

ARKENGARTHDALE PARISH COUNCIL

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DRAFT MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD IN ST MARY'S CHURCH, ARKENGARTHDALE ON MONDAY 5th December 2022 AT 7 PM.

Present: Councillor S. Stubbs (Chair), Councillor P Harker (Vice-Chair), Councillor S. Atkinson, Councillor R Stones and Councillor N Barningham Clerk L. Bridge.

1. Apologise for absence and approve reasons for absence.

Apologise and reasons for absence were approved for District Councillor Good and County Councillor Peacock.

2. Declarations of interest

None.

3. Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the meeting on 3rd October 2022 were confirmed as a true and correct record by the Council and signed by the Chair. Proposed by Councillor Harker and seconded by Councillor Atkinson.

4. Public session.

There were no members of the public in attendance. Joe Rushbrook from North Yorkshire County Council attended in relation to item 6.1

5. Ongoing matters.

5.1. 5G MANY Project

5.1.1. It was noted there were no further updates, but the Councillors believed that this would not proceed any further due to the problems they were experiencing.

5.2. BA4N

5.2.1. Councillor Stubbs updated the Councillors on the situation so far. He had applied for the Gigabit voucher scheme which had been validated. This meant that the government would also contribute financially to the area. The clerk will contact BA4N to find out what happens next. This was all considered and the Councillors all agreed to proceed with this as it was another option for getting fibre in the Dale. The company was also a not-for-profit so would work well with Reeth Rural Network which currently supplies a lot of broadband in the area.

5.3. Letter to Rishi Sunak to persuade EE to provide a commercial signal from Seal Houses Mast.

5.3.1. It was noted that Rishi Sunak had confirmed in his letter that they were still planning on getting the Seal Houses Mast activated for this quarter. However, no one had seen any activity to indicate progress. **Ongoing.**

5.4. Email to Rishi Sunak to enquire about the delay in fibre installation.

5.4.1. It was noted that in Rishi Sunak's letter he had included a response from Superfast North Yorkshire which shows Quickline as having won the contract for Phase 4 for our area. **Ongoing.**

5.5. Church Grant Application.

5.5.1. It was noted work had started on the Church. The Councillors required a more detailed breakdown of the phases of work, to enable them to do due diligence.

5.6. Queen's Platinum Jubilee 2022, Langthwaite Pinfold.

5.6.1. Councillor Stubbs gave an update on the progress of the work on the Pinfold. The ivy has been cleared and the rest is left until next spring when hopefully it will have died. This has revealed sections of the wall that require some pointing and Councillor Stubbs has asked for a quote for this work. They plan to concrete the floor and install the seat which they plan to do as soon as possible, weather allowing, it could be December.

5.7. The final phase of tree work along the Arkle, made possible by Two Ridings Grant.

5.7.1. It was noted that the tree work has now been completed. **Resolved.**

5.8. Garbutt's Cottage, The Green, Langthwaite Streetlight No. 3

It was noted that the unit is now here and Northern Power Grid is going to do the work but they are unable to say when. **Ongoing.**

5.9. Riverside wall/road wall at Whaw, 101009253520.

5.9.1. It was noted that there are no further updates on this but County Councillor Peacock is chasing it up as well as the clerk. **Ongoing.**

5.10. Drainage between Arkle Town and Langthwaite.

5.10.1. It was confirmed that this has now been cleared. There was a grassed-over manhole which when lifted showed a blockage which has now been cleared. **Resolved.**

5.11. Bench Maintenance.

5.11.1. To note do bench maintenance before April. **Ongoing**

5.12. Drainage on Stang Road opposite Plantation Cottages.

5.12.1. It was noted that the clerk had reported this to Highways. Councillor Stubbs provided a further update from Douglas Barningham who said that Highways have dug into this drain and rectified the problem. **Resolved.**

5.13. Drainage at Rydal House, CB Yard.

5.13.1. It was noted that this has been reported via the Parish Portal and there is a plan to clear the drainage channel in front of the house and jet from the manhole cover upwards to clear any blockages.

5.14. Woodhouse and Low Faggergill replacement bridges.

5.14.1. It was noted that both bridges are mainly finished and open to the public. **Resolved.**

6. Arkengarthdale Community Emergency Plan.

6.1. Joe Rushbrook attended the meeting to give us some help and advice about this. As well as informing us the purpose of the plan, they can also direct us towards any funding we may need and sources of equipment such as sandbags which we need to replace. As well as the equipment we will also need volunteers who will assist with checking on people, laying sandbags etc. The clerk is going to have a further meeting with him so he can see the dale in daylight which will help him understand our particular problems. **Ongoing.**

7. Arkengarthdale Flood Action Plan.

7.1. It was noted that they were unable to attend this meeting but were planning to attend the one in February.

8. **Christmas Lights** – The Councillors would like to thank Richard and Monika who are providing the power supply for the Arkengarthdale community Christmas lights.

9. Parish Council policies.

9.1. None to discuss.

10. Planning applications to consider.

10.1. None

11. Planning Decisions received.

11.1. A notification had been received that permission had been granted to remove 1 Leylandii and thin out a group of Alders and Arkle Town House.

12. Matters requested by Councillors

12.1. Refer to item 5.12, noted.

13. Matters requested by the Clerk.

13.1. The meeting dates were considered and decided.

14. Financial

14.1. It was considered whether to start the Arkengarthdale Emergency Community Fund which was proposed by Councillor Stubbs and seconded by Councillor Stones. All in favour.

14.2. It was considered how much to start the fund with and it was decided to put in £500.00. Proposed Councillor Stubbs and seconded by Councillor Stones. All in favour.

14.3. It was considered to keep this fund in the spare account which was proposed by Councillor Stubbs and seconded by Councillor Stones. All in favour.

14.4. The new rates of pay from the NJC Pay Scale were considered and decided to increase the Clerk's rate to £11.63. Proposed by Councillor Stubbs and seconded by Councillor Harker. All in favour.

14.5. The amount to claim for Precept was considered and Councillor Stubbs proposed £4,500.00, Councillor Stones seconded. All in favour.

14.6. To approve the following amounts to Payments

L Bridge	Salary October and November	£182.70 ea.
	December and January	£203.53 ea.
	Paid by bacs monthly.	
L Bridge Expenses	Rowena Gift Voucher Jubilee	£25.00
	Land Registry Fee Pinfold	£4.00
St Mary's Church	Invoice for meetings hire	£80.00
Steve Coleman	Invoice for Greenkeeping	£506.25
Arbores Tree Services	Invoice for final tree work	£1,700.00
Payments received		£0.00

Main Account Balance as at 27th September 2022	£8524.60
Reserve Account	£1,135.04

15. Highways.

- 15.1. The Highways notification from the Bridges team about road closures at Gatehouse Bridge/Haggs Gill (B6270), from the 7th November was noted.
- 15.2. It was noted that the clerk attended a Highways Workshop, the report is at the back.
- 15.3. The Highways notification about road resurfacing at U207 Sedbusk to Litherskew was noted.
- 15.4. The Highways notification about rad resurfacing at U933, Newbiggin to Street Head was noted.
- 15.5. The Highways notification about roadworks from West Burton to Newbiggin was noted.

16. Streetlights.

- 16.1. It was noted that Highways had sent an update after the Agenda was set stating the replacement unit was with Northern Power Grid who were going to do the work but they were unable to say when.

17. Correspondence received.

- 17.1. The Two Dales Police Report was noted for October 2022.
- 17.2. The National Parks newsletter was noted.
- 17.3. The YLCA training courses and other various emails were noted.
- 17.4. The NALC's Chief Executives bulletins were noted.
- 17.5. The request to make a donation towards the defibrillator pads and battery was considered and Councillor Barningham proposed that we were informed when the replacements were required and we would buy them and get them sent to the person looking after the defibrillator. This was seconded by Councillor Harker and agreed by all.
- 17.6. The Model Councillor/Officer Protocol was considered.
- 17.7. It was considered to add the Gridserve Link to the website but some of the Councillors had been taken to an electric car selling site rather than something purely to do with estimating costs of electric car charging and did not feel this was appropriate for the parish councillor website. All agreed.
- 17.8. The Area Partnership Fund and Warm and Welcome Spaces Award, were noted.
- 17.9. The study results for E-Motion and set-up plans were noted.
- 17.10. The webinars called Prepare.Act.Survive was noted.
- 17.11. The new Zoom meeting date for Commissioner Zoe was noted.
- 17.12. The start of consultation on Devolution for North Yorkshire was noted.
- 17.13. Refer item 17.2
- 17.14. The invitation to the PTC briefing which the clerk had tried to attend (technology failure) was noted and the clerk would submit a report based on the recording for the next meeting.
- 17.15. The Hackney Carriage and Private Hire licensing policy consultation was noted.
- 17.16. The DLUHC Committee funding inquiry which NALC was responding to, was noted.
- 17.17. Let's Talk Money, the next consultation phase on devolution for North Yorkshire was noted.
- 17.18. Commission Zoe's survey about public confidence and trust in the police service was noted.
- 17.19. The timetable for creating a Parish Charter was noted.
- 17.20. The Yorkshire and Humberside Climate Action Pledge was noted.
- 17.21. The invitation from North Yorkshire County Council to submit expressions of interest in managing services was noted.

- 17.22.** The Agenda and Notice for Richmondshire Area Constituency Committee meeting was noted.
- 17.23.** Commissioner Zoe's survey on Anti-social behaviour was noted.
- 17.24.** The veteran's survey was noted.
- 17.25.** The first newsletter from Catterick Integrated Campus Care, a new medical facility run by the MOD and the NHS was noted as a positive thing.

18. District Report

- 18.1. District Councillor Good was unable to attend.

19. County Council Report

- 19.1.** County Councillor Peacock was unable to attend but reminded us to confirm the allocation of funds for Arkengarthdale Community Emergency Fund so she could make a contribution from the Locality Fund. She would try and get more information about Whaw river wall and when we could expect work to start. She will also ask about the various drainage issues we had on the agenda.

20. Future meetings

It was confirmed that the next meeting would be on Monday 6th February 2023 in St Mary's Church, Arkengarthdale at 7pm.

Meeting ended at 20:45pm

Report about Highways Parish Workshop attended on the 7th November.

The workshop started with an overview of the Parish Portal which clerks are encouraged to submit all Highways related problems. Highways personnel have access to this while they are on the road via a tablet, so if they are in the area of a reported problem, they will attend to it immediately even if the report has only just been made.

At the same time as talking through the Parish Portal clerks asked questions about the devolution and the effects it would have. Such as emails for north Yorkshire and Richmondshire which ones would change and which would stay the same. For this, we were told that all North Yorkshire email addresses would stay the same and only Richmondshire emails would change to northyorks.gov.uk addresses.

There were lots of local enquiries made about problems, getting a streetlight fixed or road repair. I commented on the lack of communication Reeth had about the Haggs Bridge, Marske's outstanding Bushy Park road condition, drainage outside Marske Hall, why scaffolding was required to repair a streetlight and Arkengarthdales drainage issue on between Langthwaite and Arkle Town and river wall repair in Whaw.

Interesting insights were gained throughout the meeting such as to relocate a street sign requires traffic regulation to be submitted and is a very expensive and lengthy process, which is highly discouraged. The horrible white plastic bollards are not in use anymore. If you have your village name on a stone plinth, find a way to repair it yourself as if Highways gets involved, they will want you to remove the plinth and put it on something else less dangerous. This is called Passive Safety Protocol; if the stone plinth is not there then car drivers can't crash into them!

This one is really useful – when the utility companies dig up the road to install/repair something they must restore the road to its original condition. From the date this is completed if the road repair fails for any reason in the following 2 years it is up to the utility company to make good. It would still be reported to Highways but they would pass it on the Utility company to do the work.

Finally, regarding drainage, Highways only have the jetter one week a month. With devolution they are creating a map which shows silt build up indicating high risk areas and this is what they will be basing their drainage maintenance on in the future.

All in all it was a useful meeting putting faces to names and meeting other clerks.