

Arkholme with Cawood Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held Monday 5 December 2022

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

Two members of the public were also present.

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 3 October, this was seconded by Cllr Dinsdale and was signed as a true record by Cllr Howarth.

Matters arising:

The Clerk confirmed that the previously approved planning application by Oakmere Homes for 16 homes on Land East of Arkholme Methodist Church was still valid and that a lawful development certificate had been issued for the site on 27 October 2021.

4 **Finance:**

a) **Annual Budget Forecast:**

With receipts this financial year of £8,353 the balance carried forward at the end of March 2023 is estimated at approx. £4,805 (less £760.33 PROW grants). Substantial savings have been made this year on the cost of the Christmas tree, as well as no spending taking place on Christmas lights and a reduction on the parish insurance. Unforeseen expenses include the jubilee lunch refreshments and the tree for the Queen's Green Canopy.

The forecast spend for 2023/24 is approx. £4,385 which includes the unspent PROW grants from previous years. If the precept stays the same receipts would amount to £8,873 with a forecast balance of approx. £4,488. An increase of 2% would leave a forecast balance of approx. £4,559 and an increase of 5% would result in a forecast balance of approx. £4,712.

Precept:

It was resolved that the 2023/24 precept remain at **£3,538**. The tax base this year is 173.47 resulting in an amount of £20.39 per Band D household.

Proposed Cllr Huddleston

Seconded Co Cllr Williamson

b) Cheque no 000690 for the Clerk's wages Oct/Nov/Dec at new NALC agreed rate of £11.84 (including £65 backpay from 1 April 2022) was approved by all present.

Proposed Co Cllr Williamson

Seconded Cllr Dinsdale

c) Cheque no 000691 for £180 for Crabtree Christmas Trees was approved by all present.

Proposed Cllr Huddleston

Seconded Co Cllr Williamson

d) S137 grants – it was agreed to send out this year's guidelines/application form via Chris May with a deadline to be set in January; decisions will be made at the February meeting.

5 **Planning:**

22/01371/FUL Land to the South West of Thorneycroft, Kirkby Lonsdale Road, Arkholme, LA6 1AZ

Retrospective application for demolition of existing outbuilding with erection of replacement outbuilding.

Two Arkholme residents, present at the meeting, outlined their concerns to councillors regarding the above application for the following reasons:

- The application is retrospective and has implications on future development in the village overall
- No evidence has been provided of the need for an agricultural storage building as the site is not used as a smallholding
- The curtilage has been defined in red on the plan for no apparent purpose; the implication is that the applicant has residential development in mind
- The gateway has been widened and a hardcore track has been built with no mention of these on the application form neither have the connections made to water and electricity supplies.
- The native species hedge line has been moved back for no apparent reason.
- The container on site has not been removed as stipulated by Planning Enforcement.

It was resolved that the Clerk write a letter to the Planning Officer expressing the above concerns.

22/01423/VCN and **22/01424/VCN**, Willow Cottage, Arkholme, LA6 1AU.

The original planning application for Willow Cottage dates back several years and several 'variation' and 'discharge' of conditions applications have been submitted in this time period. Councillors questioned why conditions placed on the original application are now deemed 'onerous' and 'unenforceable' and their removal is sought by Scalia Planning. Of particular concern is the pointing on the stonework which was removed and has not been replaced some 3 years after completion of the new structure to the east. As Willow Cottage stands in the centre of the conservation area and is a Grade II listed building this issue should be rectified.

It was resolved that the Clerk write to Planning to request a deadline of 12 months for work to be completed in compliance with Condition 4 and any other conditions still remaining and not discharged should be fulfilled within 12 months.

22/0144/FUL, 7 The Sheiling, Arkholme, LA6 1FA

Erection of a single storey extension

Councillors had no objections

It was resolved that the Clerk write to Planning to ask that the working hours of contractors and their vehicles are restricted to take into account that it is a residential area and very close to neighbouring properties.

6 **Christmas update:**

Thanks were expressed to Cllr Huddleston for securing the Christmas tree from Crabtree Christmas Trees and arranging its installation. Cllr Howarth reported that the timer was troublesome so the lights have actually been left on for 24 hours but as they are LEDs the cost is minimal.

7 Queen's Green Canopy:

The newly planted Holm Oak is an attractive tree and a good size and thanks were expressed to Cllr Dinsdale for purchasing it and arranging the planting on the village green.

It was resolved to reimburse Cllr Dinsdale and cheque no 000692 for £109.60 was authorised.

Proposed Cllr Huddleston

Seconded Co Cllr Williamson

It was also resolved to purchase a suitable plaque and adapt the wording off the Jubilee website as appropriate to our requirements and to hold the ceremony in the spring. Thanks, were also expressed to Matthew Smythe for helping to plant the tree.

8 Public Rights of Way:

There was nothing further to report regarding PROW issues.

Co Cllr Williamson agreed to chase up the PROW grant for this financial year from LCC.

9 Additional business:

- The potholes on Snab Green Lane still need repairing by County Highways.
- Davis & Bowring have confirmed that there will be no public access to the new woodland 'Owls Wood'
- LALC are holding a session on 'Planning for Town and Parish Councils' on zoom on 25 April and 15 June to which councillors are invited.

10 Date of Next Meeting:

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday 6 February 2023.

The meeting closed at 8.20pm

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