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**MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF FARNHILL PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 28
AUGUST 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 , M. NICHOLLS NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE CLLR. A. BROWN, HIGHWAYS REPRESENTATIVE AND CLERK J. FIELDHOUSE

**115/25 APOLOGIES, REASON FOR ABSENCE AND ACCEPTANCE OF
REASON**

Cllr. A-M Keenan-Dunne, Cllr. M. Nicholls and 1 resident provided reasons for absence.

Cllr M. Nicholls is no longer able to attend due to personal issues – the parish has therefore accepted her resignation. All other reasons for absence has been approved and accepted by the Parish Council.

116/25 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (MAXIMUM 15MINS)

None

117/25 DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

None

118/25 UPDATE FROM NYC REPRESENTATIVE

Cllr. A Brown Cllr. A. Brown retains an open mind on all planning matters.

With regards to the Moor fires Cllr. A. Brown is very concerned about this; the issue ought to be fixable if the water is held high on the Moors. The Council could use money from flood defences to sow the Moors again and prevent further fires.

Unfortunately, not getting anywhere with the play area – Craven Herald involved in this now.

119/25 CLERKS REPORT

This has been shared with all Councillors and addressed within the minutes.

120/25 INSURANCE RENEWAL

It was agreed that the policy is accepted and Clerk can pay the quote as due 8.9.25

121/25 ACCOUNTS / BUDGETS

All reviewed need to possibly transfer some funds from reserves will discuss next meeting as Clerks wages have been upgraded in April.

122/25 RESIDENT ONLY PARKING SIGNS ON LANG KIRK CLOSE

Following an in-depth discussion it was resolved that the nominated Cllr. will ask Yorkshire Housing to remove these signs from their land or give the Parish Permission to enter their land to have them removed. This decision was unanimous.

123/25 CANAL AND RIVER TRUST SIGNS GRANT AND WILDFLOWER GRANT – NEW BENCH REQUEST

No response as yet. Clerk to chase again.

124/25 APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF FPC MEETING HELD 24.07.2025.

Minutes approved typo in June noted and amended.

125/25 CONSERVATION BOUNDARIES

CONSERVATION AREA APPRAISAL DOCUMENTS

The Council now have maps of this to check going forward.

126/25 THE ARBOUR

• **BOULDERS / STAKES/ SHRUBERY**

It was resolved that both Cllrs D. Atkinson and S. Close are trying different contractors to obtain quotes for the purchase and placement of Boulders.

• **REPLACEMENT WASHING LINE AND STEP FIXTURE**

A few comments have been received regarding the new rotary requesting further rotary lines in. It was resolved that Clerk will respond to the residents and confirm we will monitor for the time being to make sure it is fit for purpose and being looked after / taken care of before considering further rotaries. There is 80 meters of line.

• **TREE REMOVAL / REPORT OF BATS**

Clerk to Email resident and confirm everything has been sent to the tree officer team and we are awaiting further advice.

127/25 WORKS AT FARNHILL HALL

Enforcement attempting to obtain information from the owners but they have not received any response to their questions to date.

128/25 GARAGES AT BUCKLAR HILL

Report confirms low risk asbestos – North Yorkshire council Engineer coming to do a site visit regarding clearance of them. Parish Council are looking into possibly having this transferred to the Parish to remove them safely using approved asbestos removal experts and repurpose for the community.

129/25 COUNCILLORS UPDATES

130/25 CANAL AND RIVER TRUST NEWS REPORT

This item can now be removed council has informed the necessary person for this but no response received to date.

131/25 WEB SITES

- A. PARISH COUNCIL – BEEN UPDATED**
- B. HISTORY GROUP – FEES WILL INCREASE 2027.**
- B. EMAILS - .GOV**

132/25 NOTICEBOARD

This matter is to be deferred to the next meeting .

133/25 HISTORIC BLUE PLAQUES

Cllr. D. Atkinson and his team are still working on the processes with this.

134/25 PLANNING APPLICATION REF:

It was resolved that the parish council have looked at this and can see no objections.

135/25 DEVELOPMENT PLAN.

CLLR. B. MCDONALD WILL BRING NEXT MEETING

a. Highways – Speed/ maintenance -

- GRANGE ROAD KEEP CLEAR MARKING – This item can be removed
- 20MPH REQUEST FOR STARKEY LANE/MARY STREET. – Clerk to chase for update again.
- Noise nuisance from the bypass early hours in a morning. – Noise and speed late at night and bikers early hours. A629 lower single trunk road for the bikers and A629 dual carriage and Station Road where they meet at the garage.
- Several complaints regarding parking across the village.

It was resolved to have an official extra-ordinary meeting of the council for a community parish meeting to discuss parking issues in the village and noise nuisance from the bypass. Clerk to email Highways tomorrow to see if someone can attend and if they can recommend us contacting anyone else. Clerk to also invite Local Community Police Officer and the Parish liaison officers to see if it is in their remit.

b. Lighting Issues -

- i. **LED installation**
- ii. **1 light on Starkey Lane to go heritage LED- this has not been done Clerk to chase.**

- iii. **High Croft Way light out – Clerk to chase repair**
- iv. **Top of back Mary street not working- Clerk to chase repair**
- v. **Herritage Light Main Street – Still not installed, Clerk to chase**
- vi. **Light on footpath by the Parsons Bridge has been missed as it is not LED – Clerk to ask for this to be sorted**

c. **Update on the Play Area** - The Council is in discussions with Craven Herald as there is no response from the team at North Yorkshire. The Craven Herald has confirmed that they are making progress with this and are going to be getting back to us hopefully by next week.

d. **Inspections of pathways, benches and walls / Arthurs bench.-** This item can be removed

136/25 COUNCILLOR TRAINING

FOI training very useful. A copy of the handouts have been shared and Cllr. J Walton shared what she learnt from the course.

Powers policies and procedures booked for the Chair to attend.

137/25 CONCERNS OF STATUTORY NOISE NUISANCE - BARKING DOG

Several residents have mentioned a dog barking 1am to 3.30 am waking residents. Clerk to contact RSPCA to note residents concerns about dog left overnight and as far as we understand there is no one living at the property.

138/25 RESPONSES TO EMAILS, LETTERS AND PHONE CALLS

139/25 FINANCE & ACCOUNTS

To consider the following invoices for approval

• Jodie Fieldhouse (Salary August)	£363.52
• Nest Pension	£20.88
• NIC	£0
• TAX	£33.20
• Landscape Contractor 26.07.2025	£392.00
• Cllr. S Close – AIRER FOR ARBOUR	£80.00
• YLCA - Freedom Of Information	£27.40
• Contractor for Airer	£116.00
• Insurance renewal	£1454.17

140/25 MINOR ITEMS OF BUSINESS & ITEMS TO GO ON AGENDA NEXT MONTH

Clerk to respond to resident regarding weedkiller – thanking them for their email and explaining that we have set a groundman on to clear road edges to clear all the weeds. We have received a number of thank you messages from other residents and hopefully it will grown back weed free and nicer for all wildlife.

141/25 HOLIDAYS

All known absences were disclosed.

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

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

Clerk 28.08.2025