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**MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF FARNHILL PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
THURSDAY 30 JULY 2026 AT 7:00PM IN KILDWICK/FARNHILL INSTITUTE.**

BUSINESS

ATTENDEES: North Yorkshire Council and Chair. A. Brown, Cllrs. A. Christie, D. Roberts, D. Smurthwaite, R. Mason and S. Trigg, Clerk J. Fieldhouse.

48/26 Welcome

3 members of the public in attendance

Clerk, Chair and New Councillors Introduced Themselves

Approval of the Minutes for FPC annual meeting of the council held on 25.06.2026. This was discussed and agreed to be approved legally within the next meeting. Clerk to also send a draft word copy to Chairman prior to circulation..

49/26 Apologies, Reason For Absence And Acceptance Of Reason

Apology Received From Cllr J. Walton It Was Resolved That This Will Be Accepted.

50/26 Public Participation (Maximum 15mins)

A member of the public attended to return the Strimmer which belongs to the Council and reported that it needs to be serviced and a new place to store it. Cllr A. Christie kindly offered to take this task on.

A member of the public confirmed that the Lease for the White Lion is offered for sale – there are currently no takers. It was resolved to explore the issue further at the annual general meeting

A member of the public raised questions regarding the recent process for the co-option of a new Councillor. The Chair responded on behalf of the Council.

51/26 Disclosure Of Interests

No disclosure of interest.

52/26 Update From NYC Representative

Two controversial issues have been discussed – the first one being the new policies around home to school transport meaning NYC would only pay transport costs for their children go to the nearest school not the catchment area school. Some people had to go over a mountain to get to the nearest school. The second issue is with Brierley Homes which builds council houses. 7 million pounds in extra cash has been put aside to keep this company in reasonable stay. Cllr A. Brown has tried to get better oversight of these funds.

After several different dates have been provided by NYC for the opening of Kex Gill there is now little certainty over the exact opening date.

53/26 Clerks Report

This has been shared with Councillors and updated below within each item.

**54/26 AGAR (Annual Governance And Accountability)
Forms To Be Completed And Signed Off Along With
Tax Returns Application**

All completed just waiting to hear back from VAT Return.

55/26 Bucklar Hill Garages

Cllr A Christie organised an inspection by North Yorkshire West Waste Disposal Team who came down inspected the garages – two garages are locked so were unable to review what was in these. There are 8 in total. Some of them are partially full and others are rammed full

There was a lot of interest from the surrounding properties wanting to buy the land.

It was resolved that Clerk will draft an email to North Yorkshire Council as the owners, requesting the garages be cleared and demolished and then the parish can look into options thereafter regarding the transfer of ownership under double devolution. Clerk to highlight liabilities.

56/26 Insurance Renewal

It was resolved that Clerk will complete the questionnaire and leave off the garages. If the council did take these on then would need to add at a later date.

57/26 Planters

It was resolved that this will no longer go ahead and Clerk to transfer the remaining signage funds from the CRT project onto the noticeboard project and pass the remaining wildlife seeding funds onto the CRT Volunteers who will need to provide details of how the money has been used within Farnhill section of the canal.

58/26 Noticeboards

It was resolved that there is a preference to repair the current noticeboard and if purchasing is the only route it will just be the Farnhill one being replaced not the Institute one.

59/26 Updated Policies / Mandatory It Policy

It was resolved that Cllr S Trigg will edit the draft IT Policy as she feels the vast majority is not applicable.

Clerk and Chairman explained importance of GDPR eg. not mentioning resident's names in communications, being very careful what links are opened, when printing anything off always shred afterwards.

60/26 Annual Meeting Of The Parish

It was resolved that the meeting set for 24.09.2026 will be the date for the annual parish meeting and a general meeting will not be held this month. The main subject will be to discuss what the current views are and priorities going forward.

61/26 Street Lighting

It was resolved that Cllr D Smurthwaite will use one of his contacts to see if he can get the remaining jobs completed within the village.

62/26 Defibrillator Training

10 attendees to this organised training event

It was resolved that this is very useful training session and Clerk should request a refresher course in a years' time. It was also resolved that residents should be encouraged to know what their what 3 words are to provide ambulance services their destination as some homes in the village do not have numbers which makes it very difficult for emergency services to locate them.

63/26 Emergency Plan Review

It was resolved to defer this item and Clerk to bring print outs to the next meeting where it will be established who would be comfortable having their contact details being published

64/26 Damaged Steps On Lower Arbour

It was resolved that Cllr A. Christie will take a look at this as he may be able to repair this himself.

65/26 Play Area Inspection / Repairs

It was resolved that Clerk needs to obtain more quotes and for them to cover all tasks highlighted in the report not just the medium risk tasks.

66/26 Communication Between Meetings

It was resolved to keep all communications short and limit the number Clerk to only note things that have changed between meetings that Clerk has been asked to deal with within the meeting.

67/26 Planning Alerts

Chair confirmed Cllrs are recommended to set up a Notice on NYC website so that if any Planning issues in Farnhill so they will get a daily alert.

68/26 Finance & Accounts

To consider the following invoices for approval

• Jodie Fieldhouse (Salary June)	£410.16
Taxable pay £431.04	
Pension	£20.88
TAX £0	
Employer NIC	£2.11

It was resolved that, as the payment of the Clerk's salary is a legal and contractual requirement previously approved by the Council, specific salary and payroll figures will no longer be published in the agenda or recorded in the minutes. It will of course still be accounted for in the Annual Governance and Accountability Return to maintain financial transparency.

69/26 Future Business Priorities

70/26 Any Other Business

Vandalism Of New 20mph Signs – Top of main street sign now gone. It was resolved that Clerk will return to Highways to let them know exactly where it is.

Traffic Gridlock in Village caused by Bypass Closure. Accident on the bypass Cononley Clerk has requested an emergency plan is set in place so this doesn't happen again going forward.

Approval of minutes – there was an administrative omission and this will be deferred until next meeting.

Date of next meeting

**The next meeting of FPC will be held on 20.08.2026 at Kildwick/Farnhill Institute at
7pm
All members of the village are welcome to attend
Clerk 23.07.2026**