

ARTHINGTON PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

Minutes from the meeting held on 12th October 2021 at Arthington Village Hall.

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

Absent: Cllr D. Stoddart-Scott & LCC Cllr B. Flynn

In attendance: Hannah Hay (Clerk)

Members of the Public: Mr. R. Quarmby, Mrs J. Quarmby, Mr. P. Jackson & Ms. D. Chamberlain

Commenced: 19:32

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Stoddart-Scott and Cllr Flynn had sent their apologies in advance of the meeting and they were accepted.

2. DECLARED PECUNIARY & OTHER INTERESTS

None.

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. P. Jackson asked about The Wharfedale Pub. Cllr O'Brien reported that an update had been requested recently from Star Inns who own the pub, but no reply had been received to date. It was reiterated that originally their intention was to reopen the pub but it had proved difficult to find tenants willing to take it on. *Ongoing.*

Road surface under Arthington bridge was again brought to the council's attention. Mr. Jackson advised that he had been reporting the issue to highways via the online portal for the past year but to no avail. Cllr Lister reported on behalf of LCC Highways that they did not see the appearance to be that bad. It was acknowledged that there were several ruts along the Arthington Lane stretch that needed attention. Mr Jackson raised the ongoing issue of speeding along Arthington Lane and suggested 30mph road markings be laid. It was also reported that double white lines along parts of the Lane had faded. Cllr O'Brien to take photographs and clerk to send to Cllr Flynn and Highways to report.

ACTION: CLLR O'BRIEN & CLERK

Mr. R. Quarmby reported that he had been liaising with Mr. Richard Hobson at Highways regarding the state of the road surface. Mr. Quarmby advised that his own research found that the aggregate being deposited into road damage is too large to sufficiently fix the problem. It was also thought that this was the cause of the increased noise disturbance of road usage. Mr. Quarmby asked the PC to write to Highways on behalf of the residents and councillors agreed. Clerk to draft correspondence and circulate to councillors for approval.

Mr. Quarmby updated the meeting that Ward Councillor Anderson had been petitioning for HGVs to avoid going through Pool and Arthington, and that consultation was currently ongoing for a bypass being laid as a main, alternative route. It was suggested that HGVs should be diverted to use the Leeds Ring Road (once the improvements had been completed), and then onto the A660.

It was thought that reducing the number of HGVs on Arthington Lane would decrease traffic noise. It is anticipated that works for the bypass link road will begin towards the end of 2022.

Cllr Lister advised that Arthington Lane is historically classed as a Wide Load Route, even though realistically it is not suitable to house wide vehicles on the narrow parts.

Cllr Fox reported that signage from the A1 needed to be change to direct vehicles on a more direct route that avoided Arthington and Pool.

Mrs. Quarmby questioned if another Speed Indicator Device (SID) could be installed along the lane. The PC advised that this has been discussed previously and that costs involved were the overriding factor. *Ongoing*.

The clerk was asked to contact the local police representative regarding mobile speed checks, and to request if Arthington Lane can again be prioritised to deter speeders.

5. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes from the previous meeting of the council held on 27th July 2021 were previously circulated to councillors via email. Cllr Fox proposed them as an accurate reflection of events, Cllr O'Brien seconded and the minutes were **APPROVED** unanimously. Chair signed a hardcopy for PC records.

6. MATTERS ARISING

Maintenance of bus shelter - it was confirmed that this had been part-actioned by Cllrs Lister, O'Brien and Stoddart-Scott. It was reported that the internals work had been carried out; the external work is still to do. *Ongoing*.

- New bin on Warren Lane - It was reported that a new general waste bin had been positioned under the viaduct. Thanks were passed to Cllr Flynn for helping to get this. Cllr Robinson reported that it is being emptied regularly when he has visited although it was thought that it was being done by a local resident rather than LCC refuse collection.

7. RESURFACING OF ARTHINGTON LANE / HAREWOOD ROAD

Covered in item 4 - Residents' Questions.

8. CREATION OF LAKE AT ARTHINGTON HOUSE

The clerk reported that Cllr Flynn had lodged an official enforcement complaint with LCC Planning (ref. 21/00962/UHD3) who had in turn written to the property owner. Cllr

Fox clarified for the meeting that they did need planning permission as it was classed as an engineering works. *Ongoing.*

9. PLATINUM JUBILEE TREES

It had been suggested by councillors that trees be planted in the parish to mark the Platinum Jubilee next year

Cllr Stoddart-Scott had emailed in advance of the meeting to report that oak trees are to be planted on Creskeld Lane on the verge by Creskeld Farm, subject to planning approval; anything planted on verges needed permission from Highways.

Councillors agreed that if the PC were considering planting trees and would consequently also require permission, it made sense to submit one application for all proposed works. It was questioned whether the PC would be subject to a reduced fee. Clerk to research.

Councillors and residents discussed possible sites to plant more trees, and mentioned historical locations seen in archive pictures. No decisions were made. *Ongoing.*

10. SID DATA

In Cllr Stoddart-Scott's absence, it was decided to defer this item to the next meeting.

11. PLANNING

The Clerk shared the following update on planning applications. In addition, Cllr Fox reported the following updates to the meeting:

- *Myrtle Cottage 21/05481 - UPDATE - LCC had published a response from 'Policy and Plans' and in summary, the development will exceed the 30% allowed. Additional landscaping is required for a positive transition between the development and the open land of the GBand the Special Landscape Area. The conclusion is that the development is considered inappropriate. This is a recommendation, not the decision, which has yet to be made.*
- *Arthington Cricket Club 21/06655/FU - UPDATE - LCC are suggesting a new site for the pavilion on the area of land used for informal car parking in order to move it further away from the vicinity of the trees under a protection order (TPO).*

12. FINANCE

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

In addition to the above, approval was sought for Cllr. Lister's expenses, totalling £59.77 for bus shelter repairs. Councillors approved to this expense and a cheque was signed to reimburse Cllr Lister.

Revised TOTAL as of 12th October 2021 = £6017.93

The clerk asked councillors to approve the A.R.A.G.E. accounts from end of March 2021, as this account summary had been missed from the May meeting. It was approved and the Chair signed a copy for the records.

An updated budget estimate for the financial year 2021/22 was shared with the meeting.

13. CLERK'S REPORT

- The clerk asked councillors to advise if there had been any changes to their personal register of interests and if so, to please notify the clerk ASAP. This is to ensure that that Town and Parish Council's Register of Interest is up to date. Councillors present confirmed there had been no changes. Clerk to confirm the same with Cllr Stoddart-Scott.

ACTION: CLERK

- Councillors were reminded to respond to requests for comments on circulated planning applications in a timely manner to ensure efficiency.
- It was reported that a basic archive section of website had been created by the clerk at no expense; councillors were asked for their thoughts and if satisfied, historical documents such as minutes and photos are to be uploaded going forward. This was agreed. Ongoing.

ACTION: CLERK

- Basil Thompson's granddaughter, Harriet had offered the PC some historical WI documents found at her father's home. To be collected, reviewed and archived for prosperity.

14. ITEMS FOR REPORT / A.O.B.

- Mr Quarmby reported that he had been researching the history of the Arthington Estate that will eventually produce a book
The Village Hall had sent a letter of thanks to the PC for their recent grant for improvements in the hall.
- Regarding the substantive agenda item 'Planning', it was suggested that going forward, this substantive item would be titled 'Planning and Enforcement' on all future agendas to help remind councillors of any ongoing queries. This was agreed.

ACTION: AGENDA

- Councillors agreed that going forward, there would be a standard item for every future agenda titled Properties Report, to focus the council's attention on any PC assets or property in the parish that may need attention.
- Cllr O'Brien reported that there was a bench situated opposite the bus stop by 1 & 2 Park Cottages on Arthington Lane. Cllr Lister offered to look at the bench to assess the safety of it but it was confirmed that the bench was not part of the PC's assets.

ACTION: CLLR LISTER

- Mr. Quarmby reported that he had reported debris be cleared on the footpaths along the Lane. It was recognised that a road sweeper had been along but did not sufficiently clear the dirt that restricted access on the footpath. Clerk to report to Cllr Flynn and/or Highways.

ACTION: CLERK / CLLR FLYNN

It was agreed to an item pertaining to A.R.A.G.E. on the next agenda.

ACTION: CLERK / AGENDA

15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting was decided as Tuesday 11th January 2022 at 7.30pm at the village hall. Clerk to book the hall and email confirmation to councillors.

Newsletters were distributed to councillors to be delivered around the parish. Councillors were thanked for their attendance and the meeting closed at 21:02

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