

## Arkengarthdale pc May 2018 minutes

A parish council meeting was held on 14<sup>th</sup> May, following the AGM when all councillors were present and apologies received from County Councillor Blackie and District Councillor Scott. The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed and signed.

### Matter arising:

Affordable homes – The result of the housing need survey was discussed; There was a 43% response to the survey and a definite need for nine homes identified. At a meeting of the Upper Dales Community Land Trust Native Architects had impressed with their exciting proposal for the design and layout of the houses and the next step is a meeting with the architects and the National Park planners at the park HQ on 15<sup>th</sup> May. Real progress in a very short space of time has been made on these homes, thanks to the splendid efforts of the UDCLT led by County Councillor John Blackie. The houses will be for rent in perpetuity, meaning that they can never be sold for holiday homes. There is still some way to go and funding is now being actively sought.

Highway issues - There are concerns reported by the clerk over snow clearing on the Booze road. Apparently she was told by Highways the service for Booze had been withdrawn. What this means in effect is that Robert Stones used to be called on to clear the road with his Bobcat, - the only suitable vehicle capable of negotiating the road up to Booze, and apparently it is this service that Highways will no longer provide. Councillors promised to look into this and have further discussions at the next meeting.

The chairman advised that the offer of a highways official to go round the dale with him to look at all the required repairs had not materialised, and he had real concerns about the state of the Eskeleth road. Some potholes had been filled but others had not and the edges of the road were in a bad way as well. Councillor Watkins is to attend one of the Highways workshops on 21<sup>st</sup> May and will raise the matter there.

Correspondence – A letter with a cheque for £60 for wayleave payment was received. The cheque has been paid into the bank.

The boundary commission review of Richmondshire District Council has been finalised, the commission having accepted councillor Blackie's pattern of new wards in the upper dales in its entirety, so Arkengarthdale will become part of an enlarged Lower Swaledale and Arkengarthdale RDC ward from May 2019

NYCC sent details of speed indicator devices that parish councils can purchase.

Mrs. Applegarth sent details of de registration of land at Whaw Chapel which had been incorrectly registered.

Planning – R/01/143A, this application for a barn conversion at Bouldershaw Lane has been granted. Application R/01/30L at 2 Plantation cottages has been granted. Application R/01/147A for the conversion of the old butchers shop to a dwelling has been received. They acknowledge the letter of support from the parish council.

Financial - two cheques were issued, one for £15 for hire of the school room and the other for £257.60 to the Zurich insurance Co for the annual insurance. The first precept payment for £1450 has been received. The chairman brought a form with details of grant money received.

Local matters – Councillor Lundberg advised of the offer of a seat that the donor wanted to place on Mr. Tildesley's land at Storthwaite. This initially needs further investigation as to whether this is in

Reeth parish.

Following the suggestion from the chairman at a previous meeting, councillor Watkins confirmed that a grant offer of £900 has now been received from the Sustainable Development Fund for an interpretation Board to be placed with the ore cart on High Green. Match funding has been provided from councillor Blackies Upper Dales locality budget grant. The board will outline the history of lead mining in the dale and nearby, and councillor Watkins is working closely with the National Park Interpretation Officer Karen Griffiths on this project.

The seat that Mrs. Moses provided to replace the one on High Green has now been put in place by councillors. It looks good and is well used.

Councillor Clark Stones and Clerk Katie Willkomm both announced their retirements from the parish council. Councillor Stones, has served over 50 years on the council, the majority of that time as Chairman, and all expressed their sadness at his retirement and wished him well for the future. The Chairman thanked him for his exceptional contribution to the dale.

Katie Willkomm served as Clerk for over 29 years and has done a splendid job. She also went with the Chairman and Councillor's very best wishes, and she in turn thanked everyone for their kindness and wished the council well for the future.

This concluded the business and the meeting closed at 9.59.