

ARTHINGTON PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

Minutes from the meeting held on 16th March 2021, virtually via Zoom.

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

Absent: LCC Cllr B. Flynn

In attendance: Hannah Hay (Clerk)

Members of the Public: PCSO C. Pool

Commenced: 19:32

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were none.

2. DECLARED PECUNIARY & OTHER INTERESTS

There were none.

3. POLICE REPORT

PC4155 Cliff Pool give the following report of criminal activity in the last 31 days:

- Damage to a motor vehicle early February, Old Pool Bank
- Theft of a scooter from St Giles' Church
- Damage to St Giles' Church - rock thrown at window

It was also reported that police have been active on Arthington Lane speed regularly. It noted that even the presence of police in the parish is having a positive affect in reducing the amount of speeders.

4. RESIDENTS QUESTIONS

None.

5. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes from the previous meetings of the council held on 19th January 2021 were previously circulated to councillors via email. Cllr O'Brien 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 & restoration of telephone box - ongoing - deferred to Spring 2021 due to weather and Covid related restrictions.
- Grit bins - Cllr Flynn was absent so no update was provided. Ongoing.

7. FIBRE BROADBAND

Cllr Robinson reported that he had liaised with John Howard re faster broadband set up, as it was believed that parts of Arthington had been overlooked with the internet upgrading. Cllr DSS reported that there is fibre installed up along Arthington Lane to Creskeld Lane, so therefore believes fibre broadband direct to property is available.

Councillors agreed to appeal to residents who are experiencing slow internet speeds via the

newsletter, to contact the PC for Cllr Robinson to progress.

ACTION: CLERK

8. SID DATA

Cllr Stoddart-Scott had circulated recent data downloaded from the SID and it showed that 56% of vehicles were travelling between 31-40mph, 34% were travelling at 21- 30mph or below and 6% at 41-50mph. Thanks were passed for collating the data. Clerk to add visuals and statistics to newsletter report.

ACTION: CLERK

9. CIL MONEY

Cllr O'Brien reported that the estimated cost of making a hard wood bench would be just under £500. Cllr Fox researched the recycled plastic alternative bench, at a cost of c£700. It was noted that a wooden bench would still require regular maintenance from a volunteer. The plastic bench would not require maintenance and comes with a 25 year warranty.

Councillors were reminded that the total CIL money of £919 needed to be spent on something that would benefit the community, and within 5 years of receipt.

There was discussion and the councillors voted in favour of the plastic recycled bench 3 to 2.

Cllr Lister to look at exact size required on existing platform, and Clerk to contact the company to secure an estimated and lead delivery times.

ACTION: CLERK

10. NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH SCHEME

Cllr Robinson and the Clerk reported that no interest had been received from residents about joining a neighbourhood watch scheme. Notices are currently displayed on boards in the parish and an advert will be placed on the forthcoming newsletter.

ACTION: CLERK

11. WYP COMMUNITY ALERT SCHEME

Cllr Robinson reported that no updates had been received.

12. WHAREFDALE PUB UPDATE

Cllr O'Brien reported that no further update had been received from Star Inns about development of the pub. Ongoing.

13. SPRING CLEAN

Councillors discussed postponing the Spring Clean again due to continued Covid related restrictions and agreed it would be best not to encourage groups of people to meet for the event. The clerk was ask to seek official guidance from LCC on restrictions and what is allowed during the lockdown. The clerk reported that Mr Quarmby had emailed to offer his help and tractor as and when the next parish clean is arranged.

ACTION: CLERK

14. SPRING NEWSLETTER

Cllr Fox reported political parties are allowed to deliver door to door literature, however councillors discussed erring on the side of caution again due to lockdown restrictions still being in place. Councillors agreed to post the newsletter on the website and notice boards again this time. Clerk to produce final draft, circulate for approval and post as agreed.

ACTION: CLERK

15. PLANNING

The Clerk shared the following update on planning applications. There were no current applications to discuss.

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</i> <i>(details at public access.leeds.gov.uk)</i>	<i>REFUSED</i>
20/06537/FU	49 Breary Lane East	Replacement dwelling	<i>We objected</i> <i>(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>APPROVED</i>
21/00026/FU	1 & 2 Park Cottages, Arthington Lane	Two storey rear infill extension	<i>No objection, comment added</i>	<i>REFUSED</i>
21/00268/FU	1 Creskeld Garth	Three storey rear extension	<i>No objection</i>	<i>APPROVED</i>

16. CHARITY RECIPIENT

Cllr Lister proposed an eligible resident. Cllr O'Brien seconded and the councillors unanimously agreed. The sum of £15.20 was approved and Cllr Lister will deliver the cheque.

ACTION: CLLR LISTER

17. CLERK'S JOB & SALARY REVIEW

The item was deferred to end of meeting so clerk could leave. The Chair reported to the clerk after the meeting that it was **agreed** to keep the clerk's job and salary as they stand for the year 2021/22.

18. FINANCE

Yorkshire Bank current A/c (01.03.21)		£6544.75
Receipts since last meeting included in above –	COIF Dividend	£3.77
Payments since last meeting included in above –	Clerk's salary (2nd + 3rd qtr)	£287.50
	Clerk's expenses (3rd qtr)	£28.78
Cheques to raise not included above -	Clerk's salary - 4th qtr	£287.50
	Clerk's expenses - 4th qtr (hosting)	£36.00
	Charity Recipient	£15.20
* TO BE DEBITED IN APRIL 2021 - NEXT FINANCIAL YEAR Zurich Municipal - insurance premium		£140.00
Receipts / payments not included in above -		Nil

TOTAL at 16th March 2021 = £6206.05 (excluding insurance premium)

- The Clerk reported on the above financial position of the PC and shared an estimated budget for 2020/21 so far.
- Approval for the cheques to raise was sought and received at the meeting. Cheques to be sent to the Chair and Vice-Chair to sign and send back.
- The clerk advised that the annual insurance premium was due on 1st April and councillors approved this payment. Cheque to be signed and sent as above.

19. CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk advised that LCC were in the process of formally adopting the Local Government Association's (LGA) Councillor Code of Conduct, and had asked Town and Parish councils to comment on this. The councillors agreed that the LGA's model reflected that that the Parish Councillors already follow, so there would be no affect felt with the formal adoption.

20. ITEMS FOR REPORT

- Cllr O'Brien reported that LCC had sent a pavement sweep around the parish recently to clear debris.
- Cllr O'Brien updated the PC on potholes in the Parish in Cllr Flynn's absence; some of the reported holes had been filled but not all. Cllr Flynn had emailed before the meeting to advise that LCC are aware of the resurfacing works that are needed on Arthington Lane. Ongoing.
- Cllr Lister reported that debris was coming out of quarry again. It is thought to be mud again.

21. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as Tuesday 18th May, starting at 7pm with the Annual Meeting. Councillors were advised that the format of the meeting, virtual or in person, would be confirmed nearer the time.

The clerk left the meeting to allow councillors to discuss item 17 - Clerk's Job & Salary Review.

The meeting closed at 20:50

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