

ARTHINGTON PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

Minutes from the meeting held on 27th July 2021 at Arthington Village Hall.

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

Absent: -

In attendance: Hannah Hay (Clerk)

Members of the Public: Mr. B. Grange & Ms. P. Harrison

Commenced: 19:34

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

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None.

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. No recent activity reported.

4. RESIDENTS QUESTIONS

Mr Grange asked councillors about cars double parked along Warren Lane that are restricting access for farm vehicles and sewage tankers. It was also reported that the parking problems have extended to Creskeld Lane where vehicles are left so people can access Warren Lane by foot. It was acknowledged that the recent influx of visitors to the site had been reported to the PC and had been followed up by Cllr Flynn and LCC.

It was acknowledged that wild swimmers are not causing a nuisance.

Cllr Flynn updated the meeting that after receiving several requests from residents, proactive measures have been undertaken with police and highways to work towards introducing some restrictions on the Lane. Cllr Robinson advised that a parking order would be necessary to enforce measures and this would take a significant amount of time to obtain.

It was suggested that residents call Cllr Flynn who in turn would contact the police on days when the field was due to be harvested. Cllr Robinson also suggested that incidents be reported to the police by calling 101, as it would log the issue and repeat incidents would be acknowledged. The matter is ongoing.

Cllr Lister questioned progress of the BOAT along the riverside at the end of Warren Lane. Cllr Flynn described the issue of it being re-designated and advised he will follow it up with LCC. The lengthy timescales of this process was recognised.

P. Harrison and Mr Grange left the meeting at 19:55

Cllr DSS asked about fly tipping down Warren Lane and suggested LCC write to Yorkshire Water to see if they would put up CCTV cameras to cover the area for their own benefit and to deter offenders. It was agreed that this was a good idea.

Councillors were saddened that no immediate action could be taken to help the problem. Cllr Flynn to liaise with LCC highways.

ACTION: CLLR FLYNN

5. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes from the previous meeting of the council held on 18th May 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. MATTERS ARISING

- Maintenance of bus shelter & restoration of telephone box - *ongoing*. Cllr Lister reported that the bus shelter is going to be actioned this week by Cllrs Lister, O'Brien and Stoddart-Scott. Cllr Lister reported that work has just started on the telephone box.
- The clerk was asked to re-circulate details for companies who provide parts for the telephone box restoration.

ACTION: CLERK

- Cllr Lister asked councillors to agree an amount for expenses related to the telephone box restoration. £50 was suggested and **agreed** for expenses related to the telephone box restoration.
- Potholes near bridge on Arthington Lane - *ongoing*. It was reported that the potholes have still not been filled in and requests usually get actioned within 28 days. Delays associated with the pandemic were acknowledged. Cllr Flynn asked Cllr O'Brien to send photos of precise locations to BF

ACTION: CLLRS O'B & FLYNN

- Wharfedale Pub - No further update, matter ongoing. Delays related to the pandemic were acknowledged.

7. SID DATA

Cllr Stoddart-Scott reported that data had been downloaded (to be forwarded) but figures were very similar to those previously reported. Ongoing.

Councillors briefly discussed not being able to move the current fixed site SID and hopefully being able to purchase another device in the future.

8. FIBRE BROADBAND

Cllr Robinson reported that 1 resident had been in touch regarding slow internet speeds but since initial communication, there had been no further replies from the resident. Councillors reported that works are happening around the parish to install fibre broadband, but there was no definitive information that could be circulated. It was decided that no further action can be taken on this matter.

9. VILLAGE HALL GRANT REQUEST

This item was postponed to the end of the meeting.

10. BLACK HILL ROAD BENCH

Cllr Lister reported that the bench had arrived and is now in situ. It was suggested that photos and wording be sent to the press for attention. Clerk to send to Basil's family first for permission before contacting press.

ACTION: CLERK

The Clerk had asked the insurance provider Zurich if the policy would be affected but the answer is awaited. Clerk also to ensure that the policy is updated to reflect the cost of replacing the new bench.

Cllr Lister advised that there used to be a litter bin in place by the bench and suggested replacing it. Councillors were advised that it would not be maintained by LCC so would need to be emptied by volunteers. Cllr Flynn advised he could ask for a council litter bin that they could install and maintain.

ACTION: CLLR FLYNN

11. PLANNING

The Clerk shared the following update on planning applications.

21/02226/FU	27 Creskeld Lane	Detached single storey summerhouse	<i>No objection - we commented</i>	APPROVED
21/02280/FU	24 Creskeld Drive	First floor infill extension	<i>No comment</i>	APPROVED
21/02573/FU	16 Creskeld Drive	Two storey side extension & basement alterations	<i>No objection - we commented</i>	APPROVED
21/03450/FU	Grange Farm	Change of use of 3 barns to dwellings	<i>We objected</i>	<i>Pending</i>
21/04270/FU	61 Breary Lane East	Two & single storey extensions	<i>No objection - we commented</i>	APPROVED
21/05028/TR	5 Creskeld Park	Remove birch tree and replace with Ash Forestry	<i>No objection</i>	<i>Pending</i>
21/04268/FU	3 Warren Fold	Alterations inc garage conversion	<i>No objection - we commented</i>	<i>Pending</i>
21/00026/FU	1 & 2 Park Cottages, Arthington Lane	Appeal against decision	<i>No further comment</i>	APPEAL LODGED...
21/05996/TR	11 Creskeld Park	Oak tree trimming x 2	<i>No objection</i>	<i>Pending</i>
21/05591/FU	35 Creskeld Lane	Alterations to window and door	<i>To be discussed</i>	<i>Pending</i>
21/06422/TR	17 Breary Lane East	Removing Copper Beech tree	<i>To be discussed</i>	<i>Pending</i>

- Councillors discussed application 21/05591/FU above and agreed that the proposal was out of character for conservation area. Clerk to lodge objection on LCC Public Access website.
- Councillors discussed application 21/06422/TR above and agreed that there was no reason to suggest that the tree is diseased, dying or dangerous. Clerk to lodge objection on LCC Public Access website.

ACTION: CLERK

- Cllr Fox reported that the large timber fence at the top of Creskeld Park does not have planning permission. It has been reported to LCC and is in progress.

- Cllr Flynn reported he had queried the newly installed pond at Arthington House but was yet to receive a reply. Cllr Stoddart-Scott to send specific location to Cllr Flynn to follow up.

ACTION: CLLRS DSS & FLYNN

12. PARISH INSPECTION REPORT

The report had been circulated electronically in advance of the meeting. It was acknowledged that Covid related restrictions had been observed and councillors had visited areas of the parish individually to inspect and report back. Councillors were thanked for this.

Clerk to send the report to Cllr Flynn for LCC to action highways and forestry requests.

ACTION: CLLR FLYNN & CLERK

13. AUTUMN NEWSLETTER

Councillors agreed that an Autumn Newsletter could be compiled, ready for distribution after the October meeting. The clerk asked for suggestions for content and councillors offered articles and photos. Clerk to compile, circulate for approval before printing and bringing to October's meeting.

ACTION: CLERK & ALL

14. FINANCE

The clerk presented the following finance update of the PC bank account:

Virgin Money Bank Current Account (01.07.21)		£8607.88
Receipts since last meeting included in above –	COIF dividend - 28th May	£3.83
Payments since last meeting included in above –		Nil
Cheques to raise not included above -	Glasdon - Basil's Bench	£907.31
	Clerk's salary Q1 (Apr - Jun)	£287.50
	Clerk's expenses	£3.20
Receipts / payments not included in above -		Nil

TOTAL at 27th July 2021 = £7409.87

The clerk requested approval for the above cheques to raise. Councillors unanimously approved the requests and cheques were signed by Cllrs Stoddart-Scott and O'Brien.

15. CLERK'S REPORT

- The clerk reported that enquiries had been made regarding adding an archive section to the PC website. Councillors agreed that the new section be simple, easy to access and consist of PDF images and scanned articles. Clerk to follow up and obtain a quote for works.

ACTION: CLERK

16. ITEMS FOR REPORT

- Cllr Lister reported that as part of the village hall improvements for the new preschool provision, a fence needs to be erected around the grass next to the village hall car park. Access would not be affected and gates can be opened to allow for parking when necessary. It was thought that as the area is adjacent to a public highway or footpath and the proposed fence will be over 1m, planning permission would be needed.

The councillors visited **Item 9 - VILLAGE HALL GRANT REQUEST** here and then continued to item 17.

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

Councillors were reminded that the Village Hall had sent a written request for a grant from the PC to update the hall's heating ready for the new preschool provision to start. 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 2018/19 and was for £703.

Cllr Flynn advised that the village hall had contacted him directly and had successfully obtained a grant from LCC.

Cllrs Fox, Stoddart-Scott and Robinson discussed the proposal and **agreed** on granting £1000 to the village hall. Cheque signed by Cllrs Stoddart-Scott and Lister.

17. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as Tuesday 12th October at 7.30pm at the village hall.

Councillors were thanked for their attendance and the meeting closed at 21:12

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