

Arkholme with Cawood Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held Monday 4 November 2024

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

One member of the public was present.

1 **Apologies:** City Cllr James Sommerville

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

3 **Minutes of the last meeting:**

Cllr Huddleston proposed acceptance of the minutes of 7 October 2024, this was seconded by Cllr Dinsdale and was signed as a true record by Cllr Howarth.

4 **Finance:**

a) Cheque no 000739 for £630 for A2A Advertising Ltd for design of website, domain name registration and annual web hosting fee was approved.

Proposed Co Cllr Williamson

Seconded Cllr Howarth

b) Cheque no 000740 for £40.96 for NALC pay increase (new rate of £13.69) for clerk's backdated pay to 1 April 2024

Proposed Co Cllr Williamson

Seconded Cllr Howarth

c) A donation request for new defibrillator pads for the defibrillator at the village hall had been received from David Smith and it was agreed to reimburse him £150 once the invoice is received by the Clerk.

Proposed Cllr Howarth

Seconded Cllr Dinsdale

d) Bank reconciliation

The Clerk reported that the balance of the account at Lloyds stands at £7,931.74.

After deduction of unallocated PROW grants of £1,400 the balance stands at £6,290.78 including the amounts agreed above at a) and b).

5. **Planning Appeal:**

24/00041/REF or Inspectorate Ref: APP/A2335/W/24/3353408

Land East of Arkholme Methodist Church, Kirkby Lonsdale Rd, Arkholme

Appeal By:

Oakmere Homes (Northwest) Ltd against refusal of planning permission

Appeal Description:

Outline application for the development of up to 23 residential dwellings and creation of a new access.

Councillors expressed concerns that as the development proposed some low-cost housing it might be permitted especially given the recent relaxation in planning regulations. It was decided to re-send all the previous objections that the Parish Council had submitted to the Planning Inspectorate by 24 November but that there was no requirement to re-write a new objection.

6 **Parish Council website/.gov email address:**

The website is up and running but is not yet available by searching on google or other

search engines although this is imminent. The Parish Council will inform residents when the website is ready to view. The Clerk will move over to using the new email address after Christmas but the Clerk will still monitor the current Gmail address.

7 **Public Rights of Way:**

Installation of a kissing gate on the footpath next to Bainsbeck House would be desirable but would require landowner agreement. The Parish Council is not sure whether or not this would require planning permission if it were a completely new gate. Councillors discussed whether residents could suggest ideas for footpath improvements using the grants received.

8 **Christmas:**

Cllr Huddleston has already ordered the Christmas tree and plans to install it with volunteers on Saturday 23 November. The tree will be approx. 16ft high and will cost £250 including delivery. The vicar has agreed to do the 'blessing of the tree' on Friday 29 November at 6pm followed by refreshments at 'The Beeches'. The pillar feed will also be PACT checked by an electrician (T J Electrical) on Tuesday 12 November.

9 **Risk Assessment:**

It was noted that the gate of the smaller village pound was off its hinges.

11 **PACT report:**

No information was available to date.

12 **Additional business:**

- Cllr Huddleston reported that the signpost to Snab Green Lane (cul-de-sac) has broken off at the bottom of the post as a tree has fallen on it.
- Co Cllr Williamson reported that Highways had been out to look at the whole of Locka Lane and that repairs to potholes will take place as soon as possible.
- Parking problems on Main Street outside the school have been reported to the Parish Council. The Clerk will contact the headteacher.
- Cllr Howarth expressed thanks to David Smith and Brenda Ireland for looking after the flower planters and also to David for continuing to mow the grass on the village green.

The meeting closed at 8.00pm.

Claire Helme, Clerk, Arkholme with Cawood PC