



Arnside Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 15th September 2014 at 7.15pm in Arnside Cemetery Chapel
Present

George Taylor (GT) - Chair

Councillor Geoff Dracup(GD) – Vice Chair

Michel Hartley (MH) Peter Smillie (PS)

Also present: The Deputy Clerk Anne-Marie Cade (AMC), 14 members of the public and the County and District Councillors for Arnside

14-15/120	Apologies for Absence None received	
14-15/121	Declaration of interests RESOLVED that it be noted that Cllr Hartley (item 11 b) declared that he is a neighbour of the applicant for planning approval at 53 Black Dyke Rd.	
14-15/122	Minutes of previous meeting RESOLVED that the minutes of Arnside Parish Council held on 11 th July 2014 (pages 14035 - 14038) and of the Extraordinary meeting held on the 30 th May 2013 be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chair. Also that it be noted that the latter minutes had been approved in June 2013 but in the absence of the signed copy and to avoid confusion they were re-approved at this meeting following confirmation of the minutes by the Chair at the Time, Cllr Pru Jupe .	
14-15/123	Public Bodies (Admission to meetings) Act 1960– Excluded item RESOLVED that item 19 be considered without the presence of the press or public on the grounds of confidentiality	
14-15/124	Statement from the Chair RESOLVED that a statement be received and noted from the Chair as follows “ During the last meeting on the 11 th August during the public participation part of the meeting I said that the “proper processes had not been followed” in relation to the release of a statement concerning the Cemetery during the meeting on the 14 th July. I would like to clarify that this was intended to explain why two statements appeared to have been issued by the Council concerning the Cemetery and was not intended to suggest any wrongdoing by the former Chair. The Chair is entitled to make a statement and as such followed the correct procedures. Although the Chair acted in good faith, not all the members of the Council felt that they could support the statement and the actions included without further information and time to consider the issue carefully. The original statement was not approved by the Council and an extraordinary meeting was held on the 28 th July where a second statement was approved by the Council and given to the public. The first statement is therefore considered to be a statement from the Chair as it was not approved by the Council as a Council Statement. I apologise for any misunderstanding that may have arisen through my use of this phrase. “	
14-15/125	Co-option RESOLVED that James Shaw be co-opted to the Council following a unanimous vote in favour and that the Deputy Clerk arrange for the signing of acceptance of office, register of interests and an induction be carried out. Also that it be noted that there were no calls for an election made during the statutory period for Notice of Vacancies. There are still a number of Council Vacancies and anyone interested should contact the Deputy Clerk.	AMC

14-15/126	<p>Public Participation</p> <p>RESOLVED that the following points as raised by members of the public are noted and where required the following actions authorised</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A member of the public welcomed Clls Pru Jupe and Ian Stewart to the meeting • The old Boat Yard has an old corrugated tin roof which looks as though it may be dangerous. Cllr Hartley to investigate • The Hedge on Station Rd is still overgrown. Cllr Taylor has contacted owners and now passed the complaint to the Highways Department at the County Council • The bridal way at Park View Lane is overgrown. Cllr Taylor will request a second cutting • Fencing on the playing field is overgrown by the football field • There is a drop in the tarmac at the front of the Chapel and the grit box looks unsightly • Benches on the playing field are in need of repair • There is overgrown shrubbery on Ground Hill • A resident of Church Hill expressed concerns over safety and requested that double yellow lines be considered near the bend. • A white camper van is often parked on the foreshore car park at weekends 	<p>MH</p> <p>GT</p>
14-15/127	<p>Police report</p> <p>RESOLVED that the written police report be received concerning incidents in the Arnside area over the last month including 4 crime reports in the last month, two of which led to arrests.</p>	
	<p>County Councillor and District Councillor reports</p>	
14-15/128	<p>RESOLVED that the following report from the County Councillor, Ian Stewart be received and noted</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In response to the query concerning Church Hill, Cllr Stewart recommended that Arnside Parish review and prioritise all roads where they think new traffic regulation may be needed before submitting any requests • In response to the query concerning the bridal path cutting Cllr Stewart suggested that the Parish Council could pay to top up the level of service provided by the County • Pier Lane footpath is due to be dug up for several days • Considering the County Council Budget Shortfall, Cllr Stewart asked the Council to consider whether it would be willing to consider a Council Tax rise of 2% to cover existing services. There will be a public consultation in October 	
14-15/129	<p>RESOLVED that the following report from the District Councillor, Pru Jupe be received and noted</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the policy process at SLDC and Cllr Jupe’s role on the Audit and Accounts Committee were outlined and it was asked that Arnside Parish Council send ideas to feed into this process • the planning application for a crematorium at Beetham has met local opposition. Another application situated close to junction 36 has been submitted • Cllr Jupe will be one of four trustees working with Victims in a trust set up by the Police and Crime Commissioner • Cllr Jupe will ensure that all SLDC press releases are sent to the Deputy Clerk for circulation to members 	
14-15/130	<p>Applications for Development</p> <p>RESOLVED that the decisions by the Planning Authority be noted and that the following responses be made on applications for development:</p> <p>No Objection</p>	<p>AMC</p>

	Application No.	Location	Proposal	
	SL/2014/0668	Tree Tops, 3 Hollins Lane Arnside,	Loft conversion, pitched roof to existing flat roof extension & replacement porch.	
	SL/2014/0801	Hollins Farm, Far Arnside	Change of use of barn to dwelling.	
	Financial Records			
14-15/131	Financial Summary July 2014 RESOLVED that the financial Summary for August be received.			
14-15/132	RESOLVED that payments listed in the financial report be approved for payment and that the contractors current invoice and future payments be made on a monthly basis rather than per cut.			AMC
14-15/133	RESOLVED that the draft Member Remuneration Policy be adopted and that neither the basic nor the Chair's allowance be paid to members and that travel costs could be reimbursed in line with Remuneration Panel Guidance from SLDC as outlined.			
	Update Reports			
14-15/134	Highways Matters RESOLVED that it be noted that Cllr Taylor has tried to address several highways issues with the Highways Department and in future matters will include the County Councillor in such communications.			GT
14-15/135	Allotments RESOLVED that the deputy Clerk continue to arrange the dry stone walling day at the allotments in October with the National Trust and volunteers from the allotments. Cllr Taylor to visit the site with the National Trust and allotment association first			AMC GT
14-15/136	Playing Field RESOLVED that the following be noted and actions carried out that <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a leak has been found and fixed in the playing field and that consideration be given to turning the water off during winter months. • Quotes have been obtained for materials to fix 3 benches • Quotes are being considered by members for additional bins • Play equipment has been repaired and adjusting the height of the slide is in progress • It will be several weeks before further repairs are made to the wall • Cllr Dracup request help from the AONB in clearing brambles from the banking. 			MH GD
14-15/137	Foreshore RESOLVED that further work is carried out on obtaining a quote for work to divert a storm drain at Beech Mount and the AONB is contacted to identify the ownership of trees on the foreshore			MH AMC
14-15/138	Cemetery Report RESOLVED that the report from the deputy Clerk be noted and that			AMC
14-15/139	Local Transport RESOLVED that it be noted that Cllr Dracup reported that he is looking into the reduction of the bus timetable and is also concerned about the future of other public transport in Arnside including trains and it will send a letter to Stagecoach			GD
14-15/140	Arnside Parish Council Web Site RESOLVED that the Deputy Clerk contact ParishCouncil.net to progress the setting up of a new website with the intention of using the .org.uk domain name and that Cllr Smillie assist with the development of new web pages			AMC PS
14-15/141	Correspondence RESOLVED that all items of Correspondence listed in the schedule be noted and that			
14-15/142	Councillor matters			

	<p>RESOLVED that the following points raised by Members be noted and where required the following actions authorised</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A member of the public has expressed their opinion that the flag on the pier is too small • A recurring unpleasant smell on the promenade has been reported. Cllr Hartley will contact United Utilities 	MH
14-15/143	<p>Date of Next Meeting Monday 20th October 2014 at 7.15pm in Arnside Cemetery Chapel. Any items for inclusion on the agenda should be sent to the Deputy Clerk before than Monday 6th October and papers and reports received before Monday 13th .</p>	
	Items considered in the absence of public and press	
14-15/144	<p>Post of Clerk and Deputy Clerk RESOLVED that the post of Clerk be offered to the Deputy Clerk and that the vacancy for the Deputy Clerk Post be advertised. The post of Deputy Clerk continues to include responsibilities of the Responsible Financial Officer for Arnside Parish Council. Also that the Council gives permission for the current Deputy Clerk to carry out a second job in accordance with their contract.</p>	

The public meeting closed at 8.35pm

Chair:

Date: