

ARKENGARTHDALE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Arkengarthdale Parish Council held at
Arkengarthdale Church of England Primary School
Monday 17 September 2018 at 8.00pm

MINUTES

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

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

Apologies for Absence: Councillor J Blackie; Councillor I Scott

14/18 Declarations of interest

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

15/18 Minutes

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 23 July 2018 was confirmed as a correct record by the Council and signed by the Chair.

16/18 Matters arising

There were no matters arising not otherwise on the agenda.

17/18 Planning Applications

The Council noted the conditional approval of application R/01/159 at Fairhaven, Booze, and considered the following new planning applications:

- 17.1 R/01/160 - Fairview, Booze. The Council fully supported this application, noting that the proposed work would not impact visually on the dale, being hidden from view, and made good use of existing facilities;
- 17.2 R/01/161 – Affordable Housing, Arkengarthdale. The Council fully supported this application, noting that the new houses would encourage young families to live in the dale.

18/18 Interpretation Board

The Council received a report from Coun. Lundberg on the stand for the board, which would be sourced and made locally from green oak. The supplier would require the board from the National Park in order to produce the stand. The National Park would be contacted.[Action JW]

19/18 GDPR

The Council considered the requirements for compliance with the new EU General Data Protection Regulation legislation noting that, although small parish councils were exempt from much of the legislation, it would nevertheless be prudent to install additional antivirus software on the Council's IT equipment. It was agreed that Richmond District Council would be contacted for advice. [Action: SD]

20/18 Bench

Councillors considered a request from Hayley Birks for a bench to be placed in Arkengarthdale in memory of Richard Birks, either by the tree opposite the CB Inn or in Whaw. There were no objections to the request. Councillors preferred the site opposite the CB Inn, suggesting that the bench should face down the dale. Further information was needed from the Birks family, who would be asked to get in touch with the Chair.

[Action:SD]

21/18 Financial matters

- 21.1 Councillors received a report from the Chair on the audited Year End (2017/18) accounts and these were approved.
- 21.2 It was agreed that, as in previous years, a donation of £50 would be made to The 2 Dales Junior Football Club. [Action: SD]
- 21.3 The Council received a report from the Clerk on the transition to online banking, which had been difficult and time-consuming, but had finally been achieved. Natwest had apologised and would reimburse all costs incurred by the Chair and the Clerk.
- 21.4 The Council considered and agreed to pay the costs for online security (item 19/18 refers) which would be likely to incur an average annual cost of up to £30.

22/18 Local Matters

- 22.1 Bus Service – Councillors received an update from Coun. Watkins on the request for a bus service between Arkengarthdale and Reeth. Both the Little White Bus and the Yellow Bus companies had been approached but neither were able to incorporate a new service into their routes.
- 22.2 Tourist Information – Councillors received an update from the Clerk on the request for improving the availability of Richmond-based events in the dale. The Council heard that there was no central leaflet distribution service that could supply event information to the Red Lion, but that all events were listed online. It was agreed that the three main websites listing local events (Yorkshire Dales National Park; Swaledale.net ; Richmond online) would be posted on the notice board for tourists. [Action: SD]
- 22.3 Rats in Langthwaite – Councillors heard a report from the Clerk that Yorkshire Water had been contacted and had responded by investigating their water treatment works on Storthwaite Lane. There had been no sign of nests or rodent damage on their property.
- 22.4 Car parking, The Rigg – Councillors heard a report from the Chair that the owner of The Rigg had been contacted and all relevant parties had been advised about dangerous parking on the roadside/pavement. Messages had also been left for the tenants in the rental properties.

- 22.5 Car parking, Waterfall View cottage, Langthwaite – Councillors heard a report from Coun. Lundberg on the parking situation outside Waterfall View. It was agreed that the current signage was adequate, and that changing it would only move the parking problem elsewhere, not resolve it. The owner of the property would be identified and asked to leave a message for guests to park considerately.

[Action: PL]

23/18 AOB

Winter road maintenance

Councillors received a report from Coun. Stones on two new bespoke snow ploughs, due to arrive in October, which would be suitable for clearing the dale roads in winter.

Highways - Potholes in Arkletown and damaged road sign at The Rigg

It was agreed that several potholes in Arkletown and the speed restriction sign (30mph) which had been knocked over outside The Rigg would be reported to the Highways department. [Action JW]

Affordable Housing Business Plan

Councillors noted that information from utility companies was being collated for the business plan: A quote had been received from Northern Power Grid to bring in new electricity supplies to four properties at a cost of £8500 + VAT. BT would bring in a telephone cable to four properties at no charge on account of a rural allowance per property which was not going to be exceeded. A quote from Yorkshire Water for new supplies and for relocating the water main was still pending.

25/18 Date of the next meeting: 12 November 2018.

The meeting closed at 10.00pm.