

# ARKENGARTHDALE PARISH COUNCIL

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## DRAFT MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD IN ST MARY'S CHURCH, ARKENGARTHDALE ON MONDAY 6<sup>th</sup> February 2023 AT 7 PM.

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

**1. Apologise for absence and approve reasons for absence.**

None

**2. Declarations of interest**

None.

**3. Minutes of the last meeting**

The minutes of the meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> December 2022 was confirmed as a true and correct record by the Council and signed by the Chair. Proposed by Councillor Harker and seconded by Councillor Barningham.

**4. Public session.**

There were no members of the public in attendance. Katia Sanhueza-Pino and a colleague as part of the Flood Action Group. Also, Matt and Michael were there about the Memorial bench.

**5. Ongoing matters.**

**5.1. 5G MANY Project**

**5.1.1.** It was noted there were no further updates.

**5.2. BA4N**

**5.2.1.** No further updates.

**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 this has been delayed until possibly the second quarter of 2023 as per Rishi Sunak's letter in December. **Ongoing.**

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

**5.4.1.** It was noted this has been taken over by Quickline, but there is no timescales. **Ongoing.**

**5.5. Church Grant Application.**

**5.5.1.** It was noted that the first payment has been made by the council.

**5.6. Langthwaite Pinfold.**

**5.6.1.** Councillor Stubbs gave an update which he had received that night. The contractors asked that the council buy a bag of chippings to lay on the ground inside, cost £50.74. The chairman has given them two flagstones to make two steps with. The removal of the ivy has revealed

holes in the stonework. So a quote has been given to rebuild where required, point inside and out includes labour, materials and consumables, £750.00. These costs were discussed and all the councillors were happy to approve the costs and proceed.

#### **5.7. Garbutt's Cottage, The Green, Langthwaite Streetlight No. 3**

Councillor Stones updated the rest of the council and the clerk that Northern Power Grid were seen doing the replacement in early December but the light still was not working. Clerk to get an update. **Ongoing.**

#### **5.8. Riverside wall/road wall at Whaw, 101009253520.**

**5.8.1.** It was noted that there are no further updates and the clerk asked to get an update. Councillor Peacock is also going to make enquiries. **Ongoing.**

#### **5.9. Bench Maintenance.**

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

#### **5.10. Drainage on Stang Road opposite Plantation Cottages.**

**5.10.1.** It was noted that the blockage has been removed. **Resolved.**

#### **5.11. Drainage at Rydal House, CB Yard.**

**5.11.1.** It was noted Highways have done an inspection and will do the work.

### **6. Arkengarthdale Community Emergency Plan.**

**6.1.** The meeting with Jay Wainwright from NYCC was noted.

**6.2.** This will be discussed at the next meeting.

**6.3.** The issue of volunteers was considered and suggested that a public meeting be held in the summer which will get feedback from people about how they want to proceed with Flood/Emergency Plan and generate some volunteers. **Ongoing.**

### **7. Arkengarthdale Flood Action Plan.**

**7.1.** Katia Sanhueza and her colleague explained that they are a small independent charity that tries to resolve any queries between communities and risk agencies such as EA. If the parish wanted they could try and arrange a multi-agency meeting with the residents to clear up any queries and find out what the options were going forward.

### **8. Parish Charter**

**8.1.** This was considered and Councillor Harker will have a look at the questionnaire to complete on the Council's behalf.

### **9. Parish Council policies.**

**9.1.** None to discuss.

### **10. Planning applications to consider.**

**10.1.** The householder planning application for Ivy Cottage was discussed and the Councillors supported it.

### **11. Planning Decisions received.**

**11.1.** None.

### **12. Matters requested by Councillors**

- 12.1. This has been reported to Highways who were unable to find the problem as it wasn't raining. The clerk will contact them again and explain that it is always flowing and they think it is either an underground spring that has come to the surface or a burst water pipe.
- 12.2. This was considered and in future, all Pecuniary Interest forms are to be put online with signatures redacted.

### 13. Matters requested by the Clerk.

- 13.1. This was considered and all councillors were happy for the Chairman to sign the newly updated employment contract.

### 14. Financial

- 14.1. It was considered whether to apply and sign the Locality Grant form and all councillors agreed, and the Chairman and the clerk signed.

#### 14.2. To approve the following amounts to Payments

L Bridge	Salary December and January (new pay rate) Feb, March and April Paid by bacs monthly.	£203.53 ea.
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14.3.	<b>Payments made/amendments</b>	<b>£0.00</b>
14.4.	<b>Payments received – VAT Reclaimed</b>	<b>£1005.46</b>
	<b>Main Account Balance on 31<sup>st</sup> January 2023</b>	£6,307.75
	<b>Reserve Account on 31<sup>st</sup> January 2023</b>	£1,136.44
	<b>Arkengarthdale Emergency Community Fund on 31/01/2023</b>	£500.77

### 15. Highways.

- 15.1. It was noted that Highways knows about the damage to Park Head Bridge. The Chairman will send a What3word location to the clerk. [///gala.repeating.hotel](#)
- 15.2. It was noted that the clerk had reported this but was updated by the Councillor that this only really overflows onto the road when there is heavy rainfall. No further action.
- 15.3. Refer to 12.1
- 15.4. It was noted that the clerk had reported these. Councillor Barningham updated the council that the smaller ones had been repaired but not the large ones. Clerk to ask about the larger potholes.

### 16. Streetlights.

- 16.1. Refer to 5.7.1. Nothing new to report.

### 17. Correspondence received.

- 17.1. The Urban Grass Cutting letter from NYCC was considered and decided they would not take this on.
- 17.2. This was considered after Matt and Michael had requested a memorial bench for Adam Hollingsworth at Seal Houses. They had spoken to the landowner and he was happy for the seat to go on his land and, in principle the Councillors have no objection. The only concern is this area

becoming overcrowded with benches as there are already two there. The position of the bench will be confirmed.

- 17.3. This request was discussed and it was felt by the Councillors that they did not want to set a precedent by taking over the maintenance of land that they did not own. All Councillors agreed that they would not be able to take over the annual cost and maintenance of the churchyard.
- 17.4. This request was discussed and the Councillors did not feel there was anything more they could do. There already was a sign telling people access is required, but it did rely on the goodwill of the village to be considerate when parking.
- 17.5. The Two Dales Police Report was noted for December 2022.
- 17.6. The National Parks newsletter was noted.
- 17.7. The YLCA training courses and other various emails were noted.
- 17.8. The NALC's Chief Executives bulletins were noted.
- 17.9. The launch of the Blue Book was noted.
- 17.10. The launch of Warm and Welcome Spaces was noted.
- 17.11. The National Parks enforcement plan was noted.
- 17.12. YLCA's Richmondshire Branch meeting in February was noted.
- 17.13. The consultation on the changes made to the Development Consent Order for the A66 was noted.
- 17.14. The online meeting about NYCC Climate Change Strategy Draft was noted.
- 17.15. NALC's response to the Levelling Up and Regeneration Bill was noted.

## 18. District Report

- 18.1. District Councillor Good said his goodbyes to the Councillors and hoped he had been able to assist them. The Chairman stated that he and the other councillors had valued his good advice and assistance over the many years that he had served the District and the Parish and they all thanked him for all that he had done for them and the parish and wished him well in his retirement.

## 19. County Council Report

County Councillor Peacock reported that she was working on communication packages for emergency plans. She was also pushing for Hudson House to be upgraded to an area office for the new North Yorkshire Council, which would mean that the office would be staffed by Council staff for more days than it is at the moment.

## 20. Future meetings

It was confirmed that the next meeting which was an **Annual Parish Meeting** as well as a Council meeting and would be on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2023 in St Mary's Church, Arkengarthdale at 7pm.

Meeting ended at 21.00pm