



# Arnside Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2014 at 7.15pm in Arnside Cemetery Chapel

Present

Councillor Elaine Wood (EW) – Chair

Councillors

Michel Hartley (MH)

Christine Kelly (CK)

Peter Smillie (PS)

George Taylor (GT)

Also present: The Deputy Clerk Anne-Marie Cade (AMC), 8 members of the public, the Cemetery Custodian and 2 members of the Constabulary

14-15/66	<b>Apologies for Absence</b> <b>RESOLVED</b> that apologies are received from Cllr Mick Wood (MW) who had a prior commitment and Cllr Geoff Dracup (GD), no reason given	<b>ACTION</b>
14-15/67	<b>Declaration of interests</b> Cllr Taylor, item 8; the property at Briary Bank is owned by his nephew	
14-15/68	<b>Minutes of previous meeting</b> <b>RESOLVED</b> that the minutes of Arnside Parish Council held on 9 <sup>th</sup> June 2014 (pages 14025 - 14028) be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chair.	
	<b>Progress Reports</b>	
14-15/69	<b>Highways</b> <b>RESOLVED</b> that the report from Cllr Taylor be received concerning the cutting of grass by Cumbria County Council around Kings Close and that the following actions taken: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cllr Taylor contact the County Council about flooding during heavy rain at the top of Briary Bank, the hedge on the promenade, the wall on the verge on Knott lane, the drop in the road by the level crossing and the possibility of restricting of large vehicles from using Silverdale Rd above the Briary Bank.</li> <li>• That it be noted that Footpaths in Arnside are maintained by Cumbria County Council and that requests for cutting will be passed on to the AONB who will liaise with the County Council</li> </ul>	<b>GT</b>  <b>AMC</b>
14-15/70	<b>Foreshore</b> <b>RESOLVED</b> that the report from Cllr Hartley be received concerning additional warning signs being put in place and that the Deputy Clerk contacts SLDC to ask that they provide the chip shop with further bins to avoid rubbish on the promenade	<b>AMC</b>
14-15/71	<b>Letting of the Storage Shed</b> <b>RESOLVED</b> that it be noted that the shed has been let following electrical testing and that the Deputy Clerk finalise the signing of the agreement and seeks a council tax rebate. Thanks to Cllr. Wood for his work in organising the electrical work and supervising the viewings.	<b>AMC</b>
14-15/72	<b>Allotments</b> <b>RESOLVED</b> that the report from Cllr Kelly be received and that the following actions be taken <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• That Cllr Hartley seeks a quote for a tap to be put in position at the top of the allotments</li> <li>• Cllr Kelly contacts the allotment association to discuss the possibility of volunteers working with with the National Trust to repair the wall</li> </ul>	<b>MH</b>  <b>CK</b>
14-15/73	<b>The Playing Field</b> <b>RESOLVED</b> that the report from Cllr Taylor be received concerning minor maintenance	

	<p>tasks on the field and that the following actions undertaken;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• That the quotes for further works to the playground wall be considered.</li> <li>• That it be noted that Cllr Taylor and Cllr Hartley have undertaken minor repairs</li> <li>• That Cllr Taylor contact SLDC about a ROSPA certified person making further repairs</li> <li>• That the Cllr Taylor seek quotes for the repair of benches.</li> <li>• That Cllr Hartley arrange for further cutting back of the shrubbery</li> <li>• That the Chair make enquiries about employing the payback scheme to provide labour for work required on the playing field.</li> <li>• That a litter bin is repaired and a new one purchased for use on the playing field and that Cllr Wood seeks quotes.</li> <li>• That an additional picnic bench is purchased for the playing field.</li> </ul>	<p>AMC GT</p> <p>GT MH</p> <p>EW</p> <p>MW</p> <p>AMC</p>
14-15/74	<p><b>Toilets</b></p> <p>Takings for June were £350.00 . A collection was made at the toilets during a X Bay walk on the 6<sup>th</sup> July and £56.82 was collected . The Chair thanked Cllrs Wood, Kelly, Dracup and volunteer David Jamieson for their valuable time .</p>	
14-15/75	<p><b>The post of Clerk</b></p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> that a report be received from the chair and that following advice from Cumbria Association of Local Councils the job descriptions and terms and conditions for both the Clerk and the Deputy Clerk roles are reviewed. The Chair is meeting with CALC later this week</p>	EW
14-15/76	<p><b>Public Participation</b></p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> that the following points made by members of the public be noted and where required the following actions authorised</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Arnside Fun Day went well and the Council was thanked for their support</li> <li>• The Cemetery custodian was thanked for his work on the Chapel</li> <li>• Flooding on Briary Bank during heavy rain – GT to report to Cumbria County Council</li> <li>• The football club has been successful in securing funding for a defibrillator to be put on the playing field and would the Council to contribute to the purchase of a box as discussed at previous meetings. The Deputy Clerk to Liaise with the football club</li> <li>• A letter from Mr Ian Birrell complimented the Council on their work and asking that the following comments be recorded in the minutes. Issues concerning the cemetery will be addressed later on the agenda</li> </ul> <p><i>I have one worrying question that I would like to put to present Councillors with regard to rumblings that I have heard in the village. It is a rather sensitive issue- which is why I have chosen to write. I have heard that there have been certain historical irregularities with regard to the cemetery at the top of the village. I understand that there is an area in the cemetery that has been previously and disrespectfully referred to as the "Bermuda Triangle"- the reason being that there is considerable uncertainty as to which body resides within which plot. I would ask for confirmation that the present Council are doing all they can to address this issue and to reassure all concerned- as I understand that if it is proven to be the case that there has been malpractice, the council or perhaps past councillors may be liable to be brought to book by relatives of the deceased.</i></p>	<p>GT</p> <p>GT</p> <p>AMC</p>
14-15/77	<p><b>County Councillor and District Councillor reports</b></p> <p>No report was received and no district or county Councillors were present</p>	
14-15/78	<p><b>Police report</b></p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> that the police report be received from M. Boak concerning incidents in the Arnside area over the last month</p>	

	<b>Cemetery Report</b>																												
14-15/79	<b>RESOLVED</b> that the report from the Cemetery Custodian be noted and that the cemetery custodian seek quotes for repairs to the Register of Graves and the purchase of a Register of Transfer of Exclusive Right of Burial	<b>DB</b>																											
14-15/80	A vote was taken whether to read out a public statement prepared by the Chair and Custodian. There were three votes for and two votes against. The votes against were from Cllr G Taylor and Cllr M Hartley for the following reasons “Both myself and Mike Hartley objected to the report being read out as we had only received it that day and had read it only briefly just prior to the meeting. Because of the sensitive nature of the report we requested it not to be read out until we had time to digest the contents”. The Chair read out only the introductory statement, thanked the Custodian for his work and stated that surgeries would be available for any public concerned.																												
14-15/81	<b>Applications for Development</b> <b>RESOLVED</b> that the following responses be made to the Local Planning Authority on applications for development <b>No Objection</b>	<b>AMC</b>																											
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	The Council did however would like to express concerns about parking on Redhills Rd as a result of the following development. This area was identified in a local parking survey some years ago as having parking problems and whilst parking is provided for residents, this may not take into account visitors to the properties or households with multiple vehicles. The Council asks that parking restrictions such as yellow lines are put in place on the road in the vicinity in order to alleviate this problem.																												
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	<b>Financial Records</b>																												
14-15/82	<b>Financial Summary June 2014</b> <b>RESOLVED</b> that the financial Summary and bank reconciliation for be received.																												
14-15/83	<b>RESOLVED</b> that payments listed in the financial report be approved for payment	<b>AMC</b>																											
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14-15/85	<b>RESOLVED</b> that the budget comparison for Quarter 1 be received																												

14-15/86	<b>RESOLVED</b> that the VAT reclaim form is received and that it be submitted	<b>AMC</b>
14-15/87	<b>Cross Bay Walks</b> <b>RESOLVED</b> that a report be received from Cllr Wood concerning the use of toilets and muster points during cross bay walks and that the Deputy Clerk contact all future walk organisers to request a donation of 20p per head for the use of the toilets and other regulations as laid out in the report.	<b>AMC</b>
14-15/88	<b>Street Lighting</b> <b>RESOLVED</b> that a report be received concerning the replacement of street lights that are to be removed from telegraph poles be received and that an SLDC officer be invited to meet with members to discuss future lighting and that Arnside Parish Council will not fund the replacement of the following lights	<b>AMC</b>
	774509	Knott Lane.
	774004	Spinney Lane
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14-15/89	<b>Youth Group</b> <b>RESOLVED</b> that inviting the youth group to attend a meeting be put on the next agenda	<b>AMC</b>
14-15/90	<b>Risk Assessments</b> <b>RESOLVED</b> that risk assessments be received for the Cemetery Chapel and the Toilets, thanks to the Custodian and Cllr Wood, that a risk schedule listing risk assessments and review dates be received and that Risk assessments for the Playground and the Foreshore are carried out by the next meeting	<b>GT</b> <b>MH</b>
14-15/91	<b>Chapel Terms and Conditions Review</b> <b>RESOLVED</b> that the new terms and conditions for hire of the Chapel Hall be adopted as laid out in the new hire form with the following changes no Alcohol to be consumed on the premises, evening functions to finish by 10pm. Also that charges for funeral services be reduced to £20, general hire charges be raised by 5% but regular hirers paying in advance receive a 5 % discount and that arrangements for long term storage are managed separately and arranged by the Deputy Clerk	<b>AMC</b>
14-15/92	<b>Correspondence</b> <b>RESOLVED</b> that all items of Correspondence listed in the schedule be noted and that the Council support a statements that Parishes should be entitled to sell electricity to the National Grid but that at present it has no plans to do so. Deputy Clerk to send the response	<b>AMC</b>
14-15/93	<b>Councillor matters</b> Burton in Kendal is providing educational grants however there is no response to enquiries. The Deputy Clerk to try and contact The Chair attended the Beetham Exhibition Trust AGM. This provides educational Grants and it is suggested that a notice is placed in the Broadsheet next year. A report to follow next meeting	<b>AMC</b>
14-15/94	<b>Date of Next Meeting</b> Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> August 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 4 <sup>th</sup> August and papers and reports received before Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	

The meeting closed at 9:00pm

**Chair:**

**Date:**