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MINUTES FOR THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF FARNHILL PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 15th NOVEMBER 2023 AT 7.00PM IN KILDWICK/FARNHILL INSTITUTE.

BUSINESS

INVITED: CHAIR CLLR D. ATKINSON, VICE CHAIR CLLR J. WARING, CLLRS J. MCFARLANE, S. CLOSE, W. MCDONALD, J. WALTON, NYC REPRESENTATIVE A. BROWN, CLERK J.FIELDHOUSE

159/23 APOLOGIES, REASON FOR ABSENCE AND ACCEPTANCE OF REASON

Clerk J. Fieldhouse , Cllr S. Trigg and J. Walton sends their apologies.

Apologies received and accepted for Councillors S. Trigg, J. Walton and J. Fieldhouse – Clerk

160/23 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (MAXIMUM 15MINS)

NONE

161/23 DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

NONE

163/23 CLERKS REPORT

NONE – all current Budgets and Accounts received.

164/23 CLOSURE OF THE PLAYAREA

Chair updated Council after a chance meeting earlier in the day with Officers from NYC; who reported:

1. An initial investigation into the carpark wall structure had been carried out which identified some visual issues.
2. A monthly monitoring meeting had taken place since that survey
3. Further more detailed investigation is required and to that end the Officers will arrange for the vegetation to be removed from the wall and a specialist survey to be undertaken.
4. Chair was able to provide the officers with a local history of issues with the wall and CDC drawing from 2011 for the building of the buttress at the Eastern end of the wall.
5. Officers advised to keep Play area locked until they notify us that the wall is safe.
6. Officers confirmed that they would issue updates to the Clerk.

It was resolved:

1. The Council would write to NYC expressing concern that the important email which was issued by NYC in May containing instruction to close the play area was successively issued to the incorrect address and was therefore not received by the Council until November. Why

was this not pursued, particularly given that the monthly NYC monitoring would have identified that the play area was still open.

2. The item would be added to the agenda for the Full Council meeting on 23 November 2023 and the clerk be asked to provide the already requested email and WhatsApp communication on this issue since November 2012
3. The play area would remain closed until notification from NYC that it was safe to re-open.

165/23

BUDGETS AND PRECEPT FOR 2024-2025
TO GO OVER THE BUDGETS AND DECIDE IF CLLRS ARE TO SET THESE, TO AGREE A FIGURE FOR EACH TOPIC FOR 2024-2025.

It was resolved that the full budget would be discussed and agreed at the meeting on 23 November 2023. Cllrs to ask the Clerk to prepare the precept documentation to request a precept of £15,750 (current year precept + 5% as agreed by the Council in 2023) and bring the documentation to the full meeting on 23 November for full approval

YLCA SUGGEST MONTHLY INTERNAL CONTROL WITH CLLRS/NOMINATED CLLR GOING OVER THE BANKSTATEMENTS AND INVOICES.

YLCA ALSO SUGGEST A CONTINGENCY SHOULD BE FACTORED IN FOR:-

1. **STAFFING COSTS IN CASE CLERK UNABLE TO WORK AND NEED TO PAY ANOTHER CLERK.**
2. **TREE WORKS – IN CASE OF SEVERE WEATHER DAMAGE**
3. **LEGAL FEES – IN CASE NEED ANY LEGAL REPRESENTATION.**

It was resolved that the Clerk is to add these items to the agenda for 23 November 2023. In the meantime to ask Clerk to write to NYC to ascertain whether, in the event of any significant unexpected expenditure being incurred, that grants would be available to the Council from NYC

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 10/11/2023

Items for the agenda for next month: Approval of minutes of meeting in October/November, Clerks Report, Development Plan, Highways, NYCC Street Lighting, Tree issues within Farnhill – visit of the Tree Officer, Canal & River Trust Update, Noise Disturbance, Maintenance Equipment Storage, Precept.