

Arkholme with Cawood Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held Monday 6 January 2025

Present: Cllrs David Howarth, Chris Preston, Helen Dinsdale, James Huddleston, Co Cllr Phillippa Williamson and the Clerk, Claire Helme. One member of the public was present.

1 **Apologies:** None

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

3 **Minutes of the last meeting:**

Agenda Item 8, line 5 was amended from 'PACT' testing to 'PAT' testing.

Cllr Huddleston proposed acceptance of the minutes of 4 November 2024, this was seconded by Co Cllr Williamson and was signed as a true record by Cllr Howarth.

4 **Finance:**

a) Annual Budget Forecast

With receipts this financial year of £3,746 the balance carried forward at the end of March 2025 is estimated at approx. £6,087. The balance minus all unspent PROW grants is approx. £3,835. Spending this year has been similar to the previous year; unforeseen expenses included the cost of setting up a new website and .gov email address (£525 plus VAT). The forecast spend for 2025/26 is approx. £3,899 although the 3-year fixed term insurance ends in June and it is difficult to estimate by how much parish insurance might rise.

Precept

In order to keep pace with inflation and maintain healthy contingency reserves it was resolved that the 2025/26 precept increase by approx. 5% to **£3,900**. The tax base this year is slightly higher at 175.95 resulting in an amount of £22.16 per Band D household.

Proposed Cllr Howarth

Seconded Cllr Huddleston

b) Cheque no 000742 for £444.92 for the Clerk's wages Oct/Nov/Dec at the new NALC agreed hourly rate of £13.69 was approved.

Proposed Cllr Howarth

Seconded Cllr Huddleston

c) Cheque no 000743 for £250 for Crabtree Christmas Trees was approved.

Proposed Cllr Howarth

Seconded Cllr Huddleston

d) It was resolved to award an S137 grant of £100 to Arkholme and District WI (cheque no 000744).

Proposed Cllr Howarth

Seconded Cllr Huddleston

d) Cheque no 000745 for £75 for Arkholme Village Hall rental was approved.

Proposed Cllr Howarth

Seconded Cllr Huddleston

5 **Planning Appeal update:**

24/00041/REF or Inspectorate reference APP/A2335/W/24/3353408

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

Outline application for the development of up to 23 residential dwellings/new access.
Appeal is still awaiting decision.

Planning update:

24/01280/FUL 7 The Sheiling, Arkholme, LA6 1FA

Erection of single storey rear extension.

Awaiting decision

24/00570/FUL Brownside, Docker Lane, Arkholme

Erection of an agricultural workers dwelling

The original planning notification was released on 24 May last year but the applicants are still waiting for a decision to be made. After making contact with planning recently they were advised to reconfigure the plans for the proposed dwelling whilst still keeping it within the farm curtilage.

Tree works update:

24/0205/TCA 4 The Sheiling, Arkholme, LA6 1FA

Felling of a birch tree.

Application permitted.

6 **Public Rights of Way:**

- The sign near Meadowlands that had broken off has been replaced and installed on the opposite side of the street.
- The broken sign at Snab Green Lane has not yet been replaced.
- The sign behind Cross House leading to the old station has been cleaned/tidied
- Any repairs needed on the Lune Valley Ramble are the responsibility of the Public Rights of Way department and are not within the scope of the grants awarded to the Parish Council.
- Cllr Huddleston has not yet made contact with the landowners regarding the potential for installing a ‘kissing gate’ next to Bainsbeck House.

7 **Village pounds:**

The rental agreement still needs to be sorted out with regard to Pound A and it was also noted that the pound gate was lying on the ground. With regard to Pound B the tenant reported difficulty in ridding the pound of ground elder in order to maximise its potential.

8 **Risk Assessment:**

- Electrical PAT testing on the pillar feed is complete but we have not yet received the results or the bill.
- Cllr Howarth will forward the written risk assessment of council assets that he recently completed to the Clerk.

9 **Meeting dates:**

The Parish Council will meet on the following Mondays:

3 March, 7 April, 19 May, 7 July, 1 September, 3 November and 5 January 2026.

The Clerk will inform the village hall bookings secretary.

10 **PACT report:**

October	6 crimes in the constabulary area 1 crime in the Arkholme area
Arkholme (on or near Meadoway)	1 in ‘other theft’ category
Kellet Lane/Borwick/Tewitfield area	4 violence/sex offence category
Nether Kellet	1 violence/sex offence category

11 **Additional business:**

- The Blessing of the Christmas Tree by the Vicar and associated refreshments was well attended and enjoyed by all. Thanks were expressed to Cllr Huddleston for arranging both the delivery/erection of the tree and the social event on 29 November.
- The Parish Council will look into the cost of purchasing another defibrillator to perhaps be placed on the wall behind the Jubilee Bench halfway down Main St.

The meeting closed at 7.50pm.

Claire Helme, Clerk, Arkholme with Cawood PC