



# Arnside Parish Council

## Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2021 at 7.15 pm via ZOOM

### Present:

**Councillors:** Peter Smillie (PS) Chair; David Brockbank (DB) vice-Chair; Clive Christensen (CC); Helen Chaffey (HC); Michael Mann (MM); Keith Halford (KH); Pete McSweeney (PMcS)

**Officers:** Clerk Caroline Caudwell (CEC); Finance Officer Jonathan Cartmell (JC); Cemetery Officer Brenda Brockbank (BB)

Also: two members of the public was present.

20-21/199	<b>Apologies for Absence:</b> - <b>RESOLVED</b> that the following apologies were received. None.	
20-21/200	<b>Declaration of Interests:</b> - <b>RESOLVED</b> that the following declarations of interests be noted. None.	
20-21/201	<b>Minutes of previous Meeting:</b> - <b>RESOLVED</b> that the minutes of the meeting held on 14th December 2020 pages 19054–19056 be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chair. Approved.	
20-21/202	<b>Public Participation – Police report:</b> - <b>RESOLVED</b> that no police report will be received during COVID-19 emergency. Approved.	
20-21/203	<p><b>Public Participation - County Councillor report:</b> - <b>RESOLVED that:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cllr McSweeney updated the Council regarding progress with the vaccination programme which is going better than expected. Local figures are not available, only National ones, however it is known that all Cumbria Care Home staff and residents were vaccinated today, 11 January. All Ashtree surgery patients, who can travel, will be vaccinated in Carnforth between Monday and Thursday and those who are housebound will receive a visit between Friday and Sunday. It is very pleasing to note that Carnforth has had 100% success rate to date following a couple of initial IT related hiccups on the first day. It is also pleasing to note that the Government has supplied everything requested by Cumbria County Council to date.</li> <li>• There have been press rumours of a council tax increase of 5% in Cumbria. And it is correct that the Government has allowed councils to increase to 5% without a referendum. In Cumbria, however this has been mis-reported as to date no budget has been set for the year and nothing has been agreed. The 5% is made up of 2% ring fenced for Adult Social Care and 3% for other reasons. Normally this is 2% for Adult Social Care and 2%. A council budget meeting when a decision will be made is scheduled for 15 February 2021 and the police precept will be agreed week beginning 17 January 2021.</li> <li>• Central Government is keen to move forward with the local government re-organisation and has gone to the Bay Bid for clarification by close 14 January 2021 with a view to making a decision by end February 2021. Elections are unlikely to take place this May due to concerns about the health and safety of officers and residents in attendance due to COVID-19. If a new authority ie non-continuing authority wins the bid it is unlikely that elections will take place before 2023.</li> <li>• A number of residents have raised concerns about off road cycling on Arnside Knott. There has been some criminal damage where walls have been pulled down and Councillors report having received verbal abuse when challenging individual cyclists. Cyclists can use Bridleways, but not private land or pathways designated for walkers</li> </ul>	

	only. Council agreed to the suggestion that Cllr McSweeney raise this matter with SLDC and Cumbria County Council as a growing concern.	
20-21/204	<b>Public Participation - District Councillor report: - RESOLVED that:</b> Cllr Chaffey updated the meeting that the results of the car parking consultation are delayed as the consultants have had mixed success in contacting landowners due to some incorrect land registry details. Until full details are confirmed as correct the full report cannot be issued.	
20-21/205	<b>Public Participation: - RESOLVED that:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a member of the public was present and asked for an update on the failure of the lighting on the footpath from Orchard Road up past the rear of the Primary School and St James' Church. Cllr Chaffey confirmed that she had informed the school and that she would check at the at the next School Governors meeting being held on 12 January.</li> <li>A member of the public spoke about his experience of the introduction of electric charge points explaining that Milnthorpe Council are consulting with 'Charge my Street' directly.</li> </ul>	HC
20-21/206	<b>Financial Report: - RESOLVED that:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the Financial Summary to the end of December 2020 be received, balance noted at £73,687.92 and that payments listed in the schedule be approved. Approved.</li> <li>the 21/22 Budget be approved and the 21/22 Precept of £44,150 be approved and the signed Precept form be submitted to SLDC. Approved.</li> <li>The Q3 2020/21 budget was put forward for approval. Approved.</li> <li>The Finance Officer informed the Council that the Cemetery Grant had not yet been received. Cllr Chaffey to contact the SLDC. Approved.</li> <li>It was proposed that the level of donation to the AONB and Air Ambulance be considered at the February meeting. Approved.</li> </ul>	HC
20-21/207	<b>Cemetery Report – RESOLVED that:</b> the report on Cemetery business be noted and approved. Approved.	
20-21/208	<b>Applications for Development - RESOLVED that:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>planning applications be considered for approval. Approved. Planning decisions were noted.</li> <li>It was agreed that the Clerk write to County Highways asking them to consider further safety action on the corner of Orchard Road where the pathway leads down from the School playground.</li> </ul>	Clerk
20-21/209	<b>Council response to new lockdown – RESOLVED that:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the Council review current services offered and use of its property in light of new lockdown measures in place. It was agreed that the Chapel will remain closed to hire, the playground and public toilets will remain open in line with government guidance. Approved.</li> <li>Councillors did raise some concern about social distancing outside essential shops and Cllr Chaffey agreed to ask at District Council meeting for any guidance on better managing people flow. Approved.</li> </ul>	HC
20-21/210	<b>Electric Vehicle Charge Points – RESOLVED that:</b> the Clerk to invite 'Charge my Street' to attend a council meeting and present options for Arnside. It was agreed that the Council would deal with any installer directly rather than via SLDC, CCC or the car park consultation process. It was noted that at the previous meeting minute 20-21/193 stated that any proposed locations be factored into the car park consultation work. This minute is hereby overturned. Approved.	Clerk
20-21/211	<b>Street Lighting – RESOLVED that:</b> an upgrade be requested to the existing light on Redhills Road not a new streetlight. In addition, light ref 375 on Briery Bank needs a new lamp and a pole that as yet has no light on Black Dyke Road adjacent to the Bus Stop needs a full lamp installed.	All

20-21/212	<b>Playground Grant – RESOLVED</b> that: the draft playground grant be finalised and submitted in March 2021. Approved. Cllr Chaffey reported that she plans to speak to the relevant Portfolio Holder at SLDC about the project and will update Council at the next Council meeting in February.	<b>HC</b>
20-21/213	<b>Police Liaison – RESOLVED</b> that: on review of the crime figures for the area, Cllr Mike Mann will raise a formal concern on behalf of the Council with a view to better understanding the figures. Approved.	<b>MM</b>
20-21/214	<p><b>Councillor Matters – RESOLVED:</b> that it be noted that the following matters were raised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cllr Chaffey raised a resident’s concern regarding the traumatising of grey squirrels caught in the humane traps by dogs that come across them and try to go after the traps and the squirrels inside. Currently our understanding is that the traps are checked once a day and a question arises as to whether or not that is adequate.</li> <li>• Cllr Christensen asked if it would be appropriate to ‘clear’ APC old laptop and donate it to the school. It was agreed not to do so as the lid of the old laptop is damaged and it is now understood that the Government is releasing a further 500k laptops to schools.</li> <li>• Cllr Christensen reported that he will be passing the spec for the fountain repair to the Clerk for issue to potential contractors in the next few days.</li> <li>• Cllr Smillie proposed that, in these unprecedented times Officers should be paid for unused holiday in the past year and that this be brought to the next Council meeting.</li> <li>• Cllr Brockbank updated the Council that the garage on the playing field had been broken into. Nothing was reported stolen and Cllr Brockbank will pass the crime number to the Clerk.</li> </ul>	<b>CC</b>  <b>DB</b>
20-21/215	<b>Date of the next meeting - RESOLVED</b> that the date of the next scheduled meeting of Arnside Parish Council be confirmed as 7.15pm on Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> February 2021 online using ZOOM. Items for the agenda should reach the Clerk by Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> January Finance items to RFO by this date.	
	<b>Meeting closed at 2148</b>	

Chair:

Date:

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