

Arkholme with Cawood Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held Monday 3 April 2023

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

Also present

Rev Lucie Lunn.

Six members of the public

1 **Apologies:** None

2 **Declaration of conflicts of interest:** None declared

3 **Minutes of the last meeting:**

Cllr Howarth proposed acceptance of the minutes of 6 February 2023, this was seconded by Co Cllr Williamson and was signed as a true record by Cllr Howarth.

4 **Finance:**

a) It was resolved that Derek Whiteway be re-appointed as Internal Auditor.

b) The Clerk has checked with P K F Littlejohn and we are not required to submit an external audit despite being selected randomly as one of the 5% of small parish councils subject to an intermediate review. The Certificate of Exemption must be received by the 30 June.

c) The balance of account stands at £4,347.66 including cheques still to go out for village hall rental, defibrillator pads and seasonal electricity costs. At the same point last year, the balance of account stood at £4,145.03.

5. **Planning:**

23/00311/FUL Land to the South West of Thorneycroft, Kirkby Lonsdale Road. Retrospective application for partial demolition of existing agricultural storage building and erection of an agricultural storage building.

The application was discussed in detail and a letter was read out from the applicant explaining his rationale for the revised application. Residents maintained that the application remained substantively the same as the previous application and that they therefore wished the Parish Council to object for the same reasons as previously. It was therefore resolved that the Parish Council make no additional comments but refer the City Council Planners to our original objection.

Proposed Cllr Dinsdale

Seconded Co Cllr Williamson

22/01463/OUT Land East of Arkholme Methodist Church, Arkholme

Outline application for the development of up to 23 dwellings etc

There was no further news on the application but the Parish Council and several residents had submitted further detailed objections.

22/0423VCN and **22/01424/VCN** Willow Cottage, Main St, Arkholme

Applications permitted but the timescales for completion are unclear

Other planning issues:

Residents expressed their concern about retrospective planning applications in the area and the lack of planning enforcement with regard to perceived planning breaches. There was disappointment around enforcement action generally and with regard to specific cases, highlighted by those present, where planning breaches appear to have not been enforced. It was resolved that the Parish Council write to Planning

Enforcement for clarification on the process and to query why there are so many inconsistencies in so many instances.

6 **Elections:**

Elections for City and Parish Councillors will be held on 4 May and voters will be required, for the first time, to submit ID at the polling station in order to vote or to apply for a postal vote. Nominations for electoral candidates must be received by Tuesday 4 April

7 **King Charles III's Coronation event:**

A sub-committee has been formed to organise the event and invitations have been circulated by hand to all residents. Thanks were expressed to Cllr Huddleston and the Committee for organising the event. It was resolved that the Parish Council contribute an amount of up to £200 towards the lunch.

Proposed Cllr Howarth

Seconded Cllr Dinsdale

8 **Queen's Green Canopy plaque:**

It was resolved that Cllr Dinsdale contacts Tom Clarke regarding the design of the plaque.

9 **Noticeboard:**

It was resolved to find a joiner/handyman to revamp the noticeboard and there is also repair work outstanding on the black jubilee bench on Main Street.

10 **Annual meeting date:**

The annual meeting will be held on Monday 15 May at 7pm.

11 **PACT report:**

In January there were 6 crimes reported in the constabulary area with none reported in Arkholme. In February, there were 5 crimes reported in the area with 4 in Arkholme as follows:

One theft	Addington Road
One violence/sex offence	Herb Gardens
One criminal damage/arson	Meadoway
One burglary	On or near the Sheiling
One criminal damage/arson	On or near the Sheiling

12 **Additional business:**

- The risk assessment book has been located and this work will be completed shortly
- Co Cllr Williamson ordered a new grit bin on the 'Clean Streets' app as the old one has been badly damaged by a vehicle.

The meeting closed at 8.00pm.

Claire Helme

Clerk

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