

ARKENGARTHDALE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Arkengarthdale Parish Council held at
Arkengarthdale Church of England Primary School
Monday 12 November 2018 at 8.00pm

MINUTES

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

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

Apologies for Absence: Councillor J Blackie.

26/18 Declarations of interest

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

27/18 Minutes

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 17 September 2018 were confirmed as a correct record by the Council and signed by the Chair.

28/18 Matters arising

There were no matters arising not otherwise on the agenda.

29/18 Planning Applications

29.1 Planning Consultation – Application: R/01/153 at Langthwaite Chapel, Arkengarthdale, DL11 6EL from Ms Howard for full planning permission for change of use of chapel to form single dwelling (<http://www.yorkshiredales.org.uk/planning-application?appNo=R%2F01%2F153>). This application had been considered by the councillors on 22/10/18 via email correspondence and had then been submitted to the YDNPA Planning Committee. The Council was in full support of this application, noting that the proposed work would not be detrimental to the external appearance of the chapel and that it would enable a young family to come and live in the dale.

29.2 Planning Application: R/01/161 – Land northwest of Arkengarthdale Methodist Church, Langthwaite (Affordable Housing). Councillors heard that the YDNPA Planning Committee would discuss this application along with the planning officer's report on 13 November 2018, and that Councillors Stubbs and Watkins would be attending the meeting to support the application.

30/18 Bench

Councillors heard that the Land Agent for Arkengarthdale West had been contacted for permission to site the bench in memory of Richard Birks on the roadside opposite the CB Inn, and that he had responded with no objections. The Chair would inform Hayley Birks.
[Action: SS]

31/18 Upper Dales Area Partnership

The Council noted the content of the minutes of the recent UDAP board meeting held on 6 September 2018.

32/18 Financial matters

32.1 Councillors received a report from the Clerk on income and expenditure since July 2018, now that payments could be made using online banking: The following invoices /expenses had been paid:

- A donation of £50 had been made to The 2 Dales Junior Football Club;
- Invoices totalling £30 had been paid to Arkengarthdale School for room hire for 2 Parish Council meetings held on 23 July and 17 September ;
- Payment of £30 had been made to Coun. Lundberg as reimbursement for expenses towards retirement gifts;
- An invoice of £47.80 had been paid to The CB Inn for refreshments on 8 July at the Public meeting of the Affordable Housing project;
- A fee of £48 had been paid to PKF Littlejohn for administration charges;
- A donation of £20 had been paid to The Royal British Legion for the Remembrance Day wreath.

The following expenses were pending:

- An invoice from Steve Coleman for grass cutting in Langthwaite. The Council expressed their thanks to Steve for keeping the grass areas around the village looking so neat over the last few months;
- An invoice from Headland Design Associates for 50% advanced payment for design and production of the artwork for the interpretation panel;
- An invoice from Simon Atkinson for antivirus software and for updating and securing the Council's laptop.

The following income had been received:

- £1450 had been received from Richmond DC for the second precept payment;
- £108.40 had been received by Coun. Stubbs from Natwest for compensation for his time and expenses involved in setting up online banking. This had been donated to the Council by Coun. Stubbs.

32.2 Councillors received a request from the Clerk to purchase a USB memory stick in order to back up the council's laptop, at a cost of £12-£20. This expenditure was agreed. [Action: SD]

33/18 Local Matters

33.1 Remembrance Service – The Council received a report from Coun. Harker and Coun. Watkins on the service held at St Mary's Church on Sunday 11 November. It was reported that the service had been extremely well attended, the church had been very well decorated with poems and poppies provided by the school, and the cornet had been played beautifully.

- 33.2 Arkletown potholes – Councillors received an update from Coun. Watkins on the Highways response to a request for road repairs in Arkletown, which did not meet the Highways’ criteria for attention and so, at present, would not be repaired. It was agreed that Coun. Watkins would look into the possibilities for further action. [Action: JW]
- 33.3 Christmas Lights – The Council heard that Langthwaite’s Christmas lights would be arranged by the Chair. [Action: SS]
- 33.4 Footbridge at Arkletown – Councillors heard a report from Coun. Lundberg about the poor state of the footbridge at Arkletown, and in particular the handrail on the Booze Wood side of Arklebeck. It was suggested that the bridge be fixed properly and ideally replaced, rather than have another interim quick fix. It was agreed that the National Park would be contacted. [Action: SD]
- 33.5 Street light – Councillors received an update on a broken street light in Langthwaite, which had now been mended.

34/18 A.O.B

Website -The council considered a suggestion from Coun.Scott to develop an Arkengarthdale Parish Council website. It was noted that there would be a development cost, and the Chair would forward details of a potential funding source to the Clerk. It was also noted that the ongoing maintenance and updating of a website’s content was important and would be time-consuming. [Action: SS/SD]

35/18 Date of the next meeting: 7 January 2019.

The meeting closed at 09.09pm.