the pounds.

10 **PACT report:**

In June, 4 crimes were reported overall in the Borwick and Kellet constabulary area with none in Arkholme. Anti-social behaviour was reported in Capenwray, Over

Kellet, Nether Kellet and a public order offence at Tewitfield. In July, there were 14 crimes overall with none in Arkholme with anti-social behaviour offences at Over Kellet, Nether Kellet and Priest Hutton near Greenlands Farm Village and at the Memorial Hall Vehicle crime and arson were also reported in Over Kellet.

11 **Additional business:**

Christmas

It was resolved to ask Gavin Charlesworth to quote for a 15ft Christmas tree this year and to request that this be installed by the first Saturday in December. Cllr Huddleston will ask Jack Benson to check the pillar feed. The Parish Council will need to investigate the cost of new Christmas lights and research on what is available will need to be completed by early November. Proposed Cllr Huddleston and seconded by Co Cllr Williamson.

12 **Date of next meeting:**

This scheduled for Monday 4 October at 7pm.

The meeting closed at 8.10pm

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