

Arkholme with Cawood Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held Monday 1 July 2024

Present: Cllrs David Howarth, Helen Dinsdale, Chris Preston,
Co Cllr Phillippa Williamson, City Cllr James Sommerville and the
Clerk, Claire Helme.

1 **Apologies:** Cllr James Huddleston.

2 **Declaration of conflicts of interest:** None declared

3 **Minutes of the last meeting:**

Cllr Preston proposed acceptance of the minutes of 20 May 2024, this was seconded by Cllr Dinsdale and was signed as a true record by Cllr Howarth.

4 **Finance:**

a) Cheque no 000735 for £424.45 for the Clerk's wages April/May/June at new rate was approved.

Proposed Cllr Preston

Seconded Cllr Dinsdale

b) Cheque no 000736 for the Clerk's travel expenses April/May/July (£16.20) and one ream of printer paper (£4.75) was approved.

Proposed Cllr Dinsdale

Seconded Cllr Preston

c) Bank reconciliation

The Clerk reported that the balance of the account at Lloyds stands at £8,545.59 and after cheques agreed as above the balance will stand at £8,100.19. Grants of £1,400 are included in the final balance.

5. **Planning updates:**

22/01463/OUT Land East of Arkholme Methodist Church, Kirkby Lonsdale Road
Outline application for the development of up to 23 residential dwellings and creation of a new access.

The application for 23 houses was refused at the Planning Regulatory Committee on 24 June although the 16 houses previously permitted can still go ahead. It was refused on the grounds that there are more suitable sites with regard to flooding risk as a sequential test had not been conducted as recommended. Any potential appeal would take into account the merits of the whole scheme and would not focus on the missing part. Although there were objections to the original scheme this application has created more tension as residents perceive that there is enough housing development already (Herb Gardens and the Sheiling); additionally, the school is almost full, the bus service infrequent, the shop closed years ago and the pub has limited hours. The developers have also reneged on the provision of a proper footpath to the village and have not provided enough parking space on site as the Methodist Church car park is no longer available.

24/00570/FUL Brownside, Docker Lane, Arkholme

Erection of an agricultural workers dwelling

No comments were made by councillors

6 **500 words competition:**

The Parish Council has not heard whether the competition will take place as the member of staff at Arkholme school who organised it has left recently.

7 **Hopewell Cup:**

The judging for the tallest sunflower will take place on the first weekend in September. The Clerk will send out a further reminder to residents.

8 **Public Rights of Way:**

The local delivery/biodiversity grant of £800 for 2024/25 has been received.

Potential projects

Possible sites for installing kissing gates were discussed:

- Footpaths 9 and 14 on the Lune Valley Ramble. Footpath 9 is however currently closed and being repaired by Public Rights of Way as a ditch crossing has collapsed due to land slippage.
- Footpath 2 by Bainsbeck House. Footpath 2 has possibly been diverted and Public Rights of Way are investigating.
- Footpath 2 at Locka Lane. The gate is hanging off its hinges and could be replaced.
- Footpath 1 near the parking space. Potential to take out the wall to increase access with a kissing gate.

Footpath 5

The sign near Meadowlands has rotted off at the base and has now disappeared.

Clerk to ask PROW to replace the post.

Footpath 6

The hedge near Cross House has been trimmed right back so the path can now be accessed.

The Parish Council will prioritise Footpath 9, Footpath 1 and the sign on Footpath 5.

9 **Parish Council website:**

The website is progressing slowly with copies of agendas/minutes/annual returns sent. Photographs of the village and some text will be needed in due course.

10 **PACT report:**

There were 19 crimes reported in the constabulary area in April but none in Arkholme. Crimes were reported in Over Kellet, Nether Kellet, Priest Hutton and Tewitfield Marina.

11 **Additional business:**

The Parish Council will attempt to trace the owner of Garlic Wood as residents had expressed concerns over the scramble bike paths and general condition of the land.

The meeting closed at 7.50pm.

Claire Helme

Clerk

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