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**MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF FARNHILL PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON  
THURSDAY 26<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2024 AT 7.30PM IN KILDWICK/FARNHILL INSTITUTE.**

**BUSINESS**

**ATTENDEES:** CHAIR CLLR J.WARING, VICE CHAIR CLLR S.CLOSE, CLLRS  
D.ATKINSON, W. MCDONALD, J. WALTON, A. KEENAN-DUNNE , NYC  
REPRESENTATIVE, CLERK J.FIELDHOUSE .

**142/24            APOLOGIES, REASON FOR ABSENCE AND ACCEPTANCE OF REASON**

None

**143/24            PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (MAXIMUM 15MINS)**

4 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

One member was just interested to find out what the Parish meetings entail.

2 Members were attending regarding the trees in front of their property - cherry tree and beech tree. On the day the tree surgeons attended the Arbour the resident spoke to the contractor and was told not got time, the beech tree was crown reduced but it is a complete mess, and the cherry tree was completely left. The residents are hoping that we can apply to have the two trees removed with a view to replacing them with something more attractive. If this is not possible could the Parish Council pollard the cherry tree as we already have permission for this?. The surgeon informed the council that he didn't do this owing to the prosthetics of it. NYC Representative confirmed that it will be difficult to remove the beech but they may agree to remove the bird cherry. The residents confirmed that they would be happy to pay towards removal / replacement tree.

A resident attended to get further clarification regarding the upper Arbour maintenance as didn't want it going wild. It was confirmed that this is not the intention. The current maintenance system in place for the Upper Arbour is not going to be altered. The system is working at no cost to the council/residents and the residents are doing brilliant, it is greatly appreciated by the Parish Council.

All attendees were asked if anyone would like to join the Council, unfortunately there was no response.

**144/24            DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS**

None

**145/24            UPDATE FROM NYC REPRESENTATIVE / DISCUSSION REGARDING  
REMAINING GRANTS FOR THE TOWPATH AND CANAL & RIVER  
TRUST CYCLISTS SIGNS**

NYC Representative is still trying to get the enforcement team to allow fixed cameras and average speed cameras within the 30mph areas. There is a police commission meeting in a month.

Housing – The new government told North Yorkshire Council that we need to be building 2289 houses a year and has to build 4232 for the whole of North Yorkshire so even if we were building here and other areas were not building, we are facing a serious risk of a free for all planning if they don't meet it. North Yorkshire Council will lose all power over the planning. A Councillor asked have North Yorkshire considered proportioning the target to allocate each area of North Yorkshire a set target so they can see who is not complying? There is 4 years until the new gov. The old rules still applies but if we fall below the target the old precedents are irrelevant. Need to keep a close eye on matters hoping to reduce the figures but not expecting it to go below 2400.

Airedale hospital are now one of only 4 hospitals in the UK that have been given the approval for the rebuild and now off the at risk list.

The boundary commission are looking at the boundaries used for NYC . its not impossible that Kildwick could end up with Glusburn. At some point down the line expect the parishes to be asked for opinions.

There is still some locality funding available for projects.

Kex Gill going to be a few months later than intended due to weather delays. Today it is under a foot of water so putting behind schedule.

Remaining Grants – the remaining funds from the rewilding flowers of the towpath can be used to rewild flowers within the village.

The grant for the signs it was agreed that if we can find a project within the village for signs we may be able to use it for this instead.

**146/24**            **CLERKS REPORT**

This was shared with all Cllrs. and discussed below.

**147/24**            **APPROVAL OF AMENDED AGENDA AND MINUTES OF FARNHILL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 29.08.2024**

It was resolved that these are approved.

**148/24**            **REQUEST FOR REMOVAL OF STREET LIGHT FITTING FROM MAIN STREET**

Following an in depth discussion it was resolved that the Parish wouldn't be against changing the light but maybe not removing it as unsure of the legalities of leaving a large stretch of the street in darkness. Clerk to chase NYC street lighting Officer for the available options. Clerk to update resident that we are awaiting the written advice from NYC Lighting Officer and will revert as soon as possible. Clerk to also ask YLCA what the legal standing would be with regards to the large area that would be left in the dark if the light was removed.

**149/24**            **THE ARBOUR**

- **BOULDERS** – No response from the resident who offered to assist with this. It was resolved that the Parish will look into prices to sort this.
- **REPORT OF ENCROACHING** - Clerk to go through emails and locate the resident that raised this to find out where the encroachment is.
- **SAFETY OF WASHING LINE ACCESS AND BROKEN POLE.** Clerk to look at getting someone in to remove the broken lines and the ones on the steep section. Nominated Cllr to draft a letter to residents notifying them that removing the lines with a view to hopefully

replacing in the future with something safer. Nominated Cllr. is making a detailed map to notify residents of which ones are being removed in the meantime Clerk to look at on the door step / find a trademan to locate handyman.

- **SAFETY / MAINTENANCE OF STEPS** – It was resolved that a nominated Cllr. will take pictures of the steps with possible defects
- **TREE REMOVAL REQUEST FROM RESIDENT FOR A SYCAMORE TREE GROWING ON THE LANE CONNECTING ARBOUR TOP TO THE MAIN STREET, ADJACENT TO CRAGLANDS** – It was Resolved that Clerk will put an application for this tree to be removed. Google map supplied to attach to application.
- **CHERRY TREE AND BEECH TREE ON ARBOUR RE POLLINATION AND OR REMOVAL.** It was resolved that Clerk is to a package application with the above request for the removal of the trees to see what comes back. Clerk to update both sets of residents.

**150/24      MARY STREET LIGHT/ FITTING**

Clerk has had a site visit with the Streetlighting Officer. It was resolved that Clerk is to chase for the light to be connected.

**151/24      RENTAL AGREEMENT ARBOUR HOUSE**

Nominated Cllr. has gone through the agreement and minimised this to what needs to be included. It was resolved that all are in favor of the cleaner agreement and Clerk is to send on to the resident for approval.

**152/24      YLCA TRAINING – PROCUREMENT FOR CLERK AND FINANCE  
CLLR 24/10**

It was resolved that this training is approved – Clerk to send details of the company to Finance Cllr. so she can locate

**153/24      FINANCE TRAINING FOR CLLRS 16/10 OR 19/11 .**

It was resolved that this is approved Clerk to book on the 19.11.

**154/24      ERECTION OF STABLE BUILDING FERNHILL CASTLE  
(FARNHILL HALL) AND EXCAVATION WITHIN THE GROUNDS  
RESIDENT CONTACTED PARISH ABOUT NO PLANNING IN  
PLACE OR CONSULTATION.**

Resident not happy with the way the land has been left there has been a lot of excavation in the cops. The wooden building/stable/shed is not allowed in the front of a garden, residents are only allowed wooden buildings at the back gardens due to conservational site so would need planning to be in the front. It was resolved that Clerk will write to Enforcement Officers at planning to request a site visit for further guidance as this is a Grade 1 listed (14<sup>th</sup> Century) building and a lot of works are being undertaken with no planning applications.

**155/24      FINANCE / BUDGETS REVIEW – REQUEST FROM RESIDENT TO  
VIEW THE CURRENT ACCOUNTS**

Clerk to contact YLCA and find out what the protocol is. Take advice of how to go about doing this safely etc.

**156/24            GARAGES AT BUCKLAR HILL**

Still no further forward. Contact Andy and ask if they could look at selling the assets of the garages and using the money in the village to do the playarea and carpark wall / upgrade lighting.

**157/24            CANAL AND RIVER TRUST ISSUES – SIGNS**

Signs refused by canal and river trust. Let us have sight of risk assessment of this area given no barriers to stop people falling into the canal when being knocked over by the cycled

**158/24            WEB SITES**

A. PARISH COUNCIL

B. HISTORY GROUP

C. EMAILS - .GOV - Assistance with set up fees is finishing so need to move. need to write to the three approved registrars to help set it up. contact for another teams meeting clerk must attend figure varied up to about £300 for everything. Each package is a different price. Ask for all three quotes at the same time 8 . gov emails.

**159/24            LANDSCAPE CONTRACT**

It was resolved to defer this matter.

**160/24            DEVELOPMENT PLAN - BEING UPDATED**

- a. **Highways – Speed/ maintenance - GRANGE ROAD / 20MPH REQUEST FOR STARKEY LANE/MARY STREET.** Awaiting decision.
- b. **Lighting Issues – LED installation** – Clerk has had a site visit with the Lighting Officer who will establish which lights are already LED and send quotes for posts and brackets to be made LED. Clerk to stay on top of this and chase for the information.
- c. **Update on the following items for the play area –Inspection of Play Area** - Clerk to forward updates received from NYC regarding the repairs of the wall to NYC Representative to see if he can help get this dealt with.
- d. **Lease Registration**
- e. **Continuing to improve our Council**
- F. **Inspections of pathways, benches and walls** - Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November 10.30 walk around.

**161/24            RESPONSES TO EMAILS, LETTERS AND PHONE CALLS**

Had responses 9 people to grow wild 14 pay more tax and numerous other suggestions / queries. Identify areas on the map that we can maintain JF to get quotes once received the maps and routes to be maintained, need to be very specific and all to quote on the same basis.

**162/24            FINANCE & ACCOUNTS**

To consider the following invoices for approval

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| • Jodie Fieldhouse (Salary September)                     | £237.27 |
| • Nest Pension  | £12.57  |
| • Jodie Fieldhouse (Hadfield Photocraft) printing fee     | £14.00  |
| • YLCA Training x2 places Procurement Updated regulations | £70.00  |

**163/24**            **CORRESPONDENCE**

Newby road parking – 3 Cllr's. voted to take further, 3 voted against. It was resolved that a nominated Cllr .will look into the options as a village issue in general not just that area.

A sign was removed on Farnhill farm which had been vandalized to read 20mph. The sign was replaced with a 30mph sign.

A resident notified Clerk that light no. 26 was out, Clerk and Lighting Officer visited this and it was confirmed that it will be repaired.

Fly tipping on private land has also been reported, this needs reporting to North Yorkshire Council by the resident.

**164/24**            **MINOR ITEMS OF BUSINESS & ITEMS TO GO ON AGENDA NEXT MONTH.**

When Cllrs are sending their requests for items on the next agenda these must be received before Sunday evening as Clerk puts them live and in the Notice Board to cover the 3 clear days prior to meeting.

To put Clerk review on the next agenda and health and safety.

**165/24**            **HOLIDAYS**

All absences have been confirmed

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING**  
**FPC MEETING THURSDAY 24<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2024 IN KILDWICK/FARNHILL**  
**INSTITUTE AT 7.30PM**  
**ALL MEMBERS OF THE VILLAGE ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND**

**Clerk 26.09.2024**

**Items for the agenda for next month: Approval of minutes of previous meeting , Clerks Report, Development Plan, Highways, NYCC Street Lighting, Lease, Tree issues within Farnhill, Canal & River Trust Update, Budgets and Finances, Health and Safety.**