ARKENGARTHDALE PARISH COUNCIL

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DRAFT MINUTES of Arkengarthdale Parish Council meeting held at St Mary's Church, Arkengarthdale on 11 September 2026 at 7:15pm

Present: Cllr. Atkinson; Cllr Barningham; Cllr. Harker (Vice Chair); Cllr. Stubbs (Chair)

In attendance: L Bleach (Clerk)

267-35 The Chair reminded everyone present of the Council's expectations for the audio or visual recording of this meeting.

267-36 Apologies and reasons for absence

36.1 Apologies for absence were received by Cllr Stones and County Councillor Peacock.

36.2 Reasons for absence were approved.

267-37 No declarations of interest not already declared under the council's code of conduct or members' Register of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests were received.

267-38 The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 6th July 2026 were approved and signed as a true and correct record.

267-39 Public session.

267-40 **Updates & Reports**

40.1 <u>Policing</u>

40.1.1 There were no attending police officers.

40.1.2 No reports were received to pass on the police.

40.2 County Councillor Peacock sent a report that the roll-out of recycling bins was continuing and that separate arrangements for Booze had been noted. She also noted that the school transport report had come out but had not yet been passed.

40.3 <u>Arkengarthdale Community Emergency Group</u>

No update had been received from the ACEG.

40.4 <u>Proposed Wind Farm – Hope Moor</u>

40.4.1 The Parish Council wanted to raise the issue of visual impact assessments at the next liaison meeting in September and to see how soon these and any associated images might be made available. In general, the Parish Council determined to keep engaging with the process to ensure Fred Olsen were kept accountable for their actions.

40.4.2 Correspondence between the Chair and YDNP regarding the proposed Wind Farm and potential impact on the dark skies of the Yorkshire Dales National Park was noted. YDNP understands this has the potential to have significant impacts on the nocturnal landscape and ecology of the National Park as well as in relation to the economy of the National Park. They explained they had stated this in their written response to the PINs consultation on the Scoping Report (which can be viewed online).

40.5 Upper Dales Health Watch
The Parish Council had nothing to feed back in advance of the first meeting.

40.6 Changes to Lifeline Services
Correspondence that had been received on the topic had been considered and it was resolved to contact NYC to see if a briefing document was available.

40.7 Councillors confirmed that access to emails was now OK. The Clerk agreed to follow up with the provider regarding admin rights for the control panel.

267-41 **Financial matters**

41.1 It was resolved to make the following payment(s)

St Mary's Church	Venue hire	£150.00

Proposed Cllr Stubbs; seconded Cllr Barningham.

41.2 It was noted that due to banking access issues, the Clerk's salary and associated costs for July and August are to be paid in September.

41.3 It was resolved to treat employment matters as reserved business.

41.4 The introduction of the optional digital AGAR in 2027 was noted and that the Clerk had started work preparing for this.

41.5 It was agreed to purchase a wreath for Remembrance Sunday and that Cllr Stones would lay it.

41.6 A funding opportunity for community gardens and similar projects was noted but it was decided not to apply for this.

267-42 **Highways & Transport**

42.1 The Clerk agreed to keep following up on this issue as tarmac (as a result of previous highways work) was continuing to block access to the drains, meaning water and associated mess was actively being routed into the neighbouring field.

42.2 The new NYC online reporting system was noted.

42.3 It was noted that the Clerk had followed up on reinstatement work carried out by Yorkshire Water in Langthwaite since this did not seem to be of a reasonable standard; the complaint process was ongoing.

42.4 It was decided not to submit a response to the Mayoral Survey on transport.

42.5 The Clerk was asked to submit a complaint about the ongoing issue of missing grit bins in the Parish and to check the status of grit bins at Arkle Town.

267-43 **Planning**

43.1 Upcoming changes to NYC planning procedures were noted.

43.2 It was noted that that no Tree Protection Orders or Decisions had been issued for the Parish in July or August.

267-44 **Housekeeping** (items for future meetings; items for discussion, not resolution)
It was noted that a follow-up on grit bins and the road at Eskeleth should be on the agenda for November, along with Christmas arrangements. It was also noted that a funding grant opportunity had come in relating to digital literacy workshops.

267-45 The date of the next meeting was noted:
Monday 2 November 2026, 7:15pm, in St Mary's Church.

The meeting was closed at 22:00.