

Arkholme with Cawood Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held Monday 5 February 2024

- Present:** Cllrs David Howarth, James Huddleston, Chris Preston, Helen Dinsdale, Co Cllr Phillippa Williamson and the Clerk, Claire Helme.
One member of the public was present.
- 1 **Apologies:** 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 4 December 2023, this was seconded by Cllr Preston and was signed as a true record by Cllr Howarth.
- 4 **Finance:**
- a) It was resolved to give an S137 grant of £100 (cheque no 000727) to Arkholme and District W.I.
Proposed Cllr Huddleston
Seconded Cllr Preston
- b) Cheque no 000723 was agreed for £80 for Arkholme Village Hall rental.
Proposed Cllr Huddleston
Seconded Cllr Dinsdale
- c) Cheque no 000724 for £410.48 was agreed for the Clerk's wages Jan/Feb/March.
Proposed Cllr Huddleston
Seconded Cllr Preston
- d) Cheque no 000725 for £41.60 was agreed for the Clerk's travel expenses to meetings Sep/Nov/Dec/Jan (£21.60) and one-third of the annual Microsoft subscription (£20).
Proposed Cllr Dinsdale
Seconded Cllr Huddleston
- e) Cheque no 000726 for £24 was agreed to reimburse the Clerk for the VAT on LCC's election bill refunded to the Parish Council but paid by the Clerk.
Proposed Cllr Dinsdale
Seconded Cllr Huddleston
- f) Bank reconciliation
The balance of account at Lloyds on 5 January stands at £6,185.07 which includes £1,860.33 of unspent PROW grant leaving a balance of £4,324.74. After deduction of the cheques above and other unrepresented cheques (Christmas tree £200) the balance at end of year will stand at approx. £3,468.
- 5 **Planning updates:**
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 **Public Rights of Way:**
Cllr Howarth has received the batch of bird boxes and hedgehog houses made by pupils at Settlebeck school (as part of a school design project) and payment of £250 (previously agreed) will be allocated from the biodiversity grant. Cllr Howarth will

inform residents via the WhatsApp group so that residents can collect them directly. It was also agreed to purchase from a hedgehog conservation organisation a hedgehog highway box of 50 units for £150 plus delivery of £7.50 also to be allocated from the biodiversity grant.

The collapse of a footpath bridge on the Lune Valley ramble has been reported to the County Council's public rights of way team by a member of the public. Warnings have been placed on the footpath signs near Meadowlands by LCC. It was thought that as the bridge had partially collapsed repairs would take some time to complete.

7 **Grit bins:**

County Cllr Williamson advised that grit bins can now be ordered on LCC's 'report it' online system and Cllr Dinsdale has now ordered a grit bin for the Sheiling as requested by residents.

8 **Village pounds:**

Both village pounds will be invoiced this month and the Clerk now has the correct contact details for the family renting Pound A.

9 **PACT report:**

November	5 crimes in the constabulary area 1 crime in the Arkholme area
Arkholme (on or near Meadoway)	1 x anti-social behaviour
December	17 crimes in the constabulary area 1 crime in the Arkholme area
Arkholme (on or near Meadoway)	1 x violence/sex offence

10 **Meeting dates:**

The dates for 2024 are as follows:

15 April

20 May (Annual meeting)

1 July

2 September

4 November

2 December

All meetings commence at 7pm in Arkholme Village Hall.

11 **Additional business:**

- Concerns were raised about the potholes and general state of the roads on Snab Green Lane, Locka Lane and at Sunnybank/Lords Lot wood.
- Cllr Huddleston expressed his thanks for all those who had helped with the erecting, storing and taking down of the Christmas tree/lights.
- It was noted that the bench and noticeboard on the village green need re-staining. Cllrs Huddleston and Preston will undertake this when the weather improves.
- The defibrillator for the village is situated on the village hall wall but as not everyone knows how to use it Cllr Huddleston agreed to investigate possible training sessions for residents.
- Cllr Howarth and Cllr Huddleston will attend the Lancaster District Parish Council Forum on 28 February at the Storey Institute, Lancaster.

- The Clerk reported that all parish councils will in future have to be able to provide a .gov or .org email address which will link to a website. This will be a requirement on the AGAR/internal audit report. Arkholme Parish Council will need to look into how to meet this requirement as soon as possible.

The meeting closed at 8 pm.

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