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**MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF FARNHILL PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 24 JULY
AT 7.00PM IN KILDWICK/FARNHILL INSTITUTE.**

BUSINESS

ATTENDEES: CHAIR CLLR J.WARING, VICE CHAIR CLLR S.CLOSE, CLLRS W. McDONALD , A-M KEENAN-DUNNE, D. ATKINSON, J. WALTON , M. NICHOLLS NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE CLLR. A. BROWN, HIGHWAYS REPRESENTATIVE AND CLERK J. FIELDHOUSE

88/25 APOLOGIES, REASON FOR ABSENCE AND ACCEPTANCE OF REASON

Cllr. W. McDonald and Cllr. A. Brown sends apologies and reasons for absence .

It was resolved that apologies and reasons are accepted.

89/25 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (MAXIMUM 15MINS)

5 residents are present.

4 residents were in attendance regarding the consultation on Starkey Lane parking proposals. Chair gave update and reasons why the Parish Council are looking into this matter.

Resident asked why this came about and Chair explained that the Parish Council have noted issues on certain days and was trying to help. The residents are against having spaces marked out as it will look like a public car park outside their homes and they will be worse off with only 6 spaces as they will be losing space. They have been working well together for years, it's an unwritten rule. Occasionally they do have difficult days but in general they can all get parked. Occasionally they do need to go elsewhere in the village, but the residents are usually very understanding of each other.

All present agreed that Parish should leave it as is. It will be restricting flexibility by putting them there and could get a further 2 cars without.

Regarding Lang Kirk Close the residents were updated on discussions with Yorkshire Housing regarding the residents only parking signs that have been placed by them historically. They have no authority at all to say that North Yorkshire Council or Craven

Council have not given permission for them to be put in place. Yorkshire Housing is going to write to residents letting them know that we have queried this and that this is not a private road it is owned by North Yorkshire Council. Residents presenting controls like that are forcing people to park on Starkey Lane which then causes problems there.

1 resident attended to update the Parish Council on the History of the Milestone and how the refurbishment is getting on. This is now partially completed just need to chalk in wording before making it more definitive but cannot see in the lighting at the moment where the original chiseled wording is, will go back in better lighting to do this. It is felt that at some point in history that the stone may have been broken across the top and there may be some missing details. Documentation and pictures of the refurbishment to date were provided.

90/25 DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

None provided

91/25 UPDATE FROM NYC REPRESENTATIVE

Apologies provided as not present.

92/25 CLERKS REPORT

Clerks report was provided to all Councillors and addressed within the Minutes.

93/25 AGAR (Annual Governance and Accountability Return)

This has now been completed and the notice is up online and in the noticeboard. This can be removed on 31.07.2025

94/25 RESIDENT ONLY PARKING SIGNS ON LANG KIRK CLOSE

Following an in-depth discussion it was resolved that we will await Yorkshire Housing to contact the residents and pass Clerks contact details on. Cllr. J. Walton will send email asking them to notify her when they are sending their letters. Cllr J. Walton will then write to the residents and request they are removed.

**95 /25 STARKEY LANE PROPOSED SET PARKING SPACES
CONSULTATION RESULTS**

It was resolved that the parking spaces will not be going ahead based on the general majority feedback from the residents. All input that was received was much appreciated. All in favor.

**96/25 CANAL AND RIVER TRUST SIGNS GRANT AND
WILDFLOWER GRANT**

Clerk to chase response regarding the benches.

97/25 APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF FPC MEETING OF HELD

26.06.2025.

All agreed it was much better this way It was resolved that the minutes are approved.

98/25 CONSERVATION BOUDARIES

It was resolved that this matter will be deferred until the next meeting.

99/25 THE ARBOUR

- **BOULDERS / STAKES/ SHRUBERY** – unfortunately there is still no joy with this item, every time the Parish finds a contractor, they take a look and don't return. Cllr. D. Atkinson is going to look into this as he may have a solution to access.
- **SITE VISIT FINIDINGS REGARDING REMOVAL OF WASHING LINES** – Cllr. S. Close, Cllr. D. Atkinson and Chair attended. It was resolved to clear the land and put up a rotary dryer for the residents to use. Weed killer has been placed down on the nettles but they will take a while to die off. It was resolved to place a rotary dryer up in the area that has been cleared and levelled off for this purpose need health and safety documents and insurance documentation in place for the odd job team. Cllr S. Close will organise this tomorrow.

100/25 WORKS AT FARNHILL HALL

Clerk has written requesting to North Yorkshire Enforcement Officer inviting them to the meeting for an update as to what the end result is going to be. Response received was that they are undertaking a further site visit and will update the Parish in due course.

Clerk to chase week before next meeting.

101/25 GARAGES AT BUCKLAR HILL

Cllr. S Close has been busy trying to clear the rubbish and overgrowth from the fronts of the garages. Spoken with people who did asbestos report, will give a quote for removal of asbestos before quote for demolition.

It was resolved that all are in agreement and the drafted email is approved to send.

102/25 FARNHILL CARPARK

Resolved to remove this item from agenda.

103/25 COUNCILLORS UPDATES

Play area – Cllr. J. Walton wrote to Cllrs. A. Brown and M. Taylor but Cllr. M. Taylor said that he did not hold out any hope in getting these funds. Cllr. J. Walton has spoken with Craven Herold who are happy to do a piece on this.

It was resolved that a piece will be put together by the Parish Council going back historically to 1986 when the land had already moved and been underpinned 2 years prior

to new extensions being approved. Farnhill Parish Council objected to the planning for the extension on this basis. A Buttress was put in, in or around 1990- 1994 and engineers have undertaken extensive tests which have shown that the wall is unstable and actively moving. Play area has been closed for 2 years now.

Emails drafted to 3 residents by Chair and sent by Clerk.

It was resolved to do a summer newsletter for the residents including all the good things that have been achieved to date such as Shelly well is now flowing once again, new LED/ heritage lights have been installed and continue to be upgraded saving the Parish money in the ever increasing energy bills and to notify parishioners that the Parish Council are aware of their great parking difficulties throughout the village and they are working hard to try and find solutions but this is difficult given the limited space within the village. This could be assisted by the residents if they can remain considerate of their neighbors when parking, can other road users pass their vehicle safely, can residents still use the footpaths safely and not be forced into the road, multi vehicle homes - could you perhaps park one of the cars somewhere else in the village to allow access for your neighbor who may only have one vehicle and work long shifts meaning arriving home at unsocial hours and having to walk throughout the village at night alone.

104/25 CANAL AND RIVER TRUST NEWS REPORT

Clerk has notified the North Yorkshire Council Press Release team regarding the new pedestrian right of way signs erected on the canal and awaiting dates.

105/25 WEB SITES

- A. PARISH COUNCIL – Planning applications link is now working
- B. HISTORY GROUP – Nothing to report
- B. EMAILS - .GOV – It was resolved to send emails to .gov emails only now apart from the Chair and Cllr. W. McDonald

106/25 LANDSCAPE CONTRACTOR

This item can now be removed as happy with the work done to date.

107/25 NOTICEBOARD

This item will need to be deferred until next meeting.

108/25 HISTORIC BLUE PLAQUES

Clerk has located further information on how to go about starting this process and shared it with the rest of the Parish Council. Cllr. D. Atkinson will speak with Farnhill history group to assist in collating this process.

109/25 CONSULTATION POLICY FOR RESIDENTS

It was discussed that the Parish Council has not consulted residents on all issues and we need to be more consistent across the board when making decisions.

It was resolved that going forward consultation process works and all present are in favour that before any action is taken regarding changes that can affect a number of residents then the consultation process should be started as this encourages residents to become more involved, which is good for the parish development.

110/25 DEVELOPMENT PLAN.

a. Highways – Speed/ maintenance -

- **GRANGE ROAD KEEP CLEAR MARKING** – It has been agreed that the workmanship on the repaint job done by North Yorkshire Council is extremely poor however all we can do is wait for it to fade and repaint it otherwise to remove it would involve digging the road out and relaying, which would be a waste of public money when the sign is readable its just messy.
- **20MPH REQUEST FOR STARKEY LANE/MARY STREET.** – Clerk is still awaiting a response regarding this matter.

b. Lighting Issues -

- i. **LED installation -**
- ii. **Broken lights x2 Starkey Lane and one at the back of the play area** – NYC Lighting team have advised that they did not believe it would be beneficial to place a heritage light in the walkway at the back of the play area as it would not give as much light as the standard LED lamp. The council discussed this matter at length and understand where the team are coming from however have decided to go ahead with the heritage light as there will not be that many people who use this specific walkway and a heritage LED light is much more fitting with the village. Clerk to confirm that the Parish wish to stick with the original order for the walkway at back of playarea.
- iii. **Heritage Light Main Street** - This is ordered awaiting a date for installation.

- c. Update on the Play Area** – As above we are still no nearer to getting a date for these repairs to be undertaken. Parish Council have resolved to involving the local newspapers to try and highlight how the children of the village have been left without a play area now for 2 years.

d. Inspections of pathways, benches and walls / Arthurs bench.

The Garages and Arbour have been inspected. Please see above for conclusions.

111/25 RESPONSES TO EMAILS, LETTERS AND PHONE CALLS

YLCA – Cllr J. Walton has been booked onto Freedom of Information Course.

Cllr. A. M. Keenan Dunne will look into a possible grant for the Institute.

YLCA energy saving utilities – It was resolved that for the amount we get it would not be beneficial to go down this avenue.

112/25 FINANCE & ACCOUNTS

To consider the following invoices for approval

• Jodie Fieldhouse (Salary July)	£363.32
Nest Pension	£20.88
NIC (July)	£0.00
TAX	£33.40
• Landscape contractor	£521.00
• Susan Harding-Hill - Defibrillator Pads WEL Medical	£75.18
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YLCA training program for Freedom of Information requests approved for Cllr. J. Walton

It was resolved that all of the above are approved for payment.

113/25 MINOR ITEMS OF BUSINESS & ITEMS TO GO ON AGENDA NEXT MONTH.

114/25 HOLIDAYS

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

**THE MEETING OF FARNHILL PARISH COUNCIL TO BE HELD AT 7.00PM ON
28 AUGUST 2025 IN KILDWICK/FARNHILL INSTITUTE
ALL MEMBERS OF THE VILLAGE ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND**

Clerk 24.07.2025