

FARNHILL PARISH COUNCIL

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**MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF FARNHILL PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
THURSDAY 23rd MARCH 2023 AT 7.30PM IN KILDWICK/FARNHILL INSTITUTE.**

BUSINESS

Present: Chair D Atkinson, Clerk J Fieldhouse, Cllrs J McFarlane, J Walton, S. Close, W. McDonald, CDC Representative Cllr Brown, Cononley Representative Cllr M. Dracup and 2 members of the public.

290/23 APOLOGIES, REASON FOR ABSENCE AND ACCEPTANCE OF REASON

Apologies received from Cllr Waring and Cllr Trigg. It was resolved that the reasons given are accepted.

291/23 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (MAXIMUM 15MINS)

Resident one raised concerns about the tree works at the top of the Arbour and that some of the trees appear to be growing at the wrong angle. It has been resolved that we will be raising all the issues with the Arboriculturist. Pictures have already been taken and will be sent on to the arboriculturist.

Resident two raised the point about the roadworks by Bradley on the A629. Due to the extent of the traffic jams caused by the poor efficiency of the temporary lights, drivers were using Farnhill and Bradley as a main road to Skipton causing blockages due to the inability to pass another vehicle on the narrow roads. And Speeding issues throughout. After a lengthy discussion it was resolved that the issues Highways have pointed out on a number of occasions are that the roads are not wide enough to put in traffic calming measures without causing further parking difficulties for residents. The briefing received regarding the number of gasworks being undertaken and the amount of work being undertaken at the time was owing to the fact that because it was a mains gas pipe they can only work on them when there was a low pressure time around 6 hours a day and they were struggling to find which point had the leak. It was resolved that the Parish Council are currently looking at setting up a Community Speed Group with a few of the residents and that the Parish Council will keep on highlighting the traffic issues and concerns with Highways in an attempt to obtain a resolution.

292/23 DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

None

293/23 UPDATE FROM CDC REPRESENTATIVE

The locality budget for funding is 10,000 per year for the next 4 years to cover 6 villages. Will try to do one big project and then several little projects. Any applications for funding must be above £400. Eg bowling, sports equipment. Ideally small requests for around £400 with occasional funding for things like traffic calming measures.

Campaign in Cowling to get 20mph for all villages in North Yorkshire. Drivers will always be tempted to go through the smaller villages faster and there is a great need for fixed or average cameras. The Campaign has recently been on the news nationally, BBC, ITV, Radio York and various other radio stations raised with Police and Fire Commission and looking in to a new policy. Cowling would like other villages to join the campaign and get these cameras fitted.

2nd campaign sewage and air pollution issues – the River Aire has had sewage released 4088 times and one of the areas is just below Skipton. Children are jumping off the bridge into raw sewage. Yorkshire water releasing it even when its not bad weather.

CDC ends 30th March the website will still be there but we are meant to go via the NYCC website told everything will happen as smoothly as possible. First IT officer told not been given any permission to do anything with the NYCC website so no idea what he is doing after this date.

There are 7 people for the Planning Committee. One Councillor from Ingleborough, one from Skipton, Cllr Brown and 4 Cllrs from Pateley Bridge and Rippon area. Hearings will be held in Craven. Cllr Brown will no longer have the right to call a meeting after the 21 day notice period so he is utterly dependent on villages and villagers telling him. Get hold of Cllr Brown quickly no matter how small. The Chief Planning Officer will be the NY Officer.

Strategic housing and economic land assessment is out. Assessment of every site that might be developed in Kildwick and Farnhill.

Most local body in North Yorkshire is now the Skipton and Ripon Area Committee which comprises of 9 Councillors from Craven,Rippon and Pateley Bridge

294/23 **CONONLEY PARISH COUNCIL REQUEST TO JOIN THEM WITH MAKING AN 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.**

Cononley have been given a possible quote of £5000 for materials and they wish to make an application under section 106. Cononley also have a grant in place which they hope to use some of the sums for leisure purposes but down to the Council what they use it for.

No cycle route on the new route purely pedestrian only.

Agreed in principle to go along with the project. Once Cononley have full details of costings we can make a joint application for a ward grant timescale wise we don't know from a planning point of view whether permission needed. Land belongs to Canal and River Trust who are going to cover the labor. Wood cottage is the boundary of Farnhill Parish. Cononley will look into the possibility of putting a gate at the bottom of the stairs to prevent dogs pulling owners onto the road.

It was resolved without committing to money as figures not available all agreed that we would be involved in this project with Cononley. Grant needs to be allocated by January but if slips into another year its not a disaster.

295/23 **REGISTER OF INTEREST FORMS FROM THE NEW COUNCILLOR**

Resolved

296/23 **CLERKS REPORT**

Resolved to transfer 2,500 to the community account

297/23 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 23RD FEBRUARY 2023.**

Resolved all approved

298/23 **TO DISCUSS MEETING TIMES, DATES AND AGENDAS FOR THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING ON 27TH APRIL 2023 AND THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL 4TH MAY 2023.**

It was resolved that the Annual Meeting of the Parish will take place on 27 April 2023 at 7:30. A Cllr representing both Craven District Council and North Yorkshire has confirmed attendance. Clerk has written to the police for a representative to attend however no response as yet. To do a flyer as per last year as this worked very well. 2 Councilors were nominated to draft this and print. Clerk to notify police of Deadline need to know if attending by 31st March for preparing the flyers. To obtain table cloths etc. one of the other Councillors will get refreshments and snacks, any leftovers will be purchased by the Cllrs . Chair will do a presentation. Another Councillor will purchase table clothes and pens. Cllrs to be at the Institute by 6:30 to set up.

It was resolved that the meeting date for the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council will be held on the 4th May 2023 Cllrs to arrive for 7pm and meeting will commence at 7:30pm.

299/23 **ISSUES RAISED BY PARISHIONERS**

Resident regarding flooding from Bradley Road going on Main Street. Resolved

A resident has raised concerns regarding the drains being blocked full of facewipes from houses at the Arbour and would like to put something in news letters not to put them in the toilets/drains. It was resolved to bring it up at the parish meeting.

300/23 **DEVELOPMENT PLAN**

- a. **Highways – Drains, Roads etc**
- b. **Lighting Issues – No response Resolved chair to try calling.**
 - i. Hanover Street
 - ii. Inspection schedule leading to replacement programme
 - iii. Light out
- c. **Update on the following items for the play area**
 - i. Lease – had a note that this is now complete but the document does not have CDC stamp on. Clerk to chase sealed version.
 - ii. Inspection of Play Area –this was done on 13.03.2023. Photos have been taken and are at the front of the inspection folder. Clerk to attach these to the to lease for completeness.
 - iii. **Continuing to improve our Council -**
 - Appointment of internal auditor underway.
 - BBC are waving licensing fee for TV use of coronation
 - Pay increase Clerk to download.

Standing Orders - Standing Orders to be amended due to notice received from YLCA to show threshold for tendering of contractors has been altered from 30,000 to 25,000.00

301/23 **ARBICULTORISTS TREE INSPECTION AND WORKS TO BE UNDERTAKEN ON THE ARBOUR AND PINFOLDS / APPLICATIONS TO UNDERTAKE ANY NECESSARY WORKS UPON RECEIPT OF REPORTS.**

After a lengthy discussion it was proposed that Clerk will send documents to the insurers. Chair will forward pictures of the debris left on the Arbour. Chair and 2 other Cllrs will meet and resolve where the TPO trees are in Farnhill and mark these on a map.

302/23 **TO DISCUSS INSTRUCTION OF EXTERNAL AUDITOR**

Clerk doing this

303/23 **DOG WASTE MANAGEMENT**

Resolved clerk to chase

304/23 **GRIT BINS**

One of the Councillors will follow up on this issue.

305/23 **COMMUNITY SPEED GROUP**

Cllr Close has emailed the volunteers details of the next meeting

306/23 **RENTAL AGREEMENT WITH RESIDENT FOR LAND DESCRIBED AS GARDEN RENTAL**

Deferred to next meeting

307/23 **CORONATION OF KING CHARLES 3RD**

Joint venture with Kildwick Parish Council.

Ideas to date:-

On 4th May to 8th May any residents who wish to take part will be encouraged to place a scarecrow in their garden or decorate windows in the house to commemorate the event. A Trail to be set up for families to go around the villages and admire the displays prepared by the participating residents. Hopefully a map of the trail detailing all of the participating residents will be made, so Councillors will need to know who is taking part in the displays in advance to prepare the same. As participants follow the trail, they will be able to say what each property displayed.

Communal viewing of the coronation to be held in the parish rooms. Asking local stores to sponsor, to provide refreshments and snacks towards the event. To identify the need of people who would like to come along. So can register as the capacity is 24 seated. Once capacity is reached will then have to start a reserved list.

Big picnic on Sunday in the field next to the Red Lion. A band from Cowling are volunteering to play. Trying to get a number of different things set up for the day such as duck race, tug of war two marquees loaned for bad weather can bring gazebos and tables maypole dancing for the children bell ringing in the church volunteers to come back to clear up the field after the event.

308/23

RESPONSES TO EMAILS, LETTERS AND PHONE CALLS

309/23

FINANCE & ACCOUNTS

To consider the following invoices for approval

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| • Jodie Fieldhouse (Salary March) | £217.18 |
| • Nest Pension | £11.46 |
| • Clerks expenses | |
| ▪ Ink | £13.09 |
| ▪ Paper | £4.49 |
| ▪ Training | £50.00 |
| • Keighley Tree Services | £540.00 |
| • Starter Linux programming for the FP website | £75.59 |
| • Request for transfer of funds | £2500.00 |

Resolved to pay all invoices and transfer £2,500 from the business account to the community account.

310/23

CORRESPONDENCE

Resolution to support Cowlings Speed limits. Clerk to contact them to confirm our support in seeking fixed cameras in villages.

North Yorkshire Council has asked if we would like to take over the responsibility of grass cutting from Urban visibility if we take over they will pay us £35.29. It was resolved that we do nothing with this as we do not wish to take this responsibility over.

311/23

MINOR ITEMS OF BUSINESS & ITEMS TO GO ON AGENDA NEXT MONTH.

312/23

HOLIDAYS

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

APRIL 2023 IN KILDWICK/FARNHILL INSTITUTE AT

All members of the village are welcome to attend

Clerk 23rd March 2023

Items for the agenda for next month: Approval of minutes of meeting in March, Clerks Report, Kings Coronation, Development Plan, dog waste bin, Highways, NYCC Street Lighting.