

Arkendale, Coneythorpe & Clareton
Parish Council

**Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 25th January 2023
in Arkendale Community Hall.**

Present: Cllr J West (Chair), Cllr M Robertshaw, Cllr O Quarmby

In Attendance: Emma Barker (Outgoing Clerk) and Rosie Warner (Incoming Clerk)
Cllr Robert Windass
7 members of the public

2022.66 Apologies for absence – Cllr Ben Cope

2022.67 Declarations of Interest – None declared

2022.68 Public Participation – Cllr J West welcomed all to the meeting

2022.69 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 23rd November 2022 were approved and signed by the chair.

2022.70 Reports from County and Borough Councillors

Cllr Windass was in attendance and provided some updates as below.

- The HBC / NYC changes are effective from 1st March so there is a lot of work going in to making the transition as smooth as possible and keep as many things running the same (e.g., refuse collection)
- NYC are looking to have 6 ‘planning’ area committees to keep the control as local as possible; however, it is still to be decided how this will work.
- There may also be one licensing committee for i.e., taxis and publicans; however, this is yet to be confirmed.
- Staff morale within the council has now improved due to employment security as many employees have secured roles with NYC.
- There is a 4.99% council tax increase scheduled
- A new Asphalt plant application has been lodged and validated which has been submitted by NYC. There was a discussion around this as a previous application had been received which the PC objected to. Cllr Quarmby looking into the most recent application.

Cllr Windass offered the PC and the members of public present the opportunity to ask questions.

Cllr West asked about boundary decisions for the local area, Cllr Windass advised this is still being worked on and is currently unknown; however, it is rumoured that Boroughbridge will fall in with Easingwold and Wetherby.

Cllr West asked Cllr Windass about progress on the new settlement and it was advised that a major landowner has withdrawn. Cllr Windass confirmed that the local plan will remain in place until North Yorkshire come up with a plan for the whole county, this is likely to be in around 5 years time. Cllr Quarmby queried whether Flaxby can rear their heads again.

A resident asked Cllr Windass about regional offices for the public to enter for queries, as is currently in place with HBC office in Harrogate. Cllr Windass advised that local offices will remain in place and these will become NYC offices.

2022.71 Finance Report

The following payments/receipts were advised:

1. **Receipt** of £1.16 – HSBC Interest
2. **Receipt** of £422.24 – Tiger Inn (Defib)

3. Payment of £8.00 – HSBC Bank Charges Nov
4. Payment of £8.00 – HSBC Bank Charges Dec
5. **Receipt** of £3.70 – HSBC Interest
6. Payment of £88.47 – Clerk Salary November
7. Payment of £40.00 – ICO Membership
8. Payment of £52.31 – Autela Payroll Services Q3
9. Payment of £66.40 – HMRC Income Tax Q3
10. Payment of £88.47 – Clerk Salary December

All councillors were provided with a copy of the current accounts by the clerk.

2022.72

Planning Report

Decisions - None

Applications

- Application 6.87.5.E.FUL 22/04388/FUL - Erection of first floor side extension and rear terrace area to the existing landlord's apartment – Tiger Inn, Coneythorpe, HG5 0RY

Cllr West advised revised drawings were received following discussions, however this application is still a concern given the significant location in the village. PC to review and submit response.

Appeals – None

Applications received since the publication of the agenda and prior to the meeting - None

Other – None

2022.73

Highways

Cllr Robertshaw advised that the Arkendale sign on Moor Lane has now been replaced.

Cllr Robertshaw advised there has been another vehicle incident on the corner of Holgate Bank which has damaged the fence again, he will follow this up with Area 6 for action.

Cllr West advised that he will keep members of public updated on road closures during the ongoing maintenance work in Coneythorpe.

2022.74

Countryside Matters and Fly Tipping

Cllr Cope was not present to provide an update.

2022.75

Village Reports

Arkendale

- Christmas Lights – Cllr Quarmby proposed to spend £49.50 + VAT on additional electrical items to make use of the spare string of lights to illuminate a second tree. This was approved.

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- Defibrillator – Cllr West chased Yorkshire Ambulance Service again yesterday, however they have not yet confirmed that the device has been linked to their system. He is continuing to chase.
- Potholes – Cllr West met Mr Chambers of HBC estates who apologised that staff shortages at HBC are having a significant impact in this area, however they are aiming to complete the required maintenance in April 2023.

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Correspondence Received - None

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Cllr West proposed to spend £60 on a temporary fix to make the current Arkendale website secure. This was approved. He advised that he has received some quotes from suppliers. So far, quotes range from £180-£1,000 set up and £300-£1,200 annual maintenance. Cllr West will review and put a proposal together for the next meeting.

2022.78

The Mar / Tree and Hedge Project

Cllr Quarmby has discussed with residents, who were in attendance at the meeting, and has come up with a proposal that the residents rescind their rejection to allow the PC to complete the registration of the land (fee already incurred for the registration). Following this, the PC would then immediately sell the agreed piece of land to the residents for £4,000. The PC would ensure as part of the transfer that a restrictive

covenant is placed on the Parish Council's retained land to ensure there will be no development of The Mar. The PC's legal fees for completing this transfer and dealing with the ownership query are likely to be £2,000 - £2,200 (including £1,500 for the transfer itself). This proposal was agreed and Cllr Quarmby intends to discuss legal fees with lawyer advising PC on this dispute.

2022.79 'Friends of the Mar' Group

Cllr Quarmby advised he is going to arrange a session with the group to make plans for the year as we come into spring.

2022.80 Coneythorpe Village Green / Electrical Supply

Cllr West is working on this proposal and will present an update at the next meeting.

2022.81 Parish Clerk – New Appointment

Rosie was welcomed to the Parish Council and will be starting her new position as Clerk on 1st February 2023.

2022.82 Matters for Inclusion on the Next Agenda

Village Litter Pick – OQ

Replacing Failed Trees – JW / OQ. NB. TPO fund reallocation to this project agreed in principle.

King's Coronation – Robyn Cox

2022.83 Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled to be held on Wednesday 22nd March 2023 in Arkendale Community Hall at 7.30pm.

Signed Dated