

## Arkholme with Cawood Parish Council

### Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held Monday 6 December 2021

**Present:** Cllrs David Howarth, Helen Dinsdale, James Huddleston,  
Chris Preston and the Clerk, Claire Helme.

Also present

Robert Webb

1 **Apologies:** County Councillor Phillippa Williamson

2 **Queen's Platinum Jubilee**

Robert Webb gave a talk on preparations for the Platinum Jubilee celebrations next year. As a Deputy Lieutenant of Lancashire, he is part of the Lancashire panel assisting the Lord-Lieutenant with planning the programme of events. The main events, in which it is proposed that Arkholme will be involved, are the 'Lighting of the Beacons' on the night of Thursday 2 June (beacon lighting 9.45pm) and 'The Big Lunch' to be held on Sunday 5 June. With regard to the beacon lighting event the beacon does not have to be a millennium style beacon but can take the form of a less formal bonfire and the Big Lunch can be big or small, street party or picnic, with a Jacob's Join at the Village Hall considered the most suitable. The formation of a committee will be needed to plan the event; the hall needs to be provisionally booked and an approach made to both Gressingham and Whittington parish councils to ascertain if they are interested in planning a joint 'Wagtail' celebration. It is hoped that Arkholme school will also be involved. As part of the 'Queen's Green Canopy' initiative it is also proposed that a tree can be planted in early spring perhaps on the village green field; the parish council will investigate potential sites and aim to source a donated tree in due course.

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

4 **Minutes of the last meeting:**

Cllr Huddleston proposed acceptance of the minutes of 1 November, this was seconded by Cllr Preston and was signed as a true record by Cllr Howarth.

5 **Finance:**

**a) Budget**

The Clerk presented the annual budget forecast to councillors. The forecast end of year balance is approximately £4,274 including unforecast spending of £509 on new lights and £120 on valuation of the village pounds. The forecast spend of £4,255 for this year is broadly in line with the actual spend this year (£4,075) although not all invoices/grant requests are in yet but have been estimated. The PROW grant of £500 is again ring-fenced for planned improvements to be completed next year. The forecast spend for the next financial year is £4,961 (including PROW grants of £1000) with an estimated end of year balance of £3,546.

**Precept**

The precept last year was £3,455.54 with a tax base of 170.56. It was resolved to increase the precept by approximately 2% to £3,538.00; taking into account the slightly higher tax base this year of 171.21 which will result in an amount per head (Band D) of £20.66.

Proposed Cllr Howarth

Seconded Cllr Huddleston

b) Cheque 000669 was approved for £521.91 for the Clerk's wages Oct/Nov/Dec (including backpay of £189.12 from April for new pay grade).

Proposed Cllr Huddleston

Seconded Cllr Dinsdale

c) Cheque 000670 for £509.08 for Clerk's expenses (reimbursement of the new Christmas tree lights) was approved.

Proposed Cllr Howarth

Seconded Cllr Huddleston

d) Lloyds Bank requested that the Parish Council complete a bank resolution to add the new signatories. It was resolved to complete the resolution and the Clerk would ask an independent witness to countersign regarding the changes. All new signatories will then need to show their ID at a branch of Lloyds to complete.

Proposed Cllr Howarth

Seconded Cllr Huddleston

6 **Planning:**

**21/01447/PAD** Bainsbeck Farm, Kirkby Lonsdale Road, Arkholme, LA6 1BA

Prior approval for demolition of outbuilding

No comments were made by councillors

**Tree Works:**

**21/0223/TCA** Outwood, Main St, Arkholme, LA6 1AU

Oak (T1) – 25-30% reduction in leaf cover

No comments were made by councillors

**21/0224/TCA** Arkholme Parish Church, Main St, Arkholme, LA6 1AY

T516 and T521 (Ash) – monitor condition, fell within 2 years if condition declines.

No comments were made by councillors

7 **PACT report:**

In October there were 8 crimes reported in the Borwick and Kellet constabulary area but no crimes in Arkholme. A burglary was reported at Tewitfield Marina and criminal damage in Hobsons Lane, Capenwray with other reported incidents taking place in Nether Kellet and Over Kellet.

8 **Christmas update:**

a) The Christmas tree is better proportioned this year and is very secure although the lights need adjustment to give a more balanced coverage of the tree.

b) The timer needs adjusting – Cllr Howarth to check the timer unit with a volunteer.

c) The amp capacity on the pillar feed has been changed by Jack Benson as the new lights require a higher amp; overall the Parish Council is pleased with the quality of the new LED outdoor grade lights.

9 **Additional business:**

- **21/01164/ELDC** Land off Kirkby Lonsdale Road, Arkholme.

The existing lawful development certificate for lawful commencement of planning permission 15/01024/OUT and reserved matters consent

18/00645/REM was granted on 27 October 2021 and therefore it was expected that development would commence soon.

- It was noted that the village bus shelter had been cleaned by County Highways.
- The deadline for receipt of S137 grant applications is 15 January 2022 to be considered at the next meeting.

10 **Date of next meeting:**

The next meeting is scheduled for 7 February 2022 at 7pm in Arkholme Village Hall.

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