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**MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF FARNHILL PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 25
SEPTEMBER 2025 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 , NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE CLLR. A. BROWN AND CLERK J. FIELDHOUSE

142/25 APOLOGIES, REASON FOR ABSENCE AND ACCEPTANCE OF REASON

Apologies were given from Chair Cllr. J. Waring, Clerk J. Fieldhouse and Cllr. A-M. Keenan-Dunne.

It was resolved that the apologies and reasons for absence are accepted

143/25 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (MAXIMUM 15MINS)

No public in attendance.

144/25 DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

None disclosed

145/25 UPDATE FROM NYC REPRESENTATIVE

Unfortunately, the Planning meeting was cancelled so awaiting reschedule.

In the meantime Cllr. A. Brown is going to write the NYC corporate Director for environment to thank him for his support towards getting the repairs to the retaining wall in the playground underway at long last.

146/25 CLERKS REPORT

This was shared with all Councillors and decisions made under each item below.

147/25 RESIDENT UNABLE TO VIEW MINUTES ON WEBSITE

Email received from resident confirming unable to view the most recent Minutes.

It was resolved that going forward all Councillors will check the website once Minutes are uploaded by Clerk. They will then approve that they can all view the most recent Minutes so we can make sure it is not an issue with the website.

**148/25 CLERKS INCREASE IN HOURS AND BACKDATED PAY
INCREASE
FROM APRIL AND BUDGETS**

On reflection it was noted that Clerks agreed increase in hours from 22 hrs a month to 32 hours a month had been missed off in the April Minutes.

Chair has gone over the new rates of pay for this year and backdated these providing figures to all Councillors.

It was resolved that Clerks increase in hours was approved in April. It was also resolved that the figures put forward by Chair are approved.

149/25 RESIDENT ONLY PARKING SIGNS ON LANG KIRK CLOSE

A response has been received from Yorkshire Housing confirming that they will remove the signs on Langkirk Close and advise the residents of their intention to do so.

It was resolved that no further action is required by the Parish Council at this point.

**150/25 CANAL AND RIVER TRUST SIGNS GRANT AND
WILDFLOWER GRANT – NEW BENCH REQUEST**

Unfortunately the Canal and River Trust have advised that another bench would be unsuitable (One bench too many). They have requested that this be transferred to the fund for the Canal and River Trusts volunteers to use towards repairs etc. as they see fit. Obviously the issue with this is the Parish Council will not be able to monitor where the sums have been spent.

It was resolved that this item would therefore be deferred until the next meeting so all Councillors can be involved in the decision of what to do with the remaining grant funds.

**151/25 APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF FPC MEETING HELD
28.08.2025.**

It was resolved that these Minutes are approved.

152/25 CONSERVATION BOUNDARIES

It was resolved that this item can now be removed from the agenda.

153/25 THE ARBOUR

- **BOULDERS / STAKES/ SHRUBBERY** – Councillors are still attempting to obtain quotes for Boulders but have been having great difficulties with this. The new plan is rather than looking for a company who sells and installs the Parish will look into purchasing directly from a supplier and then try our already vetted contractors to see if they could collect and install them.
- **REPLACEMENT WASHING LINE AND STEP FIXTURE** - The step is repaired. With regards to the washing line, Councillors have already agreed in the previous meeting that the new Rotary airer's use and suitability will be monitored before any further works/decisions made. It was resolved that spot checks will be undertaken to review usage, suitability and/or any concerns raised by residents so this item can now be removed until the need arises to discuss further.
- **TREE REMOVAL / REPORT OF BATS** – it was resolved that Clerk will continue to chase both Enforcement and Tree Officer for an update regarding this issue.

154/25 WORKS AT FARNHILL HALL

No further updates at this moment in time. Enforcement Team have attempted to get answers from the owners but none received to date.

155/25 GARAGES AT BUCKLAR HILL

Clerk is liaising with North Yorkshire Council Engineer who has confirmed that they are attempting to obtain further information from colleagues regarding the entrance road and the land owned by the Council, along with approximate legal fees involved should Farnhill Parish Council wish the assets be transferred over to them.

It was resolved that this matter will be deferred until we have further information from the engineer regarding potential expenses of this process and ownership of roads etc. By which time the Parish hope to be in a better position prior to making any final decisions on this.

156/25 COUNCILLORS UPDATES

Deputy Chair will be attending a meeting in October with Kildwick Primary schools Headteacher to discuss the Peggy Wilson Trust Land.

157/25 WEB SITES

- A. Parish Council** – Following constructive feedback from a resident it was resolved that the services link on website should state In Case of Emergency
- B. History Group** – no issues reported
- B. Emails - .gov** – no issues reported

158/25 NOTICEBOARD

This item is deferred to next meeting.

159/25 HISTORIC BLUE PLAQUES

There is no further information at this moment in time.

160/25 DEVELOPMENT PLAN.

Cllr. W. McDonald has updated this now and gone through everything with all Councillors at the meeting.

It was resolved that this is approved and will be signed and dated at the next meeting. It has also been noted that some of the emergency sandbags have been taken from the sand bin and not returned so Clerk will order replacements. This will need monitoring, and residents need to be reminded to return them once used because they are for emergency use only not for general personal use.

a. Highways – Speed/ maintenance -

- Extra-Ordinary Meeting to discuss parking issues within the village and reported noise nuisance in the early hours from motorbikes on the A629 single trunk and dual carriageway. – Flyers have been printed and will be sent to all residents in the hope that they will attend. Cllr. J. Walton will purchase Tea, Coffee and biscuits.
- 20MPH REQUEST FOR STARKEY LANE/MARY STREET. – Clerk to continue chasing an update on this item.

b. Lighting Issues – Clerk to continue to chase by email and telephone for dates of completion for all items below:-

- i. **LED installation**
- ii. **Broken lights reported x2**
- iii. **Heritage Light on Starkey Lane**
- iv. **Heritage Light on Main Street**
- v. **Missed LED conversion for Heritage light on Parsons Bridge**

c. Update on the Play Area – Great news, following 2 years of Farnhill Parish Council’s persistent chasing, resilience and a recent campaign with the Craven Herald, North Yorkshire Council has now confirmed that repair works will start in October on the retaining wall.

161/25 COUNCILLOR TRAINING

There is an upcoming face to face training course on offer which will cover all Council items with YLCA. Furthermore, Glusburn and Crosshills Parish Council have offered to do a joint meeting with them so we can meet the minimum requirement of attendees. Cllr. D Atkinson, Cllr. W. McDonald and Cllr. J. Walton have confirmed that they will attend this training. Clerk to obtain clarification as to whether Cllr. A-M. Keenan-Dunne would like to attend as not present at this meeting.

162/25 CONCERNS OF STATUTORY NOISE NUISANCE - BARKING DOG

This item was deferred as Clerk not present.

163/25 RESPONSES TO EMAILS, LETTERS AND PHONE CALLS

Nominated Cllr. drafting response for resident enquiring about forming an ecological policy and programme for the village to commit to wildlife and people living in a near zero toxic environment, to invite the resident to attend a meeting to discuss how we go about this.

164/25 FINANCE & ACCOUNTS

To consider the following invoices for approval

- Jodie Fieldhouse (Salary September) **£428.16**
(Pay Increase Back pay from April to September) £80.64 already accounted for above.
- Nest Pension **£20.88**
- NIC **£0**
- TAX **£49.20**
- Landscape Contractor (August Invoice) **£316**
- Hadfield Printers **£36.40**
- YLCA – Policies, Powers and Procedures Training **£27.40**
- Kildwick & Farnhill Institute Jan. – Sept. 2025 **£250.00**

It was resolved that all invoices are approved.

165/25 MINOR ITEMS OF BUSINESS & ITEMS TO GO ON AGENDA NEXT

MONTH

To add the following items to next agenda:-

- 1. Precept**
- 2. Gardener**

166/25 HOLIDAYS

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING:

**THE EXTRA ORDINARY MEETING OF FARNHILL PARISH COUNCIL TO BE
HELD AT 7.30PM ON THURSDAY 16 OCTOBER 2025 IN KILDWICK/FARNHILL
INSTITUTE**

All members of the village are welcome to attend