

ARTHINGTON PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

Minutes from the meeting held on 11th January 2022 at Arthington Village Hall

Present: Cllr. N. O'Brien - Vice Chair (NO'B), Cllrs. D. Fox (DF), D. Stoddart-Scott (DSS), H. Robinson (HR) & LCC Ward Councillor B. Flynn (BF)

Absent: Cllr I. Lister - Chairman (IL)

In attendance: Hannah Hay - Clerk (HH)

Member of the Public: Julia Ewart, *Potential Prospective Parliamentary Candidate*

The meeting started at 19:31

1. Apologies for Absence

Cllr Lister had sent their apologies in advance of the meeting and they were accepted.

NO'B chaired the meeting.

2. Declaration of pecuniary and other interests

None.

BF joined the meeting at 19:33

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 in the last 30 days reported.

4. Resident's Questions

Julia Ewart introduced herself as a parliamentary candidate and briefly explained wanting to start at grass roots to understand the locality for the forthcoming elections.

Ms. Ewart asked councillors what the challenges were facing the PC. Councillors explained that the main purpose of the meetings is to represent the residents and to look after the local area. The Village Hall was also sited as a valuable asset to the community, and a central hub for activities.

5. Minutes of previous meeting held on 12 October 2021

The minutes from the previous meeting of the council held on 12 October 2021 were previously circulated to councillors via email. DF proposed them as an accurate reflection of events, HR seconded and the minutes were **APPROVED** unanimously. NO'B signed a hardcopy for PC records.

6. Matters Arising

- Bus shelter - *ongoing*. NO'B reported that the roof tiles have now been replaced and part of the inside has been painted. Pointing of the wall is outstanding.
- Telephone box - *ongoing*. To be looked at when the weather has improved.
- Village hall bench maintenance - *ongoing*. To be looked at when the weather has improved.

A wall at the top of Warren Lane was reported as being damaged, however it was confined that the land on which the wall stands belonged to a local farm and not the council.

7. SID Data

DSS reported that no data had been obtained but will be brought to the next meeting, however it was noted that data continues to remain static.

The potential of obtaining another SID for the village was discussed, as was the possibility of using the A.R.A.G.E. monies, as it was thought the device would be of benefit to the community. No decisions were made but it was agreed to discuss at the next meeting.

ACTION: NEXT AGENDA

8. The Wharfedale Pub

NO'B reported that response had now been received however no tenants had been found for the pub. There was no further update.

9. Jubilee Trees

DF asked councillors for ideas of where trees could be planted to commemorate the jubilee. DSS reported that an application for trees to be planted on Creskeld Lane would be submitted. Other sites for trees were considered but no decisions were made due to the quality and depth of soil in the locations.

NO'B suggested planting wild flowers around the parish as well and potential sites were briefly discussed. BF thought the idea would be encouraged by LCC and suggested asking for funding the project.

10. Spring Clean

It was agreed to arrange a Spring Clean this year and councillors decided on Saturday 9th April 2022, providing Mr Quarmby is available on this date to help. Clerk to contact.

Clerk to arrange for a skip from LCC to be delivered, for refreshments from the Village Hall to be provided, and for posters to be displayed on the website and notice boards nearer the time.

ACTION: CLERK

11. Spring Newsletter

The clerk asked councillors for article suggestions for the next newsletter, which would be due to be delivered after the March's meeting.

Ideas for articles included the proposed tree policy, an extract of SID data and the planning of purchasing another SID, and the impending 20mph speed limit on Warren Lane and Arthington Garth.

BF explained that the 20mph speed limit was part of a Government inspired initiative for none A-road areas, around residential areas and communities.

Councillors were asked to send any more ideas and photos to include to the clerk.

ACTION: ALL

12. Planning

It was noted that this item should have been titled, 'Planning & Enforcement', as previously agreed by councillors at the last meeting.

The Clerk shared the below update on planning applications. The last 3 applications were discussed at the meeting.

21/05481	Myrtle Cottage	Change of use of field to domestic garden, new outbuilding & extensions	<i>No objection, we commented - details on LCC Public Access</i>	<i>Pending</i>
21/06655/FU	Arthington Cricket Club	Construction of Cricket pavillion	<i>No objection</i>	<i>Pending</i>
21/07671/TR	11 Creskeld Park	Conifer removal	<i>No objection, we commented - details on LCC Public Access</i>	NO OBJECTION
21/08181/TR	27 Breary Lane East	Ash tree trimming	<i>Pending</i>	NO OBJECTION
21/08700/TR	4 Creskeld Park	Remove sycamore	<i>We objected - details on LCC Public Access</i>	NO OBJECTION
21/08943/TR	1 Creskeld Park	Tree trimming and removal	<i>We objected - details on LCC Public Access</i>	<i>Pending</i>
21/08941/TR	9 Creskeld Park	Tree trimming and relocation	<i>No objection, we commented - details on LCC Public Access</i>	<i>Pending</i>
21/09965/FU	Arthington House	2 storey side extension	<i>No objection but commented</i>	<i>Pending</i>
21/09628/FU	Mill Farm, Arthington Lane	Ne agricultural building	<i>No comment</i>	<i>Pending</i>
21/09941/TR	2 Creskeld Drive	Tree trimming, no removal	<i>No comment</i>	<i>Pending</i>
21/09958/FU	Longbridge Keep, Warren Lane	2 storey rear extension	<i>We objected - details on LCC Public Access</i>	<i>Pending</i>
21/10128/FU	51 Breary Lane East	Variation of condition to previously submitted plans	<i>We objected - details on LCC Public Access</i>	<i>Pending</i>
21/10294/FU	5 Arthington Garth	Single storey extension	<i>Pending</i>	<i>Pending</i>
21/00011/FU	Ingfield Farm, Arthington Lane	Extension to grain storage building	<i>Pending</i>	<i>Pending</i>
AS ABOVE 21/05481/FU	Myrtle Cottage	Change of use of field to domestic garden, new outbuilding & extensions	<i>AS ABOVE Comments remain same</i>	<i>Pending</i>

21/00011/FU - Councillors agreed that there was no objection and no comment.

21/05481/FU - Although there was no objection, the PC agreed that the previously submitted comments still applied. Clerk to lodge on LCC public access.

ACTION: CLERK

21/10294/FU - Concerns were raised over the change in the character and appearance to the street scene, however it was noted that the site was not in a conservation area. It was agreed to lodge no objection but to comment to ensure that the development did not have a negative impact.

ACTION: CLERK

A draft Tree Policy for the PC to adopt, detailing what the PC should base decisions on for forestry applications, had been circled prior to the meeting. DF and DSS to approve final wording and clerk to display on website.

ACTION: DF, DSS & CLERK

13. Finance

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

Virgin Money Bank Current Account (31.12.21)	£6001.85
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Receipts since last meeting included in above –

COIF Dividend Nov '21	£3.92
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Payments since last meeting included in above –

Clerk's Salary 2nd qtr	£287.50
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Clerk's Expenses 2nd qtr	£12.50
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I Lister expenses (bus shelter)	£59.77
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RBL (Nov '21 Poppy Wreath)	£20.00
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Cheques to raise not included above -

Clerk's Salary 3rd qtr	£287.50
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Receipts not included in above -	Nil
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Payments not included in above -	Nil
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TOTAL at 11th January 2022 = £5714.35

- Precept - Councillors discussed whether or not to raise the precept for the financial year 2022/23. It was recognised that if an increase was agreed, then reasons for doing so and how the money may be spent should be agreed as well. It was proposed to increase the precept by **8% to £2750**. It was acknowledged that on a band D property it would mean an increase of 0.70p. Clerk to submit form to LCC by 13th February 2022 and to include reasoning in Spring Newsletter.

ACTION: CLERK

- Approval was sought and granted for the Clerk's 3rd quarter salary and the cheque was signed.

14. Clerk's Report

The clerk had nothing to report.

15. Items for Report

- An item pertaining to Properties Report was requested at the last meeting but was accidentally omitted from this agenda. This item was covered during item 6, Matters Arising. On the next agenda, items relating to PC owned assets will be included under a Properties Report item.

ACTION: NEXT AGENDA

- Councillors again questioned ownership of the land that the bus shelter stood on, at the corner of Creskeld Lane and Arthington Lane.
- DSS reported that a forestry application had been lodged for Crag Wood on Creskeld Lane, part of the Creskeld Estate; the majority of the larch trees needed to be felled due to a fungus called Remorum inflicting the trees. DSS advised that replacement, native trees would be planted. It was also reported the rhododendrons in the vicinity would also be affected by the disease and may also need to be destroyed. The item had been brought to the meeting to advise the PC of significant forestry work, likely to take place in the summer.
- BF advised that 6 months of road works in Otley Road, Adel are planned which may affect the local area are due to start at the end of the month.
- BF also reported that scamming had taken place in the locality and vulnerable residents may be affected. BF to email wording

16. Dates of Meetings for 2022

The following Tuesdays were proposed for APC meetings for 2022, all to start at 7.30pm with the exception of May's:

15th March

3rd May - *it was noted that the May meeting incorporates the Annual Meeting and would therefore start at 7pm. Also, the date proposed immediately follows the Bank Holiday so is subject to change pending majority availability.*

5th July

11th October

Clerk to liaise with the village hall to book the parish room, and to confirm the bookings with the councillors. Future dates also to be advertised in the Spring Newsletter.

ACTION: CLERK

The meeting ended at 21:20

Approved & Signed:..... Date:.....