

Arkholme with Cawood Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held Monday 6 February 2023

Present: Cllrs David Howarth, Helen Dinsdale, James Huddleston,
Chris Preston, 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 5 December 2022, this was seconded by Cllr Dinsdale and was signed as a true record by Cllr Howarth.

4 **Finance:**

a) **S137 grants were awarded as follows:**

Halton Juniors Football Club

£250 was awarded to help set up a Juniors football facility at Arkholme Village Hall Playing Field.

Proposed Cllr Huddleston

Seconded Cllr Howarth

Arkholme Village Hall - Defibrillator

£141.60 to purchase a set of paediatric defibrillator pads

Proposed Cllr Huddleston

Seconded Cllr Preston

Arkholme & District WI

£50 was awarded to the WI to assist with this year's programme.

Proposed Cllr Howarth

Seconded Cllr Huddleston

b) It was also agreed to give a contribution of £50 to David Smith towards the cost of fuel used in mowing the village green for 2022-24.

Proposed Cllr Huddleston

Seconded Cllr Howarth

c) **Bank reconciliation**

The balance of account on 1 December was £6,097.38. The balance of account after the cheques for the Clerk's wages, Queen's Green Canopy Tree and Crabtree's Christmas trees have gone out is £5,357.98. .

5 **Planning updates:**

22/01463/OUT Land East of Arkholme Methodist Church

Application still awaiting decision

22/0137/FUL Land to the South West of Thorneycroft, Kirkby Lonsdale Road.

Retrospective application for the erection of an agricultural storage building.

Application refused.

22/01441/FUL 7, the Sheiling, Arkholme.

Erection of a single storey extension

Application permitted.

22/01423/VCN and **22/01424/VCN** Willow Cottage, Main Street, Arkholme.

Various works

Awaiting decision(s)

6 **Noticeboard:**

Cllr Dinsdale reported that the noticeboard on the village green is in need of maintenance; the doors will not open/shut properly, the handle is too small, the pinboard is damp and distorted and the case needs cleaning and re-varnishing. It was resolved to contact a joiner to quote for repairs.

7 **Queen's Green Canopy:**

Cllr Dinsdale reported that the newly planted Holm Oak has done well through the winter. There is still no further news on a plaque but slate and brass options are available. Cllr Dinsdale will look online for a suitable plaque. Cllr Huddleston also agreed to arrange for the plaque in memory of Tom Metcalf to be attached to the new bench.

8 **Meeting dates:**

It was decided not to hold a meeting in March. The next meeting will therefore be held on 3 April with the Annual Parish Meeting to be held on 15 May after the elections on 4 May. The period of 'purdah' will be 20 March to 4 May (10pm). It was resolved to arrange the meetings for the rest of the year at the May meeting.

9 **PACT report:**

In December 2022 there were 6 crimes reported in the Kellet/Borwick constabulary area. There was one case classified as 'other theft' on or near Meadoway and one case of burglary on or near the Sheiling. The remaining crimes were in Over Kellet and Nether Kellet and also one of criminal damage/arson on Addington Road.

10 **Additional business:**

- Cllr Huddleston reported that preparations for a lunch to celebrate the Coronation were going ahead and the village hall has been booked. It was proposed by Cllr Huddleston to form a sub-committee to help organise the event, with parish council support, and this was agreed by all present.
- The Hopewell Cup will be judged on the theme of hanging baskets this year; the Clerk will send out a reminder soon.
- A replacement plug/extension for the Christmas tree needs to be ordered from Xmas Direct. Cllr Howarth has managed to lock the pillar feed to prevent people from messing around with it.
- The Clerk will need to order a new minute book early this year which may be in the region of £75 or more.

11 **Date of next meeting:**

The next meeting is scheduled for 3 April 2023 at 7pm in Arkholme Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 7.42pm.

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