

## Arkholme with Cawood Parish Council

### Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held Monday 7 July 2025

#### Public Participation

It was proposed by the Chair, seconded by Cllr Huddleston and agreed by all present that a period of Public Participation will be held at the beginning of each parish council meeting for 15 minutes maximum. Members of the public can speak for a maximum of 3 minutes each.

There was nothing to report in this public participation session by members of the public.

**Present:** Cllrs David Howarth, Chris Preston, James Huddleston, Phillippa Williamson, and the Clerk, Claire Helme.

#### Also present

Catherine Cornall

One member of the public.

1 **Apologies:** None

2 **Declaration of conflicts of interest:** none declared.

#### 3 **Co-option of Catherine Cornall**

At the request of the Chair this item was brought forward in the agenda.

It was proposed by Cllr Huddleston, seconded by Cllr Williamson and agreed by all present that Catherine Cornall be henceforth co-opted as an Arkholme parish councillor. The relevant pecuniary/other interests forms were completed at the end of the meeting.

#### 4 **Minutes of the last meeting:**

Cllr Huddleston proposed acceptance of the minutes of 19 May 2025, this was seconded by Cllr Preston and was signed as a true record by Cllr Howarth.

#### **Matters arising:**

Incidents of dog fouling are still being reported on the village green. It is illegal to let dogs foul and not clear up after them. The Parish Council will investigate signage that will make this clear for use on the village green.

#### 5 **Finance:**

a) Cheque no 000752 for £444.92 for the Clerk's wages April/May/June was approved.

Proposed Cllr Williamson

Seconded Cllr Preston.

b) The Parish Council considered a request for a grant from Halton Juniors FC but agreed not to support the application this time until significantly more local children participate in playing with the club.

c) The balance of account at Lloyds currently stands at £8,913. A VAT refund of £105.79 has been received. Payments of 1,212 for installation of kissing gates(grants), £69 LALC subs and £36 for internal audit have cleared the account.

- 6     **Planning:**  
There was no further information on any pending planning applications at the time of the meeting. It was noted that Gowan Hall Farm/estate was now on the market.
- 7     **Traffic/speeding:**  
Highways will be contacted to see if their mobile speed camera can be re-installed on Kirkby Lonsdale Road; it would be helpful if one that flashes up the actual speed of drivers could be used even if only for a limited period of time. It would cost at least £2-£3k for the Parish Council to purchase its own SPiD which could not be afforded. Councillors also discussed the issues of double-parking along Main Street and whether or not a 20mph speed limit would be possible.
- 8     **Public Rights of Way:**
- Cllr Huddleston reported that 3 more kissing gates have been delivered and will be installed in the near future.
  - Work to fix the issue of the gravel that was washed away under one of the new gates could not be completed as planned. This was due to no road access as highways were working on Bainsbeck bridge but will be done as soon as possible.
  - It was noted that the wall needs to be taken down near the new gate on the other side of the road next to Bainsbeck House.
  - Cllr Cornall reported a stile that is overgrown opposite Lane House Farm and has the potential to be replaced with a kissing gate.
  - The Clerk has sent photographs and What3Words references for the new installations to the PROW team.
- 9     **Village pounds:**  
Pound A has recently become vacant and a new tenant needs to be found. The Clerk will send out a notice via Chris May.
- 10    **Website/email addresses/transparency code:**  
LALC have informed parish councils that there are new requirements for parish councils in the revised transparency code. The requirement for all councils to have a .gov email address and website appears to have been brought forward with many still under the impression that a .org address is compliant for the foreseeable future. At the recent LALC Area Committee meeting a presentation was given by a local website provider who stated that many local parish council websites are not WCAG compliant and this caused considerable consternation with attendees. Arkholme still has work to do on documents etc but has set up its .gov website and .gov email address with an established local website provider.
- 11    **Hopewell Cup:**  
Very few entries have been received so far; the Clerk will send out a further reminder of the competition theme and requirements. Insurance companies will no longer insure the Hopewell Cup in residents' homes so the winners will need to add

to their home contents insurance. If they do not wish to do this they can have their photo taken with the engraved cup instead and the Parish Council will store it.

12 **500 words competition:**

The winners will be announced in the school assembly this morning. Councillors approved payment of £100 to Hayley Whitaker as reimbursement for books for the winners and for engraving of the cup. The Parish Council was thanked for its continued sponsorship of the competition.

13 **United Utilities recent works:**

Cllr Huddleston expressed his dissatisfaction, and that of residents affected, at the United Utilities road closure/works at the end of May/early June outside the Bay Horse Hotel. Residents were diverted via Newton/Docker and deliveries/tankers could not get through without considerable inconvenience for 6 days. For much of this time it appeared that no actual work was being undertaken at the site. The Clerk will write a letter of complaint to United Utilities.

14 **PACT report:**

<b>March</b>	<b>12 crimes in the constabulary area 1 in Arkholme</b>
On or near Carus Park, Arkholme	1 in 'anti'social behaviour' category
Capenwray	8 crimes reported
Nether Kellet	3 crimes reported
<b>April</b>	<b>6 crimes in the constabulary area None in Arkholme</b>
Borwick Lane	1 in 'anti-social behaviour' category
Capenwray Road	1 in 'anti-social behaviour' category
Over Kellet	2 in 'violence/sex offence' category 1 in 'anti-social behaviour' category

**The meeting closed at 8pm.**

Claire Helme  
Clerk  
Arkholme with Cawood Parish Council