

Arkholme with Cawood Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held Monday 6 November 2023

- Present:** Cllrs Chris Preston, Helen Dinsdale, Co Cllr Phillippa Williamson and the Clerk, Claire Helme.
- 1 **Apologies:** Cllr Howarth, Cllr Huddleston, Cllr James Sommerville (LCC).
- 2 **Declaration of conflicts of interest:** none declared.
- 3 **Minutes of the last meeting:**
Cllr Dinsdale proposed acceptance of the minutes of 6 November 2023, this was seconded by Co Cllr Williamson and was signed as a true record by Cllr Preston (Vice-Chair).
- 4 **Finance:**
- a) Cheque no 000715 for £16.24 for the Clerk's reimbursement of a new Christmas tree extension lead was approved.
Proposed Co Cllr Williamson
Seconded Cllr Dinsdale
- b) Cheque no 000716 for £120 for the Clerk's reimbursement of Lancaster City Council's Election invoice was approved.
Proposed Co Cllr Williamson
Seconded Cllr Dinsdale
- c) Bank reconciliation
The Clerk reported that the balance of the account at Lloyds stands at £6,444.06 and after outgoings of £136.24 agreed at this meeting the balance will stand at £6,307.82. With regard to the budget meeting in December this bank balance still includes £260.33 PROW grant not yet spent and the PROW grants for 2022/23 of £800 only received in May this year and not yet allocated. The true current balance is therefore £5,247.49.
- 5 **Planning updates:**
23/00457/FUL Yarlside View Kirkby Lonsdale Road, Arkholme.
Application permitted.
23/00020/ENF or Inspectorate reference APP/A2335/C/23/3324020
Land to the South West of Thorneycroft, Kirkby Lonsdale Road, Arkholme.
Appeal against enforcement notice.
The appeal is still in progress.
- 6 **Noticeboard update:**
The Clerk experienced difficulty attaching notices on the noticeboard last week as the right-hand door was dropping owing to a loose hinge. Cllr Preston reported that he had repaired the noticeboard doors last night and that there were a number of screws and hinges which needed repositioning and tightening. The doors still need to be re-stained.
- 7 **Speed Indicator Devices:**
This item was deferred to the next meeting so that it can be discussed with all councillors in attendance.

8 **Public Rights of Way:**

a) Grants

The grant of £800 for last year was received in May and a further grant of £800 for this year will be received in the next couple of days.

b) Footpath updates

Footpath 2

A kissing gate cannot be installed on Footpath 2, to replace the stile, as the County Council Public Rights of Way department have reason to believe it may have been illegally diverted in the past and need to investigate.

Footpath 5

Cllr Preston reported that he has installed 4 pieces of 5 x 2 timber at either side of the stile to form steps to make access easier.

9 **Village pounds:**

The Clerk reported that she has sent out the rental agreement and invoice for the pound by post but has received no response. She has no email address or telephone number for the new tenants.

10 **Christmas:**

Cllr Huddleston reported in absentia that he has ordered the Christmas tree which will cost £200 this year. It is hoped to erect the Christmas tree on the last Saturday in November.

11 **PACT report:**

July	9 crimes in the constabulary area 2 crimes in the Arkholme area
On or near Meadoway, Arkholme	1 criminal damage/arson 1 other theft
August	5 crimes in the constabulary area 2 crimes in the Arkholme area
Addington Road, Arkholme On or near the Herb Gardens, Arkholme	1 criminal damage/arson 1 violence/sexual offence.

12 **Additional business:**

- The School Bursar confirmed that the school playground was only shut whilst tree surgery was in progress. She confirmed that community access would need to be from Main Street as an electric gate is being installed at the village hall side.
- The streetlight bulb on Kirkby Lonsdale road was quickly replaced after both the Clerk and Co Councillor Williamson reported it on the 'Clean Streets' App.
- Councillors commented that the planted-up tubs on the village green looked very attractive this year.
- Cllr Dinsdale commented that the Green Canopy tree plaque had been knocked over on bonfire night but had been put back in the right position.

13 **Date of next meeting:**

This is scheduled for Monday 4 December at 7pm in Arkholme Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 7.40pm.

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