

ARKENGARTHDALE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting held at
St Mary's Church, Arkengarthdale
Monday 4 November 2019 at 8.00pm

MINUTES

Present: Councillor P Harker; Councillor P Lundberg (Vice-Chair); Councillor R Stones;
Councillor S Stubbs (Chair); Councillor J Watkins

In attendance: S Dray (Clerk)

Apologies for Absence were received from Amanda Madden, RDC Rural Housing Enabler (items 66/19 and 67/19 only) and District Councillor R Good.

65/19 Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

66/19 School Building

- 66.1 It was noted that the nomination to register the school building as a community asset had been successful;
- 66.2 Clarification would be sought on who would be the beneficiary of the sale of the building **[Action: JW]**;
- 66.3 It was agreed that a community meeting would be held on Thursday 9 January 2020 at 7pm in the function room at The CB Inn, subject to the venue being confirmed with the owner, and that the next parish council meeting would be rescheduled as a result of this from 6 January 2020 to 13 January 2020. A representative from Arkengarthdale Church Council, the vicar and District Councillor Good would all be invited **[Action: SS/PL]**.

67/19 Affordable housing

- 67.1 It was noted that a meeting would take place on Tuesday 5 November with the Corporate Director and Monitoring Officer at RDC to discuss the affordable housing project. Cllrs Stubbs and Watkins would attend.
- 67.2 The chair proposed that the Parish Council continue to commit to the project should funds be secured. The proposal was unanimously agreed.

69/19 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 2 September 2019 were confirmed as a correct record by the Council and signed by the Chair.

70/19 Flooding matters

- 70.1 Councillors considered the next steps in repairing flood damage in the dale now that the work in Arkle Beck was complete. It was noted that fallen trees were in the process of being removed from along the beck. It was agreed to attend to the flood-related repairs on High Green next.
- 70.2 It was noted that an anonymous donation of £2.5k had been made via the Two Ridings Foundation for the long term sustainability of the dale, and that the council was awaiting the release of these funds.
- 70.3 Outstanding highways issues relating to flood damage were considered and it was agreed to contact NYCC Highways again to ask for: a) repairs to Stang Lane and to the gutter and wall opposite Langthwaite bridge, both as matters of urgency, and b) to confirm a new meeting date for the site visit. It was noted that the repairs to the roadside and the bridge at Whaw would be starting on 11 November 2019 for 12 weeks. NYCC would be contacted to advise of the urgent need for repairs to potholes on the Eskeleth road, which would be the access road for Whaw whilst the road was closed. **[Action: RS]**

71/19 BT consultation on telephone kiosks

- 71.1 BTs intention to remove the telephone kiosk at Langthwaite was discussed. It was noted that the Parish Council had applied to adopt the kiosk, should the telephone be removed, and it was agreed that RDC would be informed that the Council wished to also keep the telephone on the grounds that it was in an area with no mobile phone coverage and appropriately sited close to a public car park. **[Action: SD]**

72/19 Parish precept 2020/21

The precept for 2020/21 was considered in relation to annual expenditure, noting that no increase had been requested in 2019/20. It was agreed that a sum of £3700 would be requested for the forthcoming year. This was an increase of £800 on 2019/20.

73/19 Chairs and clerks information day

- 73.1 Councillors received a report from the clerk on a YLCA information day for chairs and clerks held in Richmond on 10 October 2019;
- 73.2 It was noted that the Clerk's role had changed over the years and the current contract was incommensurate with the amount of time required to undertake the duties. It was agreed to increase the clerk's contracted hours from 2 hours per week to 3 hours per week from April 2020, and that a lump sum would be retrospectively paid at the end of the 2019/20 financial year for the additional hours worked.

74/19 Website

- 74.1 Councillors received a report from Cllr Watkins and the clerk on the website;

74.2 It was noted that a new laptop had been purchased and that up to 75% of the cost would be covered by a grant awarded by RDC's Richmondshire Area Partnership Fund.

74.3 A web accessibility statement was required for the website. **[Action: SD]**

75/19 Langthwaite waste enclosure

It was noted that the old enclosure was in the process of being replaced by RDC.

76/19 Correspondence received

The following correspondences were noted:

- 76.1 The result of the recent election for the position of County Councillor – the new County Councillor was Yvonne Peacock;
- 76.2 The police reports for September and October 2019;
- 76.3 The YDNPA Strategic Housing Market Assessment 2019 (Stakeholder survey);
- 76.4 An invitation to the YDNP Management Plan Annual Forum on 29 November 2019;
- 76.5 The YDNPA Parish meeting held in October;
- 76.6 YDNPA temporary closure orders prohibiting pedestrians in effect between 27/9/19 and 5/3/20;
- 76.7 NYCC recruitment of volunteers to become members of North Yorkshire Local Access Forum;
- 76.8 NYCC *Your Services, Your Say* online public consultation on the council plan;
- 76.9 RDC consultation on its budget and council tax levels for 2020-21;
- 76.10 NALC Policy Consultation E-Briefing 90-19 Independent Review into Local Government Audit.

77/19 NYCC Highways

Item 70/19.3 refers.

78/19 Planning matters

Councillors considered the following:

- 78.1 Scott Trial: Section 73 application for variation of Condition 2 of R/01/100C to extend the date of the permission to 14/7/2030. It was noted that a letter of support had been submitted.
- 78.2 Planning Consultation - Application: R/01/108B at Spence Intake for full planning permission for change of use of adjoining barn, lean-to store and lean-to extension to form additional living accommodation and erection of a detached garage and store. There were no objections. A letter of support would be submitted.
- 78.3 Amended plans for Application R/01/77E at West House, Langthwaite, from Arkengarthdale Estate for full planning permission for demolition of existing building and erection of new building to provide shooting store and rest room/kitchen/shower facilities for workers in connection with Arkengarthdale

Estate. A letter of support had already been submitted for the original application. There were no objections to the amended plans.

79/19 Financial matters

79.1 The following expenditure was approved:

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| S.Dray | salary 2 months (sep/oct) | £ 203.20 |
| Tiplady Tanker Services | machine hire for beck clearance | £1436.40 |
| The CB Inn | bacon butties | £420.00 |
| Bryan Kassell | beck maintenance | £2740.80 |
| Michael Atkinson | labour for beck clearance | £2124.00 |
| Simon Atkinson | IT support | £110.00 |
| John Watkins | reimbursement for laptop | £588.11 |
| John Watkins | reimbursement for software | £29.99 |
| RBL Poppy Appeal | wreath | £25.00 |

79.2 The following receipts were noted:

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| The CB Inn | donation for flood-related work | £500.00 |
| RDC | precept 2 nd instalment | £300.00 |

79.3 The YLCA Internal Audit Service for 2019/20 for councils with an annual turnover of below £25k was noted. It was noted that the Parish Council's turnover would exceed £25k this year and would require an external audit in 2019/20, but that it would be likely that the YLCA service would be relevant in 2020/21.

80/19 Christmas lights

Councillors heard that the Christmas lights had been damaged in the flood and were not working. If they could not be fixed alternative arrangements would be made and it was agreed that they would be installed on High Green on Saturday 7 December. **[Action: SS/RS/PL]**

81/19 Local matters

The following matters requiring attention before the next meeting were raised:

- Remembrance Day Wreath: It was agreed that the wreath would be laid at the war memorial by Cllr Stones.
- Waterfall View/Storthwaite Lane parking notice: The Council had been asked about the progress relating to a decision about the sign. The resident who had complained had been previously asked for suggestions for a form of words to replace the current sign. The council was awaiting a response. The resident would be reminded. **[Action:PL]**
- Streetlight: A streetlight on High Green was not working. It would be reported to RDC. **[Action:SD]**

82/19 Date of next meeting: Monday 13 January 2020

The meeting closed at 10.18pm.