

ARTHINGTON PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

Minutes from the meeting held on 18th May 2021, virtually via Zoom.

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

Absent: Cllrs D. Fox, H. Robinson & LCC Cllr B. Flynn

In attendance: Hannah Hay (Clerk)

Members of the Public: None

Commenced: 19:33

It was acknowledged that due to poor signal, no virtual meeting could be conducted.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs Fox, Robinson and LCC Cllr Flynn sent apologies for not being able to attend and they were accepted. It was confirmed that the meeting was still quorate with 3 councillors present.

2. DECLARED PECUNIARY & OTHER INTERESTS

Cllrs Lister and O'Brien declared an interest in item 9 - the village hall grant request, both being trustees of the Village Hall Association.

3. POLICE REPORT

In the absence of a police representative, the clerk advised that regular crime reports continue to be circulated from Cllr Flynn as and when received. Recent activity is as follows:

- 29.04.21 - Theft from a motor vehicle on Bank Top Lane, Arthington

4. RESIDENTS QUESTIONS

The clerk reported that Mr P Jackson had sent questions in lieu of not being able to attend the meeting in person.

Questions posed and answers or actions taken are below:

- Wharfedale Pub - *to be reported under item 13*
- A potential increase in HGV traffic with the proposed airport expansion - *It was reported Cllr Stoddart-Scott was due to attend a consultation for the proposed expansion before the pandemic, and this is yet to be rescheduled. Councillors asked for this to be passed on to Cllr Flynn for further thoughts.*
- Arthington's access to the ward's hand held speed gun - *it was reported that Arthington does still have access to the mobile device but when an appeal was made for residents to volunteer to be trained to use it, there was no interest.*
- Speeding continuing to be a problem in the village and any interventions being considered - *Councillors briefly discussed the potential for an additional SID to be purchased for the other end of the village to help alleviate vehicles travelling in excess of 30mph. It was however acknowledged that recent SID data did not show a high number of vehicles travelling in excess of the limit.*
- Road surface damage and worn road markings reported to LCC but have not yet been actioned - *The PC agreed to forward this to Cllr Flynn to proceed with highways directly.*
- SID data requested - *to be reported under item 8*

ACTION: CLLR FLYNN & CLERK

5. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes from the previous meeting of the council held on 16th March 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 signed a hardcopy for PC records.

6. ONGOING ISSUES / MATTERS ARISING

- Maintenance of bus shelter & restoration of telephone box - *ongoing. It is anticipated that work will commence soon with the better weather starting.*

7. FIBRE BROADBAND

The Clerk reported that a resident had been in touch regarding slow internet speeds and this had been passed to Cllr Robinson. Detail to be deferred to next meeting.

ACTION: JULY'S AGENDA

8. SID DATA

Cllr Stoddart-Scott reported there was no current data to share at the meeting. To be deferred to the next meeting.

ACTION: JULY'S AGENDA

9. VILLAGE HALL GRANT REQUEST

Cllrs Lister and O'Brien declared an interest in this item by being trustees of the Village Hall.

Cllr Lister reported that the Village Hall had sent a written request for a grant from the PC to update the hall's heating. Estimates received and shared quoted works costing £3,100, £3,300 or £4,600. The clerk reported that the last grant requested and given was in financial year 2018/9 and was for £703.

Councillors could not make any approvals at the meeting due to there being only 1 eligible councillor who could vote. Vote to be deferred to the next meeting and papers to be circulated to absent councillors.

ACTION: JULY'S AGENDA

10. BLACK HILL ROAD BENCH

Cllr Lister reported that undergrowth had been cleared by the old bench's location and that the existing base is adequate for the replacement.

Councillors agreed to opt for the Elwood style bench in dark oak and brown wood effect ends. It was also agreed to dedicate the bench to the memory of recently deceased PC Chairman Basil Thompson. Cllr Lister had suggested wording for a memorial plaque that was agreed.

Clerk to contact the manufacturers to place the order, and circulate the proposed plaque design from the company to councillors before proceeding. Clerk to also contact Bail Thompson's family to advise of the actions of the PC.

ACTION: CLERK

11. NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH SCHEME

In Cllr Robinson absence, it was reported that any relevant updates would be circulated as and when received.

12. WYP COMMUNITY ALERT SCHEME

There had been no update to report.

13. WHARFEDALE PUB UPDATE

Cllr O'Brien reported that Star Inns were still trying to obtain tenants for the pub, so there had been no further update since the last meeting. Ongoing.

14. PARISH CLEAN

The councillors discussed that now that Spring has passed, it was not the appropriate time of year to conduct a village clean due to foliage growth. It was agreed to defer to the annual parish clean to next year.

15. PLANNING

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

21/02226/FU	27 Creskeld Lane	Detached single storey summerhouse	<i>No objection - we commented</i>	<i>Pending</i>
21/02280/FU	24 Creskeld Drive	First floor infill extension	<i>No comment</i>	<i>Pending</i>
21/02573/FU	16 Creskeld Drive	Two storey side extension & basement alterations	<i>No objection - we commented</i>	<i>Pending</i>

16. FINANCE

Virgin Money Bank Current Account (01.03.21) £6531.55

Receipts since last meeting included in above – LCC - Precept £2500.00
LCC - Tax Support Grant £36.00

Payments since last meeting included in above – Zurich - Annual Insurance £140.00
Clerk's 4th Quarter Salary £287.50
Clerk's 4th Quarter Expenses £36.00
Charity Recipient £15.20

Cheques to raise not included above - Nil

Receipts / payments not included in above - Nil

TOTAL at 18th May 2021 = £8604.05

The clerk reported that the Yorkshire Bank account was now with Virgin Money as they took over the business. So far, there had been no negative impact on the change to the PC.

17. CLERK'S REPORT

The clerk reported the following from correspondence circulated since the last meeting:

- An email had been received from the Lower Washburn Parish Council regarding wild swimming in the river. Councillors had agreed that no comment was necessary and that the PC had no policies in place.
- A resident had queried a post box being removed from the village but councillors advised that both post boxes were still in situ.
- Cllr Colin Campbell of Otley Town Council had enquired about Arthington's allotments.

Councillors had confirmed that the allotments are privately owned and a reply had been sent to the Cllr to that affect.

- Councillors were asked to consider adding an archive section to the website for local interest. There was brief discussion about what content would be uploaded and that there will be a cost involved in getting the extra section set up. Clerk to obtain a quote for the work.

ACTION: CLERK

18. ITEMS FOR REPORT

- The clerk asked councillors to agree a date for the annual parish inspection to take place. Wednesday 7th July was proposed. Clerk to liaise with all present and absent councillors to ensure the date is mutually convenient.

ACTION: CLERK

- Councillors queried a new, large pond that had been created in the grounds of Arthington House on Arthington Lane. It was unknown if planning permission should have been sought due to the size. Clerk to liaise with Cllr Fox for further advise.

ACTION: CLLR FOX & CLERK

- Cllr Stoddart-Scott reported that the Creskeld Estate had put in an application to the forestry commission to undertake some thinning works to the woodland. Works are not expected to start until next Summer. It is estimated that approximately 600 tonnes of wood will be removed and the works are part of 30 year maintenance programme. Traffic disturbance is anticipated during the works.

19. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as Tuesday 27th July at 7.30pm. Councillors were advised that the format of the meeting would be in person.

The meeting closed at 21:01

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