

ARKENGARTHDALE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Arkengarthdale Parish Council held at
Arkengarthdale Church of England Primary School
Monday 23 July 2018 at 8.00pm

MINUTES

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

In attendance: S Dray (Clerk to the Parish Council)

Apologies for Absence: Councillor J Blackie; Councillor P Harker

01/18 Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest relating to the meeting agenda.

02/18 Minutes

The minutes of the AGM and the subsequent Parish Council meeting, both held on Monday 14 May 2018, were confirmed as a correct record by the Council and signed by the Chair.

03/18 Matters arising

There were no matters arising not otherwise on the agenda.

04/18 Welcome to new councillor and clerk

The Chair welcomed Robert Stones and Susan Dray as newly appointed councillor and clerk to the Parish Council respectively.

05/18 Affordable housing

The Council received a report from the Chair on the progress of the Affordable Housing project which involved 2 pairs of houses off-set to the road next to the war memorial.

The Council heard that the information and plans on display to the public at the CB Inn on 8 July 2018 had been largely well-received. Funding had been received from Richmondshire District Council for the plans, which had been drafted by Native Architects, a community- and environmentally-focussed firm of architects.

Further funding opportunities were considered and identified and it was decided that potential funders would be approached once a business plan had been produced.

[Action:JW/IS]

06/18 Interpretation Board

The Council received a report from Coun. Watkins on the progress of the interpretation board to be placed next to the ore cart on High Green.

Councillors heard that the text and image for the board had been approved with the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority (YDNPA), and would consist of a brief overview of the local history of lead mining and an artist's impression of an ore cart in use.

The cost of the stand for the interpretation board had been provided by the YDNPA and this was discussed. It was agreed that the price of the stand seemed high, and the YDNPA would be approached to consider mounting the board on an alternative stand, commissioned more economically by the Parish Council, in order to stay within the funded budget. **[Action: JW]**

07/18 Road repairs

The Council received a report from the Chair on local road repairs.

Councillors heard that:

a) the road to Booze had been resurfaced, and that it would probably need a more adhesive surface come Autumn when the leaves were likely to make it difficult for two-wheel drive vehicles on the steep part leaving the village. The Chair thanked Highways for doing a great job of resurfacing the road and for monitoring the drainage;

b) the Eskeleth road had also been resurfaced and all the bad areas had been dealt with and a proper drain had been installed near the chapel;

c) the Chair had been asked to raise the issue of the road surfaces between Seal Houses and High Faggergill and outside St. Mary's Church. The Highways Department had responded that they were unlikely to be responsible for these road surfaces, and had passed the information onto their legal department for checking;

d) the Highways Department was aware of and was monitoring the state of the road between Whaw chapel and the bridge where it is falling away into the river;

e) the Highways Department had not accepted responsibility for the water that collects on the dale road at Danby road-end/Moor Intake as it is running off the land and is the responsibility of the land-owner;

f) the Highways Department had been made aware of the permanently standing water (even when there has been no rain) on the dale road at the turning by the bridge into Langthwaite, and of the standing water on the Arkengarthdale Road, near Town End, that turns to ice in the winter.

08/18 GDPR

The Council considered the need for compliance with the new EU General Data Protection Regulation legislation.

It was agreed that this should be discussed in detail at the next meeting, taking into account the fact that, being a small council, it would be exempt from much of the legislation.

09/18 Correspondence

09.1 Provision of Reeth-Arkengarthdale bus service

The Council considered a request for a bus service between Reeth and Arkengarthdale. It was agreed that the need for a bus and its frequency should be determined and if there was a significant need, enquiries would be made to find out if a service could be provided by the Community (Yellow) Bus at Hudson House in Reeth, and if not, then the Little White Bus would be approached. **[Action: JW]**

09.2 Provision of tourist information

The Council considered a request for the provision of tourist information leaflets in the Red Lion at Langthwaite. It was agreed that the owner of the Red Lion would be informed of various ways in which leaflets could be sourced. **[Action: SD]**

09.3 Rats in Langthwaite

The Council considered a complaint received by Richmondshire District Council from a resident in Langthwaite about the number of rats. It was agreed that the Council would contact Yorkshire Water to request that they deal with any rats at the sewerage works on Storthwaite Lane in order to work in a timely way with the rat control being undertaken by Richmondshire District Council at the first barn on Storthwaite Lane. The Council heard that this, as with all cases of pest control, had been undertaken at the landowner's expense.

[Action: SD]

10/18 Financial matters

Councillors received a report from the Chair on the current financial situation, and heard that Mr. David Williams had kindly offered, as previously, to do the accounts for the 2017-18 tax year for which the Parish Council would make a donation to Reeth Football Club.

[Action: SD]

The Council heard that three invoices had been received and payments were to be made to (a) Coun. Lundberg for £30 for reimbursement for expenses relating to retirement gifts; (b) the school for £15 for room hire and (c) the CB Inn for £47.80 for refreshments at the public meeting on 8 July 2018. Thanks were expressed from the Parish Council to the CB Inn for providing the room for the public meeting free of charge.

The Council considered the need and convenience of banking online. It was agreed that the Parish Council's bank account would be registered for online banking, and the mandate and the signatories would be changed accordingly: the Chair, Mr. Stephen Stubbs, would remain as signatory and the previous Clerk to the Parish Council, Ms. Katie Willkomm, would be replaced as signatory by the new Clerk, Ms. Susan Dray. **[Action: SS;SD]**

11/18 Local Matters

11.1 Car parking, Langthwaite

Councillors considered a complaint received by the Vice Chair about cars obstructing the entrance to Storthwaite Lane when parking at the side of Waterfall View cottage. It was agreed that a diagram would be drawn up to identify where cars could be safely parked and the owner of Waterfall View would be contacted and asked to inform all guests of the recommended parking arrangements at the cottage. **[Action: PL; SD]**

11.2 Car parking, The Rigg

Councillors considered complaints received by them about cars parking on the road and/or the pavement and dangerously obstructing pedestrians and/or cars outside The Rigg. It was agreed that the owner of The Rigg would be contacted. **[Action: SS]**

11.3 Footpath maintenance

The Chair reported that the National Park had been advised of a broken stile and drainage on the Sleigill footpath and the Vice-Chair reported that a broken handrail needed replacing on the footbridge at Arkletown and that the National Park would be informed. [Action: PL]

12/18 AOB

The Chair read out a card from Katie Willcomm thanking the Parish Council for their kindness and efficiency during her time in post and at her retirement, and wishing the Council well in the future. The councillors expressed their thanks to Katie for all her efforts and time over the past 29 years.

13/18 Date of the next meeting: 17 September 2018.

The meeting closed at 10.04pm.