

Jodie Fieldhouse
Clerk
2 David Emmott Walk
Steeton
Keighley, West Yorkshire
BD20 6FP

**MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF FARNHILL PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
THURSDAY 20 AUGUST 2026 AT 7:00PM IN KILDWICK/FARNHILL INSTITUTE.**

BUSINESS

ATTENDEES: North Yorkshire Council Temporarily Appointed Under Section 91 Of The Local Government Act 1972 Chair. A. Brown, Cllrs, J. Walton, R. Mason and S.Trigg, Clerk J. Fieldhouse.

71/26 Welcome

Chair welcomed all residents to the meeting, all Councillors and staff in attendance introduced themselves and then Chair explained the proceedings of the meeting.

72/26 Apologies, Reason For Absence And Acceptance Of Reason

Cllrs. A. Christie, D. Roberts and D. Smurthwaite have provided their Apologies

73/26 Approval of Minutes dated 25.06.2026 Annual meeting of the Council and 30.07.26 FPC meeting.

It was resolved that the Minutes of 25.06.2026 and 30.07.2026 are approved

74/26 Public Participation (Maximum 15mins)

7 Members of the public present

A member of the public attended to explain the importance of the village website which is funded by the Parish Council and to explain that the subscriptions for the server and the domain were due to be paid in 2027. It was resolved that the Parish will continue funding this and the administrator of the website will provide the Clerk with Invoices.

A member of the public attended to raise 3 items. Item one was an item was missing from the agenda. Chair apologised for the oversight and acknowledged the email received from the resident, confirming that it was being taken into consideration and the pinnacle will be discussed. Item 2. Was in relation to the Notice boards. Chair allowed permission for the residents to discuss this within item 83/26. Item 3 was the resident raised transparency/spending concerns over the closed item, querying professional advice and liability. Chair confirmed that all financial implications will be disclosed in the

Minutes and AGAR as legally required, however at this moment in time there are no financial implications.

A member of the public relayed information in relation to the pinnacle refurbishment and the attendance of the lady responsible for it. The residents agreed that itinerary of the visit will be shared with Chair A. Brown in order that he may attend the pinnacle prior to the family's ceremony to commemorate their strong family connections to the pinnacle. A discussion took place on how to reduce the risk of future vandalism. The Chair expressed thanks on behalf of the community to the Foster family for their efforts to secure the refurbishment.

A previous Cllr returned the Projector, a dongle and a processing pack. Clerk now has the projector and Chair has the dongle and pack.

A member of the public queried how the defibrillator training was advertised as they would have liked to have attended it. It was confirmed that this was advertised on the Parish website and that there is plans to hold another session next year.

75/26 Disclosure of Interests

A member of council disclosed their interest in item number 93/26 and left the chamber during the discussion and vote.

76/26 Update From NYC Representative

A new rule has been implemented in Planning regarding building applications. The rule is if there is a railway line within walking distance then applications to build will receive an almost automatic yes no matter how big or small the build project may be. Residents and Councillors will not be able to oppose any of these requests on anything other than exceptional grounds such as flood risks.

The Kex Gill project was due to open in June and was expected to be partially open shortly but not open without restrictions for several future weeks.

77/26 Clerks Report

This was distributed to all Councillors and will be addressed in the following items.

78/26 Bucklar Hill Garages

Clerk has sent the approved email to North Yorkshire Council and is yet to hear back. Clerk will chase this up.

79/26 Council Grants

Clerk has sent communication to Canal & River Trust but no response as yet. It was resolved Clerk will chase this.

80/26 Updated Policies / Mandatory IT Policy

Cllr S. Trigg is continuing to look into the IT policy.

81/26 Traffic issues within the village / rotating one way signs

It was resolved that the Clerk will request the rotating signs be repaired and the new Cllrs will rotate these as and when required to. Cllrs will also consider locking the new signage to prevent members of the public activating them.

82/26 Insurance Renewal

Clerk provided all Councillors with copies of the insurance quotes and policy documentation. It was resolved that all present have reviewed the documentation and are happy with the levels of cover and the quote. Clerk is to go ahead and renew given this is due by 8th September 2026. The total fee to pay is £1474.49

83/26 Noticeboards

Following the residents input it was resolved that the quote Cllr. J. Walton obtained was reasonable for two completely new noticeboards however he will make further enquiries and liaise with the institute regarding size and header boards to make sure the Institute were happy with the new proposed Noticeboards and feed back to the Parish Council if there were any further fees required.

84/26 Annual Meeting of the Parish

It was resolved that Clerk will design a leaflet and Cllrs will post the same to residents.

It was also resolved that voluntary community groups, such as the history group are to be invited to speak about the work they do for the community.

85/26 Emergency Plan Review

It was resolved that Clerk is to remove the contact details of the previous Cllrs and for the time being Cllrs will confirm how they wish to be contacted in the case of an emergency. Then Clerk will add them onto the plan.

86/26 Damaged Steps On Lower Arbour

It was resolved that Clerk is to go back to the contractors who installed the stairs and request they provide a quote to undertake repairs.

87/26 Play Area Inspection / Repairs

Clerk has received one invoice to date and awaiting responses from other contractors. It was resolved that Clerk needs to go back to the current contractor and request they provide an invoice for all of the tasks mentioned in the report and not just the medium risk tasks.

88/26 Investigation into a Community-based bid for the White Lion Lease

It was resolved that the Parish Council will not get involved at this stage because putting this application in will prevent others from purchasing. If it turns out that the pub is sat there for some time the council will then reassess the situation.

89/26 Bradley Both Neighbourhood Plan Consultation Lim. 01.09.2026

Chair confirmed he can see no issues that may affect Farnhill it was resolved to take no action.

90/26 Finance & Accounts

To consider the following invoices for approval

Kildwick & Farnhill Institute Hire	£100
Gardening Contractor invoices for	£ 1346,50
30.05.2026	£488
30.06.2026	£569
30.07.2026	£289.50

The Contractor was questioned on the type of weedkiller he used and what risk assessments he is undertaking to keep both himself and the public safe. He confirmed details of the weedkiller being used and methods also in place for safety precautions. It was resolved to look into alternative methods of weed removal and to also look into purchasing a sign for when weedkiller has been used. The contractor will provide an invoice for how much it would be to remove weeds by other means / methods and Chair will look into other solutions. The contractor will also check the exact version of the product that is being used.

It was resolved the above can be agreed and paid.

91/26 Any Other Business

Tree App. There has been a planning application put through by a resident

APPLICATION NO: 26/04503/TPO

PROPOSAL: Removal of branches on 2no. Sycamore Trees TPO CRA45-1-1958.

Cutting back of suckers low down on the trunk as they are hanging very

low across the garden. LOCATION: 5 The Crofts Farnhill North Yorkshire BD20 9AG

PUBLIC ACCESS:

It was resolved that the Parish Council have no comments regarding this application.

Pinnacle. This has been restored. The previous holder of the community funds raised to do future restorations has confirmed that they are happy to transfer the account to the Parish Council so they can use the funds towards attempting to protecting the works from vandalism. Clerk was asked to contact the controllers of these funds and agree a transfer. A plaque was suggested as a deterrent and it was confirmed that the contractors have used

a special mesh within the restoration that will make it more difficult for vandals. The history group were requested to consider looking into some wording for a possible plaque

Councillors access to YLCA passwords have all been supplied.

Email setup Cllr J. Walton has not been able to gain access to his Cllr e-mail

Clerk will look into this.

92/26 Lower Arbour request to rent land

A request was received to take over a rental agreement for a plot of land that was at the back of another property. This land was previously rented to a resident who has since moved. It was resolved that Clerk will send a copy of the previous rental agreement to all Cllrs. Then Clerk will establish if the person making the enquiries is from the property adjacent to the land. If not then Clerk will write to the new owners of the address in question and if the current owners are not interested then Clerk will place an advertisement on the website / noticeboard.

93/26 A request has been received for repair works to be undertaken on a property on the Arbour which is boundary to Council land. A vote will be held to Exempt this Agenda Item Under Schedule 12A of the local Government Act 1972. If this is withheld then there will be a closed session to the public and journalists.

It was resolved that the discussion of this matter will be exempt from public and journalists.

The outcome of the discussion was that the council decided to grant permission for access to parish land in order to undertake work on a boundary wall subject to strict conditions.

Date of next meeting

The Annual meeting of the Parish will be held on 24.09.2026 at Kildwick/Farnhill Institute at 7:30pm

**All members of the village are welcome to attend
Clerk 20.08.2026**