

- Village pounds

The rent for the pounds should be synchronised and collected at the new rate of £20 from both tenants in February. Rent for this year should be collected at the old rate of £15 from a resident who had expressed interest in the pound that David and Jane Howarth currently rent.

Arkholme with Cawood Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held Monday 3 July 2023

Present: Cllrs David Howarth, Helen Dinsdale, James Huddleston, Chris Preston, Co Cllr 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 15 May 2023, this was seconded by Co Cllr Williamson and was signed as a true record by Cllr Howarth.

4 **Finance:**

a) Cheque no 000707 for £391.95 for the Clerk's wages April/May/June was approved.

Proposed Cllr Huddleston.

Seconded Co Cllr Williamson

b) Cheque no 000708 for the Clerk's expenses (mileage £16.20 and stamps £8.80) was approved.

Proposed Cllr Preston

Seconded Cllr Howarth

c) Cheque no 000709 reimbursement of £69.99 to the Clerk for a new minute book was approved.

Proposed Cllr Dinsdale.

Seconded Cllr Preston.

d) After checking on the website, and with other parish councils, it was resolved that the Parish Council should pay an annual data protection fee of £40 to the ICO. The Clerk will look into setting up a direct debit as it is cheaper to pay by this method.

Proposed Cllr Huddleston.

Seconded Cllr Howarth.

e) Bank reconciliation

The Clerk reported that the balance of the account at Lloyds stands at £7,919.32 and after outgoings to be agreed at this meeting the balance will stand at £7,312.52.

5. **Planning:**

23/00635/AD Brown Edge Farm, Lancaster Brow, Arkholme, LA1 1AN.

Agricultural determination for the erection of a storage building.

No comments were made by councillors.

6. **Queen's Green Canopy plaque:**

The plaque is now in situ and is looking smart whilst still being subtle. If necessary it can be moved as required. A letter of thanks was sent to Tom Clark for engraving the plaque.

7. **500 words competition:**

The competition has taken place at Arkholme School. It was resolved to refund Hannah Burgess £90 for the book tokens and trophy engraving sponsored by the Parish Council.

Proposed Cllr Dinsdale.

Seconded Co Cllr Williamson.

8. **Noticeboard:**

Cllrs Huddleston and Preston have repaired the 'pinboard' section of the noticeboards. Pieces of sundela board (80cm x 110cm) were cut to size from Jewson and fitted and all missing screws were also replaced. Cllr Preston has receipts for approx. £59 which he will present for payment at the next meeting. Further preparation will be needed before repainting of the cabinet and the brass handles and nameplate will need some sanding as they are discoloured. It was resolved to accept David Whitfield's quotation of approx. £200 to undertake this work.

Bench:

The tradesman appointed to refurbish the jubilee bench unfortunately died before he could complete the task. Cllr Huddleston has taken the bench home to finish the task over the coming months.

9. **Hopewell Cup:**

The theme for this year will be best hanging baskets and entries should be received by the last weekend in July for judging the first or second week in August. Paul and Helen Kershaw will judge the competition as they were the winners of the Hopewell Cup last year.

10. **Public Rights of Way:**

The local delivery footpath grant of £500 and the biodiversity grant of £300 have finally been received from Lancashire County Council for last year. The biodiversity grant can be used to fund items like bird boxes or hedgehog houses etc. Cllr Howarth requested that the Clerk try and obtain some PROW marker signs from LCC to fix to local stiles and gates.

Footpaths 2 and 4

No work can be undertaken on these for the time being as they are located near the access for the new housing development. Opposite Bainsbeck the stile has potential to be replaced with a kissing gate but the landowner would need to be consulted first.

Footpath 5

The stile needs on Footpath 5 needs 'packing' with wooden blocks to prevent it rocking.

There is an overgrown bush restricting access on the stile/gateway that was rebuilt by the Parish Council last year next to Meadowlands.

11. **Village lunch proposal:**

The village lunch held last Saturday was a great success and residents would like to see it continue next year. Councillors discussed holding another lunch next spring towards the end of April. After considering several dates it was resolved to plan a 'Big Lunch' for Sunday 28 April (subject to village hall availability).

12. **PACT report:**

There were 9 crimes reported overall in the Kellet/Borwick constabulary area. There was only one crime reported near Arkholme on Addington Road under the violence/sex offence crime category. The other crimes were reported in Nether Kellet, Over Kellet, Borwick, Capenwray and Tewitfield.

13. **Additional business:**

- Cllr Howarth reported that he had received correspondence from a resident who wished to point out that applicants refused planning permission should have only one opportunity to obtain planning permission after the event. After being refused permission twice applicants should not then have the right to an ‘Inspectorate Appeal’.

The meeting closed at 8.05pm.

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