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**MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF FARNHILL PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
THURSDAY 26th OCTOBER 2023 AT 7.30PM IN KILDWICK/FARNHILL INSTITUTE.**

BUSINESS

ATTENDEES: VICE CHAIR CLLR J. WARING, CLLRS J. MCFARLANE, S. CLOSE, S. TRIGG, W. MCDONALD, NYC REPRESENTATIVE A. BROWN, CLERK J.FIELDHOUSE

140/23 APOLOGIES, REASON FOR ABSENCE AND ACCEPTANCE OF REASON

Apologies received from Chair Cllr D. Atkinson and Cllr J. Walton. All apologies were accepted by the Council

141/23 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (MAXIMUM 15MINS)

A member of the public attended to discuss the state of the pinnacle and what the Parish suggests can be done about this.

It was resolved that the Parish simply does not have the funds within the Budgets to cover the expense of the repairs. The Parish did confirm that that does not prevent local residents from starting a go funding page to attempt to raise the funds. The issue remains that even if the funds are raised and the repairs undertaken again it will not stop vandals from destroying it. The resident made a suggestion of placing a fence around the pinnacle to prevent further vandalism but this is private land so the resident was informed that they would need to speak with the landowners and discuss this idea with them. The Parish did point out that the access to the pinnacle is somewhat more limited now in comparison to past repairs owing to self-seeded saplings so it will make any proposed works tricky to access safely.

142/23 DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

A Councillor wished to have a disclaimer read into the minutes that she is participating in Council Business in her own right as a Councillor and not as a lawyer, as she is not insured to give legal advice in her personal capacity and any issues that arise that require a legal opinion must be confirmed by the Parish Council's own lawyers.

143/23 UPDATE FROM NYC REPRESENTATIVE

York and North Yorkshire have earmarked the money to undertake works on the canal footpath and Bradford are currently looking at doing the same for their stretch which means that the canal footpath can have repairs undertaken from York all the way through to Bradford.

North Yorkshire Council has launched a new scheme for 2 types of improvements to public buildings such as schools, hospitals, village halls, leisure centers etc.

- Type 1. Public buildings can apply for up to £50,000 to help lower energy use and save on bills / cut carbon emissions to help make low-carbon energy upgrades to their buildings ranging from heat pumps and solar panels to new energy efficiency measures such as insulation and low energy lighting..
- Type 2 funding for general improvements to fabrics has to go through a process but it helps with match funding being put in place.

There is also a 3rd scheme for small businesses with under 200 employees to make improvements to their buildings.

There is an offer to obtain Flooding sandbags from North Yorkshire Council but the Parish would need to find storage that can be accessed by all residents which proves somewhat difficult. It was resolved that Clerk would contact Skipton Town Council to find out if they have a storage area for residents to access sandbags from that we could potentially direct the residents of Farnhill to.

At the end of Cononley Road there is an old tip and it was recently discovered that it had been washing out into the River Aire with plastic. The Council have been asked to try get wicker baskets around the area to stop this happening.

144/23 CLERKS REPORT

Clerks report was received by all Councillors and updates provided within each point of the Agenda below.

145/23 CONONLEY PARISH COUNCIL JOINT APPLICATION FOR A GRANT FOR WARD MEMBER FUNDING VIA CLLR BROWN TO IMPROVE ACCESS TO THE LEEDS - LIVERPOOL CANAL TOWPATH AT THE CONONLEY LANE JUNCTION WITH THE A629 SKIPTON ROAD.

It was resolved that Cononley Parish think that may have enough money to cover this project but if they do overrun they are aware that they can rely on the earmark funds from Farnhill Parish. Clerk to remove this from the agenda until further updates provided.

146/23 APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF FPC MEETING HELD ON 28 SEPTEMBER 2023

It was resolved that the Minutes of FPC meeting held on 28.09.2023 were Approved.

147/23 COMMUNITY RESILIENCE FOR AIRE VALLEY – STORAGE OF SANDBAGS AND OTHER FLOOD DEFENCE MECHANISMS

It was resolved that there is no where to place any storage shed/unit for sandbags within the village. Clerk will find out where to access sandbags from in the event of a flood eg do Skipton or Silsden have any and could we direct residents here.

148/23 TO DISCUSS ISSUES RAISED WITH RESIDENTIAL DOG

It was resolved that Clerk would talk to NYC for advice on what can be done regarding a dog barking throughout the night and disturbing residents sleep.

149/23 CANAL AND RIVER TRUST ISSUES

- A) REDMAN SWINGBRIDGE – Clerk has received an update from the Canal and River Trust in that they plan to undertake a temporary repair on the bridge until a more permanent repair

can be undertaken next year . It was resolved that Clerk is to go back and chase up earlier request for a meeting with the engineer so that the Parish can be given a full briefing of what the proposals are.

- B) **CYCLISTS** – Clerk ordered 4 signs and 4 posts to be erected by the Parish in different areas of the Canal. An application for a grant towards the work has been put through on a match funding basis however the Parish still need to calculate what the expense will be for erecting the posts so when Clerk is contacted this can be put forward. A member of the Canal and River Trust have raised concerns over one of the proposed suggested areas for a sign to be placed. Clerks contact was unsure what the concern was and whom raised it but they will chase this up.

150/23 DEVELOPMENT PLAN

- a. **Highways – nothing to raise**
- b. **Lighting Issues – Main Street light out, High Farnhill light out by unused bus stop.**
Clerk has raised these issues and a response has been received confirming that repairs are booked in and will be undertaken soon.
- c. **Update on the following items for the play area**
 - i. **Inspection of Play Area** - a Councillor has done this today, weeds are growing out of the steps, there are grass cuttings that have been left behind from maintenance, ROSPA have pointed out that there is strimmer damage to the play equipment wood which will leave them vulnerable to rot. A Councillor suggested maybe putting something around the equipment to prevent strimmer damage. Clerk to contact ROSPA for advice on how to protect as it is not viable to ask landscaper to cut around the equipment by hand with Secateurs or pruning scissors and they simply cannot just leave it to grow wild.
 - ii. **Repairs** a coat of paint has been put on the play equipment but it needs more doing.
 - iii. **Lease** still awaiting registration
- d. **Continuing to improve our Council** . One of the Cllrs has undergone Planning Training and another Cllr is interested in taking a course regarding County Lines but was unsure about it. It was resolved that the Cllr would consider this and get back to Clerk if it is to be booked.
- E. **Inspections of pathways, benches and walls** – village inspection 11 November 10am.
- f. **Landscape Maintenance.** To discuss/ format a plan for the Administration of the Parish Maintenance equipment to prevent frustrations amongst those that require access.

It was resolved that there is nowhere to place a shed or storage unit for Sandbags/ gardening tools and the Chair would continue to be the administrator of the maintenance equipment access and if there were a time when he would not be available he will pass the responsibility on to another Councillor in his absence. Clerk to draft a letter to those requiring access and explain the new system to avoid further frustrations.

151/23 PLANNING APPLICATION FOR REF ZA23/25166/HH CONSTRUCTION OF DETACHED GARAGE THE OLD STABLES SKIPTON ROAD FARNHILL KEIGHLEY BD20 9BT

This Application was approved subject to conditions.

PLANNING APPLICATION FOR WORKS ON THE ARBOUR TREES REF ZA23/25334/TCA

There is no updates regarding this application

**TREE WORKS TO BE UNDERTAKEN BY YORKSHIRE HOUSING
REPORTED TREE ISSUES ON MAIN STREET**

Yorkshire Housing are going to put an application through for tree maintenance to the 3 sycamores which belong to them but we are still no further forward with locating the owners of the problematic trees. It was resolved that Councillors will take a further look at these on the walk about organised on the 11th November.

A. HAZEL AND WILLOW TREE GROWING BELOW CANAL WALL CONCERNS OF POTENTIAL DAMAGE TO SEWAGE PIPE AND CANAL POLLUTION.37/39 MAIN STREET -

Clerk has flagged this concern to the Canal and River Trust who have requested pictures so they can establish where the tree is and the extent of the concern. It was resolved that Clerk will chase this up with Canal and River Trust and Photos to be taken on the village walk. Clerk to also ask if the Engineer can take a look at this.

**152/23 D-DAY 80TH ANNIVERSARY ON 6TH JUNE 2024 DETAILS
SUPPLIED BY YLCA.**

If taking part, to provide further information to Pageant Master no later than 30th May 2024. Unfortunately, after much deliberation this is not something Farnhill will be able to participate in due to very tight budget and the pricey equipment which will be required to participate in this event safely. This matter has therefore been resolved and can be removed.

Wreath for remembrance day ordered.

153/23 RESPONSES TO EMAILS, LETTERS AND PHONE CALLS

154/23 FINANCE & ACCOUNTS

To consider the following invoices for approval

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| • Jodie Fieldhouse (Salary October) | £234.27 |
| • Nest Pension | £12.57 |
| • Wreath | £19.99 |
| • Peggy Wilson Insurance | £52.51 |

155/23 CORRESPONDENCE

**DONATION BY DELEIVERY COMPANY WHO CAUSED DAMAGE TO THE ARBOUR
GRASS**

It was resolved that Clerk will chase this up.

**156/23 MINOR ITEMS OF BUSINESS & ITEMS TO GO ON AGENDA NEXT
MONTH.**

CHRISTMAS TREE - It was resolved that The Parish will order a tree from the same company as last year who send a percentage to charity and it will need to be over 10ft. Use of a van has been offered by a Councillor to collect the tree.

Strimmer has been taken for service

157/23 HOLIDAYS

ADDENDUM

158/23 PLANNING APPLICATION FOR REF ZA23/25420/HH Fairmount, Starkey Lane, Farnhill, Keighley, BD20 9AW Fairmount, Starkey Lane, Farnhill, Keighley, BD20 9AW FOR NEW TIMBER FENCE ABOVE EXISTING STONE WALL

A Councillor declared an interest in this matter.

It was resolved that the fence is not in keeping with the rest of the village with the design appearance materials and not fit for purpose. It is very exposed to the weather and won't withstand time, it's a solid fence and therefore the wind will not be able to pass through it.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

THURSDAY 23 NOVEMBER 2023 IN KILDWICK/FARNHILL INSTITUTE AT 7.30PM

ALL MEMBERS OF THE VILLAGE ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND

Clerk 21/10/2023

Items for the agenda for next month: Approval of minutes of meeting in October, Clerks Report, Development Plan, Highways, NYCC Street Lighting, Lease, Tree issues within Farnhill, Planning permission, Canal & River Trust Update, Flood Preparation Plan, Remembrance day, Residential Dog Disturbance, Christmas, Budgets.

DECEMBER MEETING TO BE RECONVENED TO 4TH JANUARY AND A SECOND MEETING AS NORMAL.