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**MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF FARNHILL PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 26 JUNE
AT 7.00PM IN KILDWICK/FARNHILL INSTITUTE.**

BUSINESS

INVITEES: 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

60/25 APOLOGIES, REASON FOR ABSENCE AND ACCEPTANCE OF REASON

Cllr. M. Nicholls sends her apologies and reason for absence .

It was resolved that the Council accepts this.

61/25 public participation (maximum 15mins)

none

62/25 DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

none

63/25 UPDATE FROM NYC REPRESENTATIVE

Cllr. A. Brown retains an open mind on all planning matters. His current view is

Budgets have been set at minus 0.3% whilst wages and services are all going up so local authorities can put up tax by 5%. It is very difficult to deliver services with this.

Locality funding has been reduced from 10,000 to 5000.00 which is to be split between 6 parishes.

Kex Gill is now 11.6million over budget with a further expected 2 million. Cllr. A. Brown was the only person who called to ask the person responsible for this to resign but said it was owing to the contract being wrong not the management. Sharp questions were asked by Cllr. Brown but they could not answer. Finish date expected to be around Dec 2025 but Cllr. A. Brown will need to recheck this.

Consultation of North Yorkshire Local Plan is still open if you wish to make any comments regarding it.

There is a House in Kildwick which has made an application to change the purpose of its field from green wedge to residential. Will need to look further into this application regarding the proposed build site and if this will affect any trees. The next door neighbour has remarked that they believe it will be an improvement on what the current situation is. Cllr. Brown's strong stance is that the trees must stay.

Clerk to write to Cllr. Brown tomorrow and ask him for the name of the new person to contact regarding the ongoing issues dealing with the play area wall. Clerk to send a photo to the Craven herald with Farnhill children waiting outside the closed play area.

64/25 **CANAL AND RIVER TRUST GRANT FOR SIGNS REQUEST.**

It was resolved that Clerk will write to the Canal & River Trust regarding the remaining grant funds. Cllrs. have noted they have some nice benches further on and ask how much it would be to purchase one for Farnhill section of the Towpath. CC to Chair once sent.

65/25 **TOWPATH WILDFLOWERS GRANT**

As above it was resolved that if Canal & River Trust agree we could use the funds remaining from this together with the above funds for the signs to go towards a nice bench.

66/25 **CLERKS REPORT**

The Clerk's report was shared with all Councillors.

67/25 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF FPC HELD**
15.05.2025.

It was resolved that these minutes are approved. The Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting were also reviewed and agreed upon however they cannot be approved until the next annual meeting of the Parish.

68/25 **AGAR TO BE APPROVED AND FINALISED**
All accounting statements have been shared along with cashbook.

The External Auditor has approved and signed off the External Audit, the Internal Auditor Cllr. J. Walton has reviewed all documentation and carried out a spot check on the accounting and is happy with this.

It was therefore resolved that the Certificate of exemption can be and was signed off for Clerk to send to the necessary governing body. The Annual Governance Statement and the Accounting Statements were also approved and signed off. The date for notice of public rights is set for announcement on Monday 30th June 2025 to commence on Tuesday 1st July and end on Thursday 31st July 2025.

69/25 RESIDENT ONLY PARKING SIGNS ON LANG KIRK CLOSE

It was resolved that Cllr. J. Walton will draft a letter to the residents of Lang Kirk Close requesting they remove the resident only parking signs as this is not a resident only parking street.

70/25 CONSERVATION BOUDARIES

Cllr. W. McDonald has agreed to look into the current conservation boundaries

71/25 THE ARBOUR

- **BOULDERS / STAKES/ SHRUBERY**

This is ongoing

- **REMOVAL OF WASHING LINES**

All the washing lines have now been removed. The Council now needs to decide what they are doing with it. The concrete has unfortunately been left insitu. As the contractor would have needed powerful machinery to excavate it. It would have taken all day to remove just one of the concrete bases by manual labour. Instead, the poles were cut off from the concrete and have been made level and safe- no exposed metal and nothing to trip on. It was resolved that Cllrs. will have a site visit on Wednesday 2 July 2025.

- **TREE REMOVAL REQUEST FROM RESIDENT FOR CHERRY TREE AND BEECH TREE ON THE ARBOUR.**

It was resolved that the Quote is agreed Clerk to request the tree surgeons go ahead with the works after nesting season, late Autumn/October time. This item can now be removed from the agenda until nearer the time.

Residents can view the application here :- <https://publicaccess.cravencdc.gov.uk/REFERENCE ZA25/26666/TCA>

72/25 WORKS AT FARNHILL HALL

Chair emailed Cllr. Brown who is looking into it. Clerk to write to the enforcement officer and request if they can attend one of the meetings to discuss this with one of our Councillors directly. The Parish Council don't actually know what they are doing to this site and would just like to know what the planned end result is.

73/25 GARAGES AT BUCKLAR HILL

The Overgrowth is excessive in front of the garages now so Cllr. Close is going to clear some of it. North Yorkshire has confirmed there are no sitting tenants.

It was resolved that Clerk will write back to NYC. And ask if we can take over the garages and the land they sit on. Right of use act 1975 page 88. Land power to acquire by agreement to appropriate and dispose 1972 sections 124,126 and 127 as it is not being utilized. Clerk draft and share with Chair and Cllr. Walton to review prior to sending.

74/25 FARNHILL CARPARK

The Parish Council are waiting to hear back from North Yorkshire Council who are in turn awaiting to hear from the old Craven District team who have responsibility for the restrictions.

75/25 FARNHILL & KILDWICK INSTITUTE

It was resolved that Clerk is to remove this item for time being

76/25 COUNCILLORS UPDATES

Assets lists updated by Chair and Clerk. It was resolved that Clerk will send a copy of the updated excel doc to lighting so they can review their numbering.

77/25 CANAL AND RIVER TRUST NEWS REPORT

Contact the reporter and confirm that the work has now been completed if they wish to visit to undertake their story.

78/25 WEB SITES

- A. PARISH COUNCIL – CLERK GONE BACK SENT AUDITORS COMMENTS
- B. HISTORY GROUP
- B. EMAILS - .GOV – EMAILS NOT WORKING VERY WELL. EFFECTING DOCUMENTS BEING ABLE TO PRINT.

79/25 LANDSCAPE CONTRACTOR

Clerk to go back to the Landscape Contractor and ask about the steps to lower Arbour bottom to top needs clearing de-weeding and making good and the sides of the road on Main Street is still covered in weeds. Invoice has been checked against the quote and agreed all happy with this.

80/25 STANDING ORDERS UPDATE

The Chair and Cllr. A.M. Keenan-Dunne have undertaken the necessary updates. The Chair filled in the necessary information and removed the unnecessary information as guided to by NALC. Cllr A.M. Keenan-Dunne reviewed together bits about sub committee added all approved clerk to sign off and upload to the website.

81/25 NOTICEBOARD

North Yorkshire Councils representative has offered £500 grant towards a new noticeboard. It was resolved that the Chair will check with the Institute to get their stance on this matter given it is on their wall.

82/25 HISTORIC BLUE PLAQUES

Cllr. D. Atkinson has a list of proposed sites. The next step is to consult with residents if they would be happy with this going on properties, need prices etc. Cllr. D. Atkinson has identified shops / houses that may have historical interest. Cllr. Atkinson confirmed that

he believed it may have been Addingham Civic Society that may have done this for Addingham Village.

It was resolved that the Clerk will contact Addingham Clerk to find out what the process was for them.

83/25 DEVELOPMENT PLAN.

Cllr W. McDonald has shrunk this down now, there are a lot of ongoing plans. Cllr. W. McDonald will send a copy to the Clerk to add to the website.

It was resolved that it would be within the Parishes interest to get involved with the consultation process despite no applications appearing to be within Farnhill as the parish could make possible suggestions for NYC Consultation process on a 5- 20 yr plan such as low noise tarmac, more lighting etc. it was resolved that this item needs a separate meeting as this will require a lot of thought.

a. Highways – Speed/ maintenance -

- GRANGE ROAD KEEP CLEAR MARKING – The Clerk has flagged this up with Highways.
- 20MPH REQUEST FOR STARKEY LANE/MARY STREET. – In Consultation process
- STARKEY LANE PARKING BAYS – Cllr. J. Walton will send a letter to go to residents including map of proposed spaces to the 9 cottages which this could potentially affect. Clerk to resend proposal to Cllr. Walton. Residents to respond to Clerk.

b. Lighting Issues -

- i. LED installation
- ii. Broken lights x2 Starkey Lane and one at the back of the play area
- iii. Herritage Light Main Street

Clerk is chasing the new lights and needs to report light 36. And 47 are not on.

c. Update on the Play Area

Cllr. Close and Cllr. Walton are drafting a letter to the MP responsible for the area.

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

All noted defects of pathways have been reported to Highways who have attended and issued one notice to repair but felt the other defects reported were not significant enough. Request made to have overgrowth on Main Street cleared as affecting visibility for drivers. A further walk around the village has been set.

84/25 RESPONSES TO EMAILS, LETTERS AND PHONE CALLS

Email from resident regarding the tracks being made on the Moor. Clerk to respond and confirm this is an ongoing issue but as you rightly point out this is private land and you need to direct your concerns to the owner.

Email from resident regarding self-seeded sycamores and large trees near property – request to prune trees Chair will respond following walk about.

Email regarding parking in the village.

Email regarding freedom of information request to be responded to.

Bats – the procedure followed was that we have made the appropriate applications, the tree officers have undertaken their investigations and deemed them safe to be remove out of nesting season.

85/25 FINANCE & ACCOUNTS

To consider the following invoices for approval

• Jodie Fieldhouse (Salary June)	£363.52	DECISION
• Nest Pension	£20.88	
• NIC (May)	£17.11	
• NIC (June)	£0.00	
• TAX	£33.20	
• OWED (May)	£102.06	

INVOICES RECEIVED POST AGENDA AND CLEARED BY CHAIR

• Landscape contractor	£476.50
• Odd Job Heros	£400
• North Yorkshire Council reduced Energy bill	£1762.45
• Internal audit	£140.00

It was resolved that all of the above payments are approved.

86/25 MINOR ITEMS OF BUSINESS & ITEMS TO GO ON AGENDA NEXT MONTH. REVIEW

87/25 HOLIDAYS MONITOR

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

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

Clerk 22.06.2025