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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF FARNHILL PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD ON THE 4<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2014 IN KILDWICK/FARNHILL INSTITUTE.**

**PRESENT** Councs. G Harling (Chairman), D Atkinson, R Bramley, M Scarffe, J Waring, S Gilbert, NYCC Rep Counc. P Mulligan, Clerk S Harding-Hill & 4 members of the public.

15/14 **STANDING ORDERS (i)**

The Parish Council Resolved to rescind the additions to standing orders (7<sup>th</sup> June 2011) till the new standing orders were agreed.

16/14 **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Four members of the public were present to make a complaint regarding work being carried out at Bucklar Hill which is causing a nuisance to residents by blocking access to garages and the turning circle and creating excess noise and dust. Some letters of complaint were also received from members of the public regarding the same issue. The Parish Council explained that they have no powers to take any action but they would pass the complaints to the necessary departments at CDC and recommended the residents to also pass on their complaints to CDC.

A further complaint was also made about dog fouling on the path at the end of Newby Road and Parson's Bridge. The dog warden has said she will do some patrols and put up some signs where she can. Clerk to also request that she arranges for the dirt to be cleaned up.

Concerns were expressed about the pointing on the wall near the culvert on Main Street, Clerk to write to the Canal and Rivers Trust .

17/14 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

CDC Rep's Counc P Fairbank,

18/14 **DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS**

Counc S Gilbert declared a personal interest in minute no's 16/4 & 28/14

19/14 **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE ON THE 7TH JANUARY 2014**

The minutes of the meeting held on the 7<sup>th</sup> January were approved by the Council and signed as a correct record by the Chairman.

20/14 **COMPLAINT REGARDING BLOCKED ACCESS TO GARAGES AND TURNING CIRCLE AT BUCKLAR HILL & NOISE & DUST CAUSED BY WORK BEING CARRIED OUT.**

The Parish Council agreed to follow up the complaints by passing on to the various departments at Craven District Council

21/14 **HIGHWAYS**

Counc.G Harling met up at Cononley Lane Ends junction with Counc. Lois Brown (Chairman of Cononley Parish Council) and a member of the press to campaign for more improvements to the junction. NYCC Rep Counc P Mulligan also voiced his concerns regarding the junction. A spokesman for NYCC stated that they will continue to monitor the junction with a view to installing further safety measures if necessary. However they stressed that since safety measures were undertaken in 2011 accidents in the area have reduced and that based on information from NY Police it is clear that no additional engineering safety measures would have prevented these more recent collisions , which involved driver error. Clerk has written to various people at NYCC but no reply has been received yet.

A complaint has been received from a member of the public regarding the junction of Main Street Farnhill and Kildwick by the bus access. Apparently there have been several incidents of people not stopping at the junction when travelling from the bus access and causing near traffic accidents. The give way sign is covered over by the bushes and the white lining at the junction is badly worn. Clerk to ask NYCC if they can attend to the sign and arrange to have the white line reinstated also to ask for the white line to be refreshed on the bend by the White Lion as vehicles often come round the corner on the wrong side of the road.

22/14 **UPDATE FROM NYCC & CDC REPRESENTATIVES**

NYCC Rep Counc P Mulligan believes the response from NYCC regarding the Cononley Lane Ends Junction to be unsatisfactory and he suggested holding a public meeting with NYCC Officers attending. He has been in discussions with Cononley Parish Council with regard to holding a meeting and will keep us informed on the progress with organizing one. He reported that NYCC have a full Council meeting in the middle of February and will be looking at the budget and there is likely to be some unpopular proposals on the delivery of services, with possible cuts to grass cutting, childrens centres and bus services. He will keep us updated with the outcome.

23/14 **PLANNING**

**Application No:** 28/2014/142283  
**Proposal:** Establishment of Residential Curtilage & Car Parking Area  
**Location:** The Old Stables, Skipton Road, Farnhill

The Parish Council had no objections to the above proposal.

**Application No:** 32/2014/14244  
**Proposal :** Residential Development of 54 Dwellings  
**Location:** Land at Ashfield Farm, Crosshills

Although the above proposal does not come within the Parish of Farnhill the above application would have implications on the residents of Farnhill and therefore the Parish Council thought it appropriate to respond with the following comments .

The proposed development would:-

- a. Have a major impact on the traffic infrastructure which already causes massive problems both to local people and through traffic, with the railway crossing causing massive tailbacks back to the roundabout and resulting in serious congestion on all connecting roads.
- b. It would also have a major impact on the already overstretched local primary schools and health facilities..
- c. Development needs to be controlled within the floodplain which has already been greatly reduced by previous development.

#### 24/14 **FINANCE & ACCOUNTS**

The following accounts were approved for payment by the Council.

R Bramley (Certified Copy of Deeds)	£60.00
Kildwick/Farnhill Scouts (Replacement Cheque)	£50.00

#### 25/14 **PLAY AREA**

Nothing to report.

#### 26/14 **CHRISTMAS FESTIVITIES**

Counc D Atkinson informed the Parish Council that if the Council were to have a Christmas Tree it would be secured in place either by digging a hole in the ground and securing with wedges or by a central cylinder with cross members. Clerk to inform the Canal & Rivers Trust who requested the information prior to giving permission to erect a tree.

#### 27/14 **STREET LIGHTING**

When YEDL came to connect the main electric cable to the new street light on Main Street (Light No 25) , the main cable was not where it was expected to be. This meant YEDL had to carry out further excavation works 10metres northwards and had to dig up the footpath up to No 5 Main Street. This will incur an extra charge to the Parish Council of £428.26p.

Peter Ball from NY Street Lighting is looking into Solar Powered LED Lighting to see if it would be any good for Parson's Bridge.

A report was received from a member of the public regarding two lights in the village being out, one outside September Cottage, (17) Starkey Lane, Farnhill and the other up Lang Kirk. Clerk has reported lights to appropriate people as the lights do not belong to the Parish Council (NYCC for 1 & Housing Association for the other)

The following reply was received regarding a complaint about Lighting at Airedale Chemicals

CDC have looked at this matter to see if the Council has powers to take action for statutory nuisance in respect of the artificial light emitted from the premises. The Environmental Protection Act 1990 has been extent to include artificial light emitted from premises so as to be prejudicial to health or a nuisance. However, the Act provides an exemption in relation to light emitted from a goods vehicle operating centre. Airedale Chemical appears to fall within the definition of a goods vehicle operating centre as the Company holds a Goods Vehicle Operator's Licence in respect of the Airedale Mills site and Airedale Mills is the base or centre at which the vehicles are normally kept. This means that the Council's view is that the exemption does apply to this site and we are unable to deal with the complaint under the Environmental Protection Act. We have been negotiating with the company to get the lights re-angled to help nearby residents. The company has worked with us but insist they need the lights for safety reasons. If individuals are personally affected they may be able to take a private nuisance action against the company.

#### 28/14 **ONGOING DEVELOPMENT OF THE ARBOUR & UPDATE ON REGISTRATION OF THE ARBOUR**

Counc R Bramley has obtained a certified copy of the deed of gift of the Arbour and is continuing the process of registering the Arbour with Land Registry.

Counc M Scarffe provided further plans for improving the footpath that runs through Lower Arbour and it was thought the best solution would be to extend the length of path with steps so as to graduate the slope. The Parish Council to get quotes for the work.

The Clerk has received a quote for spraying of the brambles and ivy at the Arbour and the Parish Council requested that a further quote be sought specifying the areas identified by the Council as needing attention.

#### 29/14 **PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE DEVELOPMENT**

The Parish Council resolved not to have a domain name with gov.uk for the website as it was considerable more expensive and more complicated. Clerk to inform Chris Wright to register the site with the original domain name farnhillpc.org.uk

#### 30/14 **STANDING ORDERS**

The Parish Council agreed that Counc R Bramley draft a new set of standing orders based on the standing orders the Council already have in place (excluding the additions made on 7<sup>th</sup> June 2011) but to include all the standing orders which are in bold type in the new NALC Standing Orders which are statutory requirements. The Parish Council will then consider adopting them at the meeting in March.

#### 31/14 **CORRESPONDENCE**

The Clerk Magazine SLCC January 2014 Vol 45

CDC Parish Grant 2014/2015

Heraldry for Town, Parish & Community Councils

Clerk & Councils Direct January 2014 Issue 91

Julian Smith MP – MP Surgeries

Cloverleaf Advocacy – Complaint against the NHS?

Glasdon – Products for Local Councils  
CDC – Craven Dragons Den 2014 – Now receiving applications  
CDC Community News January 2014

32/14 **MINOR ITEMS OF BUSINESS & ITEMS TO GO ON THE AGENDA NEXT MONTH**

The Parish Council raised issues regarding identifying any vulnerable people who are likely to need assistance in bad weather and it was agreed to make enquiries at the over 50's club to see if they know of anybody who would appreciate any help.

The Parish Council would like to thank the public spirited resident who has been cleaning up litter in the village".

The Parish Council requested that the following items be put on the agenda next month

Follow up to complaints regarding Bucklar Hill

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING TUESDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2014 IN KILDWICK/FARNHILL  
INSTITUTE AT 7.30PM**

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

Susan Harding-Hill  
16.02.2014