

ARTHINGTON PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

Minutes from the meeting held 15th January 2019, at the Village Hall, Arthington Lane.

Present: Cllrs I Lister (Chairman), N O'Brien (Vice Chair), D Fox, F Mernagh & LCC Cllr B Flynn

In attendance: Clerk: Hannah Hay **Members of the Public:** Mr. D Spencer

Commenced: 19:32

1. NEW COUNCILLOR INTERVIEW

The councillors met with Mr David Spencer and shall discuss and decide at the end of the meeting.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Cllrs. B. Shepherd and PCSO Joel Hebden.

3. DECLARED PECUNIARY & OTHER INTERESTS: None

4. POLICE REPORT

- None - PCSO not present and no report sent prior to the meeting.

5. RESIDENTS QUESTIONS:

- None.

6. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

The minutes from the previous meeting of the council held on 2nd October 2018 were read,

APPROVED and signed. Proposed Cllr Fox, Cllr Lister seconded.

7. MATTERS ARISING:

- Maintenance of bus shelter - ongoing.
- Self seeded trees on the S bend of Arthington Lane - ongoing - first reported October 2017 - Cllr Flynn to chase up on our behalf.

ACTION: CLLR FLYNN

- APC Notice Boards Signs - ongoing

ACTION: CLLR LISTER

- ARAGE - Clerk emailed Alistair Hay and found letters regarding the trustees agreement. Correspondence suggests the council are free to use the funds for another good reason. Cllr Lister will speak to the second trustee, Martyn Parnaby regarding closing the R.A.G.E. account and transferring funds.

ACTION: CLLR LISTER

- Memorial plaque removal suggestion from Coptic Church to Village Hall - Cllr Lister reported that after liaising with John Lewis at the Church, the plaque will not be moving as it is part of regular services there. Cllr Lister suggested a replica being made to display in the hall for more residents to see. No funding would be needed from APC for this, it would be part of the Village Hall Association.

8. SID APPLICATION

- Cllr Flynn reported that funds had been allocated for a SID for Arthington. A device has been ordered so the councillors need to meet to agree on best location.

9. PRECEPT

- The councillors voted and unanimously agreed it was reasonable to raise the precept by approximately £1 per household, therefore the the precept was raised to £2500.

10. PLANNING

- The Clerk reported the current status of planning applications as follows:

18/0563/FU - 16 Creskeld Drive - summerhouse to rear garden - *commented* - **APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS**

18/04586/FU - Land adjacent to 2 Creskeld Park - amendments to various aspects - *commented* - pending

18/056438/TR - 34 Creskeld Lane - Ash tree trimming - *no comment* - **NO OBJECTION**

18/06825/FU - Park Cottages, Arthington Lane - several alterations - *no comment* - **APPROVED**

18/06775/FU - 63 Breary Lane East - first floor side extension - *no comment* - **APPROVED**

11. SPRING NEWSLETTER

- The clerk asked for volunteers for articles for the next newsletter. Councillors O'Brien and Flynn will prepare articles on Arthington village and the SID respectively. Deadline for articles was set as mid February.

ACTION: CLLRS O'BRIEN, FLYNN & THE CLERK

12. FINANCE

The Clerk reported the financial position as follows:-

Yorkshire Bank current A/c (31/12/2018)	£4036.76
Receipts since last meeting included in above –	Nil
Payments since last meeting included in above –	
Clerk's salary	£275.00
Clerk's expenses 1/2	£25.00
Clerk's expenses 2/2	£1.80
CPRE Subscription	£36.00
Cheques to raise not included above -	
Clerk's expenses	£3.30
Charity salary	£275.00
PFK Littlejohn - end of year return	£240.00

TOTAL at 15th January = £3518.46

APPROVAL for the cheques was proposed by Cllr O'Brien, seconded by Cllr Lister and cheques were signed.

A draft budget for this financial year was handed to councillors.

Cllr Lister suggested one change to the Financial Regulations; that reference to 'himself' for the Reporting Financial Officer was changed to be gender neutral. Clerk to amend and send out.

ACTION: CLERK

13. CLERK'S REPORT

The clerk reported that 4 households had now requested to receive the newsletter by email.

14. DATE OF SPRING CLEAN

Saturday 13th April was proposed. The clerk will liaise with Mr Roger Quarmby to see if he is available to help with his tractor on this date and report back.

ACTION: CLERK

15. A.O.B.

- Cllr Fox reminded councillors about the Local Town & Parish Council elections due to take place this year on May 2nd - all councillors need to submit nomination forms if they wish to stand again. Cllr Fox offered to assist with this and take them into LCC. Ongoing.
- The clerk asked councillors if we could receive the electoral register and any associated updates by email rather than paper copy. The councillors agreed to the electronic format.
- The clerk asked councillors if they would like to comment or complete a survey for the police budget consultations; the councillors will not comment on this.

16. DATES OF THIS YEAR'S MEETINGS

- The following dates were suggested and agreed, pending confirmed availability from the Village Hall (clerk to confirm) : 19th March, 21st March, 16th July & 8th October. All meetings will start at 7.30pm apart from May's which will start at 7pm with the Annual Meeting.

ACTION: CLERK

Mr Spencer left the meeting at 21:20

17. COUNCILLOR INTERVIEW DISCUSSION

- The councillors AGREED to appoint Mr Spencer but to formally nominate and elect at May's meeting, inline with this year's elections. Cllr Lister will contact Mr Spencer to discuss.
- The clerk will contact the other candidate who asked about the vacancy and was offered and interview but could not attend. No formal letter of interest was received by the council from the candidate.

ACTION: CLLR LISTER & THE CLERK

The meeting closed at 21:34

Approved..... Date.....