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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF FARNHILL PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON THE 5TH AUGUST 2014 IN KILDWICK/FARNHILL INSTITUTE.**

PRESENT Councs. D Atkinson (Vice Chairman) R. Bramley, M Scarffe, Clerk S Harding-Hill & one member of the public.

129/14 **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

A member of the public expressed concerns about the planning application for Barns End and Old Stable which includes the diversion of footpath No 19/2. They stated that the footpath was a well used path and they were concerned about it being inaccessible during building works.

130/14 **COUNCILLORS APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were accepted from Counc G Harling & J Waring due to illness & family commitments.

131/14 **TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE OF NON MEMBERS.**

Apologies were received from NYCC & CDC Rep P Mulligan & CDC Rep Counc P Fairbank.

132/14 **DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS**

None

133/14 **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE ON THE 1ST JULY 2014**

The minutes of the meeting held on the 1st July were approved by the Council and signed as a correct record by the Vice Chairman.

134/14 **HIGHWAYS**

Highways have responded to the request for the lining work at the junction of Kildwick and Main Street Farnhill and state the work has been ordered and they would expect the lining contractors to carry it out next month. (They have had to wait for other lining works in the area to be done to make it more cost efficient).

A sign for Kildwick roundabout for the Skipton exit has also been ordered, and should be in place next month.

Their inspector looked at the lining at the top of the Arbour and thought the keep clear appeared to be ok and was not in need of refreshing at the present time.

Clerk to inform NYCC that the verges are really overgrown on Bradley Road and causing problems by narrowing the road. This is becoming a safety issue for pedestrians and motorists and requires attention.

Issues were raised on the progress of safety on the A629 following the recent fatality. Clerk to write to NYCC and ask what action has been taken since the meeting at Cononley. The Parish Council would like to know if a review of the speed of the bend and a pedestrian survey and gap analysis have been carried out yet and if so why have we not heard the results. If it has not been carried out could a date for the survey be arranged and possibly a meeting with the Parish Council on site. Clerk also to contact Cononley Parish Council to ask if they know of any progress made and to suggest getting together to decide what further action we can take to move things on.

135/14 **PLANNING**

Application No: 28/2014/14862

Proposal: Formation of Off-Road Vehicle Parking Area, Including Excavation of Raised Garden Bed.

Location: 9 The Arbour, Farnhill

Farnhill Parish Council had no objection to the above proposal, but raised concerns regarding the structure of the walls at either side of the cobbled path. Care would have to be taken when lifting and relaying the cobbles that no damage was caused to the retaining walls either side of the path (one being the retaining wall for Farnhill Infant Play Area and the other the retaining wall for the footpath)) There would also be the possibility of vehicles reversing out onto the main road.

Application No: 28/2014/14871

Proposal: Proposed Conversion Of A Pair Of Semi-Detached Dwellings Into A Single Dwelling, Demolition Of Existing Flat Roofed Garage, Construction Of Breakfast Room And Garage And Diversion Of Existing Footpath No. 19/2

Location: Barns End And Old Stable, Main Street, Farnhill. BD20 9BW

Farnhill Parish Council had no objections to the above proposal, but stressed that the footpath which is to be diverted is a well used path and access must be maintained at all times during the period of the works and a suitable permanent path created when the works are complete.

136/14 **INSURANCE RENEWAL** (To review Insurance Policy and consider adequacy of policy)

The Parish Council reviewed the Insurance Policy and considered it to be adequate for the needs of the Council.

137/14 **FINANCE & ACCOUNTS**

Citizens Advice Bureau	£50.00
Kildwick/Farnhill Institute (Rent of Room)	£110.00
Came & Company Insurance	£676.34

The above accounts were approved for payment by the Council

Audit 2013/2014

The External Auditor has stated that in their opinion the information in the Annual Return is in accordance with proper practices and no matters have come to their attention giving cause for concern that relevant legislation and regulatory requirements have not been met.

138/14 **CHRISTMAS FESTIVITIES**

The Canal & Rivers Trust have now granted permission for the Parish Council to place a Christmas Tree at the site near Redmans Bridge for 2014. Clerk to ask NYCC Street Lighting to provide a price for the work and ask if they would provide a method statement for the Canal & Rivers Trust.

139/14 **PLAY AREA**

The grass has been cut in the Play Area and the gate has been adjusted to eliminate the entrapment area by the gatepost. The yearly inspection will be carried out by ROSPA some time during September.

140/14 **ONGOING DEVELOPMENT OF THE ARBOUR**

The weedkilling has been carried out on the paths at the Arbour and the Parish Council resolved that the contractor be used on a regular basis for the weed spraying when necessary. Counc M Scarffe has carried out some grass cutting and clearing at Lower Arbour but it was agreed that more clearance work was needed in the section to the right of the heather . Clerk to arrange for some quotes for the work. Also to ask a relevant person for advice on planting for the area which has recently been cleared. Counc M Scarffe agreed to clear the path from behind Arbour House to Mary Street.

The Parish Council agreed to the creation of a compost heap situated towards the bottom of Arbour Top near the rocks to be used for vegetation from the Arbour. It will be shielded by bushes etc.

The Parish Council gave Counc R Bramley permission to place a scarecrow at the Arbour.

141/14 **PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE DEVELOPMENT**

Counc R Bramley has been appointed as website administrator provided that he receives one article per month in turn from each of the Councillors. Clerk to arrange further training for him and Counc M Scarffe with Chris Wright. Clerk to check that the Register of Interests on Craven District Council's website has been updated with the correct details.

142/14 **LEEDS & LIVERPOOL CANAL ACCESS DEVELOPMENT PLAN**

The consultation document has been circulated round the members of the Council and the plan will be considered and a response will be made at the September meeting.

143/14 **CLERKS REPORT**

An e-mail was received from a member of the public stating there was some very overgrown shrubbery at the top of Starkey Lane which was causing problems by obscuring the vision when pulling out onto Grange Road. The problem has now been corrected so no action was needed.

An e-mail was received by a member of the public wishing to commemorate her father's life by placing a seat on Farnhill Moor. The Parish Council responded by stating that the moor was not owned by the Parish Council but informed her of the ownership of the moor.

144/14 **CORRESPONDENCE**

CDC Review of Polling Districts, Polling Places and Polling Stations in Craven District.

YLCA - Health Check for smaller Councils and Training Events available September

CDC Community Champions Awards 2014- Nomination Forms

NYCC – Commons Act 2006 Raising Awareness Of The Implementation of Part 1 Of The Commons Act 2006

Clerks & Councils Direct July 2014 Issue 94

SLCC Clerk Magazine July 2014 Vol 45

NYCC – Craven Area timetable for bus services operated by NYCC- Valid from 28th July 2014

Leeds & Liverpool Canal Access Development Plan

Centenary First World War Newsletter- Heritage Lottery Fund

CDC – Notice of Parish Liason Meeting 24th September 6.30pm at Belle Vue Mills, Skipton

Health & Wellbeing Board North Yorkshire – Newsletter July 2014

YLCA & ROSPA – Half Day Training Course in Routine Playground Inspection

CDC Crime & Disorder Committee – Operational Policing Model 2016 Consultation ends August 18th

Northern Powergrid Stakeholder Priorities Consultation

Rural Housing Enabler – 29th September

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING TUESDAY 2ND SEPTEMBER 2014 IN KILDWICK/FARNHILL
INSTITUTE AT 7.30PM**

All members of the village are welcome to attend

