



WELCOME to the eighth issue of our Parish Council Newsletter. We publish two issues each year in order to keep our community informed of the council’s activities.



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New Road Surface

There have been many positive comments about the new road surface on the Promenade and Silverdale Road. The work, completed by contractor Kiely Bros Ltd, was conducted as part of a £3.3 million programme in Westmorland and Furness to prevent potholes and extend the life of the road network. The pre-existing road surface was removed and a new sub-base of crushed stone was then covered by a new asphalt surface. The asphalt was rolled to produce a smooth and

level driving surface. The re-surfacing was thanks to sustained lobbying from the Parish Council and especially from Councillor Helen Chaffey.



The Foreshore

The Parish Council owns the foreshore as part of its managed assets. The beach and foreshore are a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) protected by law to conserve their important wildlife, geological, or physiographical features.

The geology of this area is of international fame – with a unique mix of fossils. The Kent Estuary is a haven for wading birds.

Recently some cars and motorcycles have been seen being driven down the slipway onto the foreshore. The only vehicles permitted to do this are those delivering or collecting

boats and of course the vehicles of the Bay Search and Rescue.



Please report any sightings of unauthorised vehicles on the foreshore to the Clerk of the Parish Council as soon as you can.

Pier and Promenade Railings Refurbishment

The long and onerous task of refurbishing and repainting the extensive lengths of railings on the pier and promenade is now well underway, funded by the Parish Council.



Affordable Homes for Arnside

Arnside Parish Council's partner in building affordable homes is South Lakes Housing (SLH). SLH has now completed the purchase of the site designated for housing development on Briery Bank. Tenders have been invited for architecture and construction services and it is hoped that the suppliers can be confirmed before Christmas.

The site has outline planning permission for eight homes. In order to gain the right for development Reserved Matters must be submitted. These include the layout, appearance and scale of the development, together with landscaping and access to the site. It is hoped that this application can be made early next spring.



Funding for the development will be applied for from Homes England, the government's housing agency. The next tranche of funding applications is likely to be next April. Once final planning approval and funding is received it is hoped that construction can start. The construction phase may take around 18 months or so.



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The Briery Bank Site

The site at Briery Bank was formerly an apple orchard. The orchard was originally established in the 1750s and replanted in the 1890s. The orchard was purchased by developers in 2002 who the next day cut down all the trees except for a few damson trees around the outside. The site became overgrown and derelict.

Prior to South Lakes Housing purchasing the site this year its former owners cleared the site completely, including the damson trees that had survived the 2002 clearance. However the damsons had spread seedlings and suckers across

the site and it is hoped that some of these will have survived beneath the surface.

Arnside & Silverdale National Landscape's Growing Station volunteers will attempt to collect some suckers which will be raised at their nursery until suitable locations are found.

It is possible that some may be returned to the site once the affordable homes have been built and help to enhance the environment of the new housing.

Councillors' Email Addresses

Please note that we have now introduced standard gov.uk email addresses for our parish councillors and officers. The full list is shown on page 4.



Arnside Playground Project

The Playground has been up and running since May. Councillor Helen Chaffey said; "Many congratulations to Rebecca Kennington and the rest of the Playground Fundraising Group and to all the people who raised and donated funds, a fantastic community effort!"

A recent contribution made by the Methodist Church has allowed the purchase of sensory play panels.

Arnside Parish Council is also contributing to the purchase of further equipment for the Playground.

In a new development the Parish Council is considering the installation of outdoor gym equipment for adult use on the Memorial Recreation Ground.



Westmorland & Furness Council Waste Disposal and Recycling

At the 9th September W&FC Cabinet Meeting it was agreed to harmonise waste and recycling services across the authority. For Arnside in the South Lakeland area this means:

- Adoption of an alternate weekly recycling kerbside collection service using 2 x 180-litre wheeled bins rather than the current two boxes and one bag with bespoke service arrangements for residents that cannot adopt wheeled bins
- Continuing to use a 240 litre wheeled bin for waste collection fortnightly
- The prospect of being charged a fee for garden waste collection from 2026/7. Although a council spokesman said "the recommendation relating to garden waste does not mean a decision has been taken on charges. We will make any decision on charges for garden waste collection as part of our budget discussions, which take place early next year."

Currently, Westmorland and Furness Council delivers 7.5 million collections annually to 117,000 households in one of the largest and most rural unitary local authority areas in the country, covering a geographic area of 1,500 square miles.

Arnside Repair Cafe

The Parish Council has pledged to help Arnside be carbon neutral by 2030. We therefore congratulate Arnside Repair Café on its highly successful first year of operation. The Repair Café runs from 10am to 12 noon at the Educational Institute alongside the Community Cafe. Volunteer repairers attempt to fix broken items brought in to the cafe, helping to reduce waste and carbon emissions. There is no charge, but donations are requested.

The next two dates are:

Monday 27th October and Monday 24th November.

King Sharp will be attending the October Repair Café. He sharpens blunt knives, tools and garden equipment. Charges are from £3 per item.

You can do your bit for the environment and recycle those knives, scissors, clipper blades or tools by having them sharpened instead of throwing them away.



A New Parish Councillor

David Gee has been co-opted as a councillor on Arnside Parish Council. His is a retired Circuit Judge and was latterly the Designated Family Judge for Lancashire.

He says "I look forward to serving the community as a councillor. I have lived here happily for 21 years and in recent years have been a Trustee and Secretary of Arnside Homes for Ukraine Charity and Secretary of Arnside Helpways Transport. I see this as a way of giving back a little to the village of which I have become so fond."



The vacancy arose following the resignation of Rebecca Kennington. The Council thanks Rebecca for her outstanding contribution, not least in leading the new playground project.



Arnside Biodiversity Project



A dry winter and spring got the verges off to a good start - the spring flowers put on a very good show. By June it was clear that the Yellow-rattle was having the desired effect of suppressing the taller grasses, especially on the Sandside Rd verge. A species survey by Charlotte Rankin of Cumbria Wildlife Trust showed a greater variety of species on Sandside Rd than on the Blackdyke Rd verges, which is interesting, since the latter have been under treatment for 18 months longer.

The A&SNL volunteers will be planting more plugs and sowing more seeds - Yellow-rattle seeds at Blackdyke, to reduce the tall grasses, and plugs at both sites, to increase the colour through the season.

Thanks to Dougie Watson and his colleagues from Arnside & Silverdale Natural Landscape for their unstinting

devotion, without which the project simply wouldn't have happened.

There's other work afoot too: the annual cut of the wildflower bank at Beachwood, where the children from Arnside School will soon be hard at work on their patch again, planning the next steps after the wildflower garden survey results have been fully processed and looking at how we might use some of the remote corners of the recreation ground for planting for pollinators.

Finally, the winner of the prize draw on the garden survey is Di Ward. She collected her £40 voucher towards refreshments at the Fighting Cocks last week. Thanks to Tony at YOFC for his generosity.

Councillor Steve Porter

Arnside Village Meeting

The Parish Council hosted the Arnside Annual Village Meeting in May. Representatives from ten clubs and organisations in Arnside gave information and updates for the past year as well as future plans. They responded to questions from villagers and presented a most encouraging picture of the strength and variety of community activities in Arnside. The Parish Council also presented a report on its activities over the past year.

We hope that more organisations will be able to take part in next year's Village Meeting.

Snippets

- Westmorland & Furness Council is conducting a car parking review which will include Arnside. We await developments.
- The Parish Council has purchased a replacement flagpole for the War Memorial which will be in place in time for Remembrance Day.
- A new Union Jack has also been purchased to replace the rather tattered flag on the pier flagpole.
- The Parish Council is considering installing a Speed Indicator Device in the village.



Your Parish Councillors

The Parish Council consists of local residents working voluntarily in the interests of the parish.

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Meet Your Parish Councillors

Parish Council Meetings are normally held on the second Monday of the month in the Cemetery Office on Silverdale Road commencing at 7.15 p.m. All are welcome to attend. Please contact the Clerk in advance of the meeting if you wish to attend. <https://www.arnsideparishcouncil.co.uk/>