

# ARTHINGTON PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

Minutes from the meeting held on 19th January 2021, virtually via Zoom.

**Present:** Cllrs I. Lister (Chairman), N. O'Brien (Vice Chair), D. Fox, D. Stoddart-Scott, H. Robinson & LCC Cllr B. Flynn

**Absent:** —

**In attendance:** Hannah Hay (Clerk)

**Members of the Public:** Mr. P. Jackson

**Commenced:** 19:35

## 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were none.

## 2. DECLARED PECUNIARY & OTHER INTERESTS

There were none.

## 3. POLICE REPORT

The clerk advised that a PCSO was unable to attend the meeting but sent through a report for Arthington for the last 31 days.

*The following report was since received:*

1 x case of burglary - Warren Lane - suspect knocks on the front door but no one answers, they then gain entry to an unlocked garage. It is believed nothing has been stolen at this time.

1 x theft from motor vehicle - Crag View - fuel tank drilled to drain diesel

## 4. RESIDENTS QUESTIONS

Mr Jackson posed the following questions to the council:

*1. Is there an update for the Wharfedale Pub?*

Cllr O'Brien reported that the last update received anticipated work to start early 2021, however it is thought this will be delayed due to the pandemic. Cllr O'Brien

**ACTION: CLLR O'BRIEN**

*2. Regarding the ongoing speeding problem on Arthington Lane; is this something that can be looked into again when things calm down (pandemic)?*

Cllr Flynn reported that the police are still conducting regular speed checks, the most recent on 11th January found 3 out of 65 were pulled over for speeding 30mph+. More data to be reported under time 8.

## 5. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes from the previous meetings of the council held on 27th October 2020 were previously circulated to councillors via email. Cllr Robinson proposed them as an accurate reflection of events, Cllr Stoddart-Scott seconded and the minutes were **APPROVED** unanimously. Chair to sign hardcopy at a later date for PC records.

## 6. ONGOING ISSUES / MATTERS ARISING

- Maintenance of bus shelter & telephone box - ongoing - deferred to Spring 2021 due to weather.

## 7. FLY TIPPING ON WARREN LANE

It was reported that fly tipping found on Warren Lane in the last few weeks has now been cleared by Yorkshire Water and LCC, with Cllr Flynn's helping in alerting both parties to the rubbish. It was also reported that new signs have been put up asking people to take their little home with them.

## 7. SID DATA

Cllr Stoddart-Scott shared data downloaded from the SID on screen. The chart for the period between 3rd November and 18th January 2020 showed 3% of vehicles were traveling <20mph, 34% at 21-30mph, 57% at 31-40mph and 6% at 41-50mph.

Cllr Flynn reminded attendees that the purpose of the SID is to slow traffic down and it was remarked that it would be of interest to compare this data to summer data, when foliage may obstruct speed signage more. There was a brief discussion around placing another SID at the other end of Arthington Lane, for people traveling from the Harewood direction. Thanks were passed for the data being made available.

## **9. CIL MONEY**

Councillors were reminded that it was intended to use the CIL money already received to buy a replacement bench for the bottom of Black Hill Road. There was discussion around finding a local carpenter to make a wooden bench, but councillors also weighed up the benefits of sourcing a recycled plastic bench, low maintenance being the overriding benefit. Cllr Fox had already researched and found a provider in Mytholmroyd. Prices and thoughts to be brought to March's meeting for further discussion.

**ACTION: MARCH'S AGENDA**

## **10. NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH SCHEME**

Neither Cllr Robinson or the Clerk had received any interest in the proposed new Neighbourhood Watch Scheme advertised over the last couple of months. It was suggested an article be placed in the next newsletter to provoke interest.

**ACTION: NEWSLETTER**

## **11. WYP COMMUNITY ALERT SCHEME**

Cllr Robinson reported that he receives alerts and would forward anything relevant on to councillors. Ongoing.

## **12. WILD SWIMMING**

It was reported that there had been an increase in wild swimming in the River Wharfe near the Viaduct at the end of Warren Lane. It is thought the increase was down to swimming pools being closed due to the pandemic. The activity is legal and has not reportedly caused a problem, other than there being more cars down Warren Lane than usual.

## **13. GRIT BINS**

Councillors discussed the potential of installing grit bins in areas of the Parish that would benefit the most. Cllr Flynn offered to ask LCC to provide, however the following points were highlighted:

- \* It is the Parish's responsibility to refill the grit bins and they are prone to being emptied quickly by people helping themselves
- \* Volunteers in the immediate locality to the bins would be relied on to grit the roads in bad weather
- \* LCC prioritise areas to allocate bins to, and being a quiet, rural parish, it is unlikely we would be eligible. Main roads are priority so Arthington Lane would be gritted as routine.

**ACTION: CLLR FLYNN**

## **14. SPRING CLEAN**

It was noted that a Spring Clean this year could potentially not go ahead again due to Covid related restrictions, therefore a provisional date of Saturday 10th April 2021 was pencilled in, and will be confirmed or rescheduled at March's meeting. Clerk to contact Mr. Quarmby to see if he is available to assist.

**ACTION: Clerk**

## **15. SPRING NEWSLETTER**

The possibility of delivering a newsletter for Spring was discussed and it was reported that other local parishes have continued to hand deliver throughout the restrictions. It was decided that a draft can be compiled and delivery / display format be decided at March's meeting. Ideas for the next newsletter included SID data, crime report, Neighbourhood Watch Scheme and the Spring Clean. Councillors to email any other ideas to the Clerk.

**ACTION: ALL**

## **16. PLANNING**

- The Clerk shared the following update on planning applications.

20/05592/FU	Arthington Cricket Club	Demolition and construction of new pavilion	<i>No objection</i>	<i>WITHDRAWN</i>
20/06626/FU 1	1 Creskeld Garth	Conversion of garage + extension	<i>We objected (details at public access.leeds.gov.uk)</i>	<i>REFUSED</i>
20/06537/FU	49 Breary Lane East	Replacement dwelling	<i>We objected (details at public access.leeds.gov.uk)</i>	<i>APPROVED</i>
20/07755/TR	10 Creskeld Drive	Trees to be removed	<i>No objection</i>	<i>NO OBJECTION</i>
20/08369/FU	23 Creskeld Drive	Two storey side extension	<i>No objection</i>	<i>Pending</i>
21/00026/FU	1 & 2 Park Cottages, Arthington Lane	Two storey rear infill extension	<i>TO BE DISCUSSED</i>	<i>Pending</i>
21/00268/FU	1 Creskeld Garth	Three storey rear extension	<i>JUST IN</i>	<i>Pending</i>

- Councillors discussed the application from 1 & 2 Park Cottages (above) and decided there was no objection subject to compliance with the Policy HDG3. Clerk to submit decision.
- The application for 1 Creskeld Garth was only received on the day of the meeting and councillors have not had sufficient time to review. Comments and decision to take place electronically and clerk to submit.

**ACTION: CLERK**

- Cllr Fox reported that no action was necessary for the revised Leeds Site Allocations Plan as it was not in Arthington Parish.

**17. FINANCE (Including Precept)**

Yorkshire Bank current A/c (31.12.2020) £6857.26

Receipts since last meeting included in above –	COIF Dividend	£3.77
	VAT Reclaim - HMRC	£62.55

Payments since last meeting included in above –	Clerk's salary (2nd qtr)	£575.00
	Clerk's expenses (2nd qtr)	£9.69

Cheques to raise not included above -	RBLY - 2020 Poppy Wreath	£20.00
	Clerk's salary - 3rd qtr	£287.50
	Clerk's expenses - 3rd qtr (web domain)	£28.78

Receipts / payments not included in above -	Nil
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**TOTAL at 19th January = £6790.94**

The clerk reported on the above financial position of the PC and shared on screen an estimated budget for 2020/21 so far.

Councillors were asked to consider the precept request to LCC for 2021/22. Cllr Lister proposed keeping the precept amount the same as the previous year and councillors **unanimously agreed** to set the precept as £2,500. Chair and Clerk to sign papers and send to LCC.

**ACTION: CLLR LISTER & CLERK**

The clerk advised that the Financial Regulations are due to be reviewed and approved at March's meeting and asked for a councillor to look at them before then. Cllr Stoddart-Scott volunteered.

**ACTION: CLLR STODDART-SCOTT**

**18. CLERK'S REPORT**

- The clerk reminded all councillors to respond to emails, in particular those pertaining to planning applications and other decision making requests.
- Councillors were asked to update the clerk if any of their address or contact details had changed so Parish and LCC records could be accurately maintained.

#### **19. ITEMS FOR REPORT**

- Cllr Stoddart-Scott was asked if any works had started yet on the proposed 4G mobile phone mast in the upper fields on Creskeld Lane. No works have yet started.
- It was reported that councillors are to email Cllr Flynn to report any potholes in the parish, and are to include photos and precise locations if possible.
- Mr. Jackson asked about other local PCs campaigning to reduce the number of HGVs on local roads. Cllr Flynn will ask LCC but reported that previously they have been advised the number of HGVs has not increased but the size of the vehicles has.

**ACTION: CLLR FLYNN**

#### **12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The dates of parish council meetings for this calendar year were set as the following Tuesdays: 16th March, 18th May, 27th July and 12th October. All to start at 7.30pm with exception of 18th May, the Annual Meeting, which will commence at 7pm. Meetings to take place virtually via Zoom until further notice.

With no further business, all in attendance were thanked for their participation and the meeting closed at 20:55.

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