

# **FARNHILL PARISH COUNCIL**

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## **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF FARNHILL PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THE 1<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2015 IN KILDWICK/FARNHILL INSTITUTE.**

**PRESENT** Councs. G Harling (Chairman), D Atkinson (Vice Chairman), M Scarffe, R Bramley, J Waring & Clerk S Harding-Hill.

### **439/15 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

No members of the public present.

### **440/15 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

NYCC & CDC Representative Counc P Mulligan & CDC Representative Counc P Fairbank

### **441/15 COUNCILLORS APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Counc J Waring apologized for arriving late.

### **442/15 DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS**

None

### **443/15 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE ON THE 3<sup>RD</sup> NOVEMBER 2015**

The minutes of the meeting held on the 3<sup>RD</sup> November 2015 were approved by the Council after requested alterations to the draft copy and signed as a correct record by the Chairman.

### **444/15 HIGHWAYS**

NYCC are carrying out a review of Urban Highway Visibility Grass Cutting for the year 2016/2017 and the Parish Council have a choice of two options:

- The County Council will carry out the grass cutting.
- The Parish Council can carry out the grass cutting and NYCC will pay them for doing so. The rate they will pay for Farnhill would be a minimum of £28.24.

The Council **resolved** that NYCC to continue with the cutting as they did last year.

### **445/15 CDC POLICY MAKING PROCEDURES**

Further to an invitation to Cllr Richard Foster (Leader of CDC) being asked to attend a meeting of Farnhill Parish Council to discuss policy Making Procedures, a reply was received on his behalf stating that he could not attend on the 1<sup>st</sup> December as CDC had a full Council Meeting that evening, but he would attend on the 5<sup>th</sup> January 2016. Clerk to send him copies of the document pack regarding the Waste Collection Policy and a copy of the agenda for January.

### **446/15 UPDATE FROM NYCC & CDC REPRESENTATIVES**

None present

### **447/15 ONGOING DEVELOPMENT OF THE ARBOUR**

Treatment has now been carried out on the wasps nest at Lower Arbour and D Callaghan has been asked to complete the clearance work. He is hoping to carry out the work in the next two weeks weather permitting.

R Ellis has also been held up with the work to the seating area and the steps due to the weather, but hopes to begin again in the next two weeks. Clerk to ask him to complete the seating area first and then to meet with the Parish Council to discuss the design and construction of the steps and also to identify and discuss alterations which could improve the path further up Lower Arbour. Clerk to arrange an extraordinary meeting at a time convenient to the Contractor and members of the Parish Council to discuss the issues, make a plan and a decision on how to proceed.

The gentleman who has offered to contribute to the purchase of the seat and a plaque has provided the final wording to go on the plaque. This was approved by the Parish Council and once the cheque has cleared Clerk to order the plaque.

Clerk to write to the contractor who did the building work at Craglands earlier in the year and remind him of his offer to contribute towards the cost of repairing the damage caused at Arbour Top and ask him for a contribution of £250.00.

### **448/15 FINANCE & ACCOUNTS**

The following accounts were approved for payment by the Council.

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| • Playsafety Ltd (Play Area Inspection)                        | £ 81.60 |
| • NYCC (Contribution to Traffic Island at Cononley Crossroads) | £250.00 |

### **449/15 CLOSURE OF BRIDGE 185 AT CANAL (REDMANS SWING BRIDGE)**

The Canal and Rivers Trust are working to fix Redmans Swing Bridge as soon as possible. They have said that the plywood was installed as a temporary measure, but has become unsuitable quicker than anticipated. They are endeavoring to fix the bridge properly as soon as possible, which means a short term closure will be required to prevent any injuries as the weather conditions get worse. Clerk to write to them stating that the Parish Council informed them of the condition of the bridge at the beginning of August and asked them to repair it. Now that the bridge has been closed they need to make it a priority to repair it and get it open again as this is the route to the bus stop and is used by a lot of elderly people.

**450/15 TRIMMING OF TREES BY NEW STREET LIGHT AT PARSONS BRIDGE**

The trimming of the trees near the light at Parsons Bridge has now been completed.

**451/15 CHRISTMAS FESTIVITIES**

The Canal & Rivers Trust have provided a draft license for a feeder pillar to supply electric to a Christmas Tree and to site the tree from December to January. They originally stated a one off fee for the license of £360.00 but have now decided that it should be £75.00 per annum. The Parish Council agreed to accept the price but resolved to get the license checked over by the Solicitor first.

**452/15 TO CONSIDER ITEMS FOR INCLUSION IN BUDGET ACCOUNT FOR YEAR 2016/2017**

The draft budget account provided by the Clerk was considered and items for inclusion discussed and after a few changes were made the Parish Council Resolved to accept the amended budget and lower the precept for the year 2016/2017 by 5% compared to last year.

**453/15 RECORDING OF MEETINGS**

A letter has been received from the YLCA's lawyer regarding an issue related to recording of meetings, but the Parish Council were not happy with the advice given and felt that they had not provided answers to the questions asked. Clerk to contact them again to ask for the necessary information and also to contact our MP to see if he can offer any advice.

**454/15 PLANNING**

**a. CDC Enforcement File Ref: 2201/2015**

No updates available.

**455/15 PLAY AREA**

There were no issues of concern.

**456/15 PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE**

Counc R Bramley has updated the website and has added articles on the attempted burglaries in the village and the closure of Redmans Bridge. Counc D Atkinson provided some photos to put on the website.

**457/15 CALENDAR OF FARNHILL**

Counc R Bramley to speak with the Institute Committee and ask why they have given up with the village calendar and to ask them if they would like any help with it in future years.

**458/15 CLERKS REPORT**

Light No 14 is out and has been reported to NYCC who will attend to it in the next five days.

Also that having looked further into the issue regarding designating local green space as part of Craven District Councils Local Plan it was more complex than it appeared and after speaking with CDC the area proposed was unlikely to be accepted as the criteria states it should not be an extensive tract of land. The Parish Council decided not to carry on with the proposal.

**459/15 CORRESPONDENCE**

Community & Voluntary Services -- Collating Information on peoples opinion of public transport good or bad.

Tesco Grants for Local Park or Open Public Space

CDC Grant Funding for Community Projects

Better Homes Yorkshire - DECC Fuel Poverty Scheme 2015.

White Rose Update 13<sup>th</sup> November 2015.

Police & Crime Commissioner ---Advice Surgery in Skipton Appointment Only

NYCC Minerals & Waste Joint Plan Preferred Options Consultation.

G views – Street Furniture – Autumn Offers

CDC Planning Focus Newsletter – November Edition

YLCA – Bulletin on National Developments and Meetings

**460/15 MINOR ITEMS OF BUSINESS & ITEMS TO GO ON AGENDA NEXT MONTH.**

Counc M Scarffe provided a draft copy of A Policy for the Arbour to be considered by members to accept at the next meeting.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING TUESDAY 5TH JANUARY 2016 IN KILDWICK/FARNHILL INSTITUTE AT 7.30PM**

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

Susan Harding-Hill

14.12.15