

ARTHINGTON PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

Minutes from the meeting held on 15th March 2022 at Arthington Village Hall

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

Absent: D. Stoddart-Scott (DSS)

In attendance: PCSO Joel Hebden; Hannah Hay - Clerk (HH)

Member of the Public: Mr. R. Quarmby

The meeting started at 19:31

1. Apologies for Absence

The absence of DSS was noted.

2. Declaration of pecuniary and other interests

None.

3. Police Report

PCSO Hebden reported that there had not been very many incidents for Arthington Parish since 12 January 2022. Reported crimes in this period included a burglary at Bank Side Farm where a quad bike was stolen from an outbuilding. There had been no other building or other vehicle crime, or any other crimes of note, reported in time since the last meeting.

The meeting was advised of some other criminal activity in the local area including several keyless vehicle thefts. PCSO Hebden advised residents to be mindful of where keys are kept to in order to keep vehicles safe.

DF questioned about a vehicle break-in on Breary Lane East but it was thought that this may have happened since the most recent crime report has been produced.

It was also reported that speed checks are still being conducted in the area.

Thanks were passed to PCSO Hebden and he left the meeting at 19:40

4. Resident's Questions

There were none.

5. Minutes of previous meeting held on 11 January 2022

The minutes from the previous meeting of the council held on 11 January 2022 were previously circulated to councillors via email. NO'B proposed them as an accurate reflection of events, HR seconded and the minutes were **APPROVED** unanimously. IL signed a hardcopy for PC records.

6. Ongoing Issues / Matters Arising

- Wharfedale Pub - *ongoing* - NO'B reported that he had been in touch with Star Inns, owner of the pub, who replied that some building repairs had begun and that there was potential

operator currently preparing a business plan, and it was hoped that this would be progressed further.

There was brief discussion surrounding this and councillors were hopefully that the pub would be back up and running soon.

7. Properties Report

- Bus shelter - *ongoing* - IL reported that the shelter was structurally finished as ridge tiles had been pointed and leaves had been swept; interior painting was still outstanding. It was thought that more paint would be needed. Councillors AGREED for the purchase of paint for bus shelter maintenance.
- Telephone box - *ongoing* - IL reported that the telephone box has been damaged following a party at the Village Hall by teenagers. One of the parents of one of the teenagers has agreed to pay to repair the damage.
- Village hall bench maintenance - *ongoing*. IL reported that works are in progress.
- Bridge bench - it was thought that maintenance was needed on the bench under the railway bridge on Arthington Lane. To be looked at.

8. SID Data

In the absence of DSS, the clerk reported that recent data had been sent to be included on the newsletter, and figures remained similar to previously reported with the majority of vehicles travelling less than 40mph.

IL asked BF if it was possible to obtain another grant for another SID for the parish, and BF advised that this would definitely be possible. BF to send a grant application to the clerk to progress.

ACTION: BF & CLERK

It was confirmed that as there was no street lighting further along Arthington Lane, a solar powered device would be necessary, however BF reassured councillors that LCC would cover all costs associated. There was discussion surrounding where the new SID could be best sited to make an impact, and logically where there was space on the roadside to place it. Councillors were asked to review the locality before the next meeting to see where may be best to position the SID.

ACTION: ALL

It was thought that the new SID should be placed between Holt Farm and the old school, and councillors would like a highways representative to visit the stretch to advise where it along this area was feasible.

BF also suggested more signage be placed at danger points such as the Creskeld Lane / Arthington Lane junction, and the start of the windy bit along Creskeld towards Bramhope. BF to enquire with LCC Highways further.

ACTION: BF

9. Jubilee Trees

In the absence of DSS, councillors were unsure if there had been communications with LCC as to what was possible on the Creskeld Hall estate.

The meeting discussed siting one on the village green but suitability of the soil and it's popularity with children and families of the parish was highlighted.

It was thought that decisions would be made in time for the next tree planting season towards the end of the year.

Clerk to ask DSS for an update.

ACTION: CLERK

10. Spring Clean

Councillors had liaised via email since the January meet and it had been agreed to reschedule the Spring Clean to Saturday 23rd April 2022 at 10am. Mr Quarmby had kindly offered the use of his tractor which was accepted.

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

HR questioned whether during the Spring Clean, attention could be paid to cleaning of the milestones and this was agreed. It was thought once cleaner, it would be apparent if they needed repainting or not. Mr. Quarmby offered to trim the hedge around one of them that is missed by the tractor.

ACTION: ALL

11. Charity Recipient

Councillors discussed potential recipients and one person was unanimously decided. Cheque to be approved and signed under item 14 - Finance. IL to deliver.

ACTION: IL

12. Clerk's Job and Salary Review

The clerk left the meeting whilst councillors discussed this item. It was agreed to increase the clerk's salary by £100 to £1,250 per annum.

13. Planning & Enforcement

The Clerk shared the below update on planning applications:

21/08943/TR - 1 Creskeld Park - We objected - *Decision pending*
21/08941/TR - 9 CReskeld Park - No objection but we commented - *Decision pending*
21/09965/FU - Arthington House - No objection but we commented - *APPROVED*
21/09628/FU - Mill Farm - No comment - *REFUSED*
21/09941/TR - 2 Creskeld Drive - No comment - *NO OBJECTION*
21/09958/FU - Longbridge Keep - No comment - *WITHDRAWN*
21/10128/FU - 51 Breary Lane East - No comment - *REFUSED*
21/10294/FU - 5 Arthington Garth - No comment - *APPROVED*
21/00011/FU - Infield Farm - No comment - *APPROVED*
21/05281/FU - Myrtle Cottage - REVISED APPLICATION - Comments remain same - *APPROVED*
22/01075/LI - Crag View - Pending - *Decision pending*

Mr. Quarmby advised that Holme Farm would be submitting an application soon to level a field for agricultural purposes.

14. Finance

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

Virgin Money Bank Current Account (01.03.22) £5711.07

Receipts since last meeting included in above –	COIF Dividend Nov	£3.92
Payments since last meeting included in above –	Clerk's Salary 3rd qtr	£287.50
	Bank charges	£7.20

Cheques to raise not included above -

Clerk's Salary 4th qtr	£287.50
Clerk's Expenses 4th qtr	£12.50
Charity Recipient	£15.50
RBL	£20.00
Zurich Insurance	£140.00*

Receipts not included in above -

Payments not included in above -

TOTAL at 15th March 2022 = £5395.57

* Insurance due to go out 01.04.22 - next financial year. Not included in above amount

- Approval was sought and granted for the Charity Recipient, Zurich's Annual Insurance Premium, RBL Poppy Wreath 2021, the Clerk's 4th quarter salary and Clerk's expenses (newsletter printing). Cheques were signed by IL and NO'B.
- The clerk presented a draft budget for the 2021/22 accounts which were more or less an accurate representation of the year end. There were no significant incomes or expenditures to highlight.
- Councillors were made aware of pending bank charges after the account had been changed to a full business account by Virgin Money
- The possibility of CIL money from new builds at 49 and 51 Breary Lane East was mentioned. Clerk to contact LCC to enquire.

ACTION: CLERK

15. Clerk's Report

The clerk had nothing to report.

16. Items for Report

- DF reported that the article on sudden larch death on the newsletter is also to be published on the next Bramhope newsletter
- Councillors asked if the wall at the top of Warren Lane and the bus shelter had been repaired. There was no update, clerk to investigate.

ACTION: CLERK

- The road repair on Black Hill Road was questioned and BF updated the meeting that only part had been completed. It was also noted that the drains on the road were blocked again.

17. Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next PC meeting was confirmed as Tuesday 3rd May. This meeting will start at 7pm with the Annual Report for the end of year accounts to be produced.

The meeting ended at 20:57

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