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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF FARNHILL PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON THE 3RD FEBRUARY 2015 IN KILDWICK/FARNHILL INSTITUTE.**

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

236/15 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No members of the public present.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

NYCC & CDC Representative Coun. P Mulligan & CDC Representative Coun P Fairbank

237/15 COUNCILLORS APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Counc J Waring

238/15 DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

Counc D Atkinson declared a personal interest in Minute No 230/15 Clerk declared an interest in Minute No 244/15.

239/15 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE ON THE 6TH JANUARY 2015

The minutes of the meeting held on the 6th January 2015 were approved by the Council and signed as a correct record by the Chairman.

240/15 HIGHWAYS

Farnhill Parish Council to respond to NYCC stating that the pedestrian island for Cononley Crossroads will be a marginal improvement, but we are not satisfied that they have done all they promised to do and this does not address the bigger issues. It will also need clear signing putting up to make people aware of the possibility of people crossing the road.

Farnhill **Resolved** that based on the population of Farnhill and the size of the precept the most they would be willing to contribute towards the cost would be £250.00

An e-mail has been received from Highways Area 5 informing the Parish Council that the A629 Kildwick roundabout is to be resurfaced. The final details and works programme are currently being finalized, but it is anticipated that the works will be carried out in June. Advance warning signs will be erected on site nearer the time. The Parish Council to ask if they can improve the signage for the Kildwick turn off as people coming from Skipton tend to cut in front of traffic turning to Kildwick, they seem to think all traffic is turning to Skipton and are unaware of the Kildwick exit.

Clerk to ask Highways if the entrance into Kildwick from the A629 which is used for buses only could be opened up one way for traffic entering into Kildwick. To do this would alleviate some of the problems at the Kildwick roundabout.

Clerk to inform Highways that the Culvert at Main Street Farnhill is still flooding after the recent drainage work which has been carried out, and that it has been flooded on two occasions since. If flooding occurs at this time of year it can result in ice forming which can be dangerous so we would like them to investigate further to identify the problem.

241/15 UPDATES FROM CDC & NYCC REPRESENTATIVES

No district representatives present, but CDC Rep Coun P Fairbank informed the Council that the police cells in Skipton would be closing despite efforts to try and keep them open.

242/15 REVIEW OF RENTS & CONTRACTS FOR LAND OWNED BY THE PARISH COUNCIL.

The contract & plan of the area to be rented behind No 36 Main Street Council has now been completed. Clerk to provide a copy for the occupants of No 36 for them to consider. If they are happy with the contract Clerk to arrange for completion of contract.

243/15 FINANCE & ACCOUNTS

The following accounts were approved for payment by the Council

S.Harding-Hill Clerks Salary Oct, Nov, Dec	£339.28
HM Customs & Excise (PAYE)	£ 84.80
S Harding-Hill (Expenses Oct, Nov, Dec, Jan	£ 29.51

244/15 REVIEW OF CLERKS SALARY

NALC have issued recommended pay scales for 2014-2016 to be implemented from 1st Jan 2015 and in addition to the revised pay scales there is a non-consolidated (one off) payment for employees on Spinal Column Points 5-49 . The Parish Council resolved to award the increase in Clerks Salary as recommended by NALC.

245/15 STREET LIGHTING

Kildwick Parish have now informed Peter Ball from NYCC that they have taken over responsibility for Light No 33 at Kirkgate so it has now been taken off our list of lights. A reminder has been issued to NYCC that light No 25 outside Bainbridge Wharf is still in need of painting and they say it is on the list for the next round of painting. Peter Ball has suggested a site for a light near Parson's bridge on the Bucklar Hill side and will provide some estimates if the site is suitable. Clerk to ask him to go ahead and prepare an estimate.

NYCC Street Lighting Energy Reduction Programme

NYCC have begun implementing a street lighting energy reduction programme which involves turning off some street lights between midnight & 5.00am when road use has been shown to be at a minimum. The decision as to which lights are turned off is based on a fixed set of exclusion criteria. NYCC would like to hear from us if there are any lights that have been marked with a red circle on the plan (lights to be affected) that we think meet any of the exclusion criteria. The Council to respond by stating that lights on Lang Kirk Close meet the exclusion criteria. Other lights affected in the village are lights on the Crofts and on the A629 Skipton Road. Clerk to send copies of the letter and plan to residents of the Crofts.

246/15 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The Parish Council discussed dates for the Annual Parish Meeting and provisionally decided to hold it on Wednesday 22nd April. Clerk to check if the Institute is available on that date and if it is check that the District Councillors are available.

247/15 NUISANCE ACTIVITIES

CDC have stated that regarding noise issues officers at CDC have not been able to establish a statutory noise nuisance due to lack of evidence. To have evidence that this is an issue they need dates, times and the actual nuisance caused and they cannot act if there is no evidence brought forward.

They say that as a parish council if we could offer this advice and assure residents of the importance of formerly reporting any incidents this would greatly assist them.

248/15 CHRISTMAS FESTIVITIES

The Canal & Rivers Trust have stated that they will arrange for the draft license agreement to be completed for a permanent feeder pillar at the site near Redmans Bridge to supply power for a Christmas tree.

249/15 PLAY AREA

Counc R Bramley reported that there were no issues of concern at the Play Area.

250/15 ONGOING DEVELOPMENT OF THE ARBOUR

Clerk to ask Counc J Waring to contact Andrew at Gardenmakers to ask him if he could mark out the recommended positioning of the plants on the plan of the Arbour that Counc M Scarffe sent for him.

Counc M Scarffe has supplied a specification for the work on the path and steps at the Arbour and the Council are waiting quotes for the work.

Clerk to write and inform the builder that carried out the work at Craglands that an alternative solution to him carrying out the repair work would be for him to compensate the Council by paying £250.00 and the Council would then carry out the work. There are seven places on the track edges that are in need of repair, but patching would not be a solution it actually requires bits to be cut out and replaced.

251/15 LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL SETTLEMENT- GOVERNMENT CONSULTATION/REFERENDUM REQUIREMENTS

NALC are concerned that the government may introduce a requirement on higher spending parishes to hold a referendum if they propose to raise the precept above a certain level. They are therefore encouraging local councils to respond to the consultation. The Councillors will respond on an individual basis rather than a joint response from the council.

252/15 PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE

The expenditure against the budget for the year so far and the budget account for the year 2015-2016 are now available on the website. An article will be put on about the street lighting energy reduction programme, plus damage to the pinnacle and an item on the latest local news.

253/15 FARNHILL PARISH COUNCIL'S POLICIES

A decision was taken to review the policies of the Parish Council over the next few months with the Grant Policy being reviewed next month. Clerk to see if there is a model policy available and e-mail to Councillors before the next meeting.

254/15 CORRESPONDENCE

Sue Ryder- Take on a challenge for Sue Ryder Manorlands Hospice in 2015

CDC - Parishes Liason Group Meeting - 24th March 2015 6.30pm, Belle Vue Square Offices

SLCC – The Clerk January 2015 Vol 46

NYCC – Minerals & Waste Joint Plan- Supplementary Sites Consultation **Responses by 13th March 2015**

Julian Smith MP Surgeries

White Rose Update 16th January 2015

Rural Action Yorkshire – Craven Libraries Free Energy Switch sessions

Glasdon – Products for Local Councils

Greenbarnes – Noticeboards

Clerks & Councils Direct January 2015 Issue 97

Leigh Day – Environmental Concerns

Eibe – Outdoor Play Products

CDC Dragons Den 2015

CDC Standards Committee- Replacement Parish Representative Invitation to Submit Nominations

Rural Action Yorkshire- Learning to be resilient & prepare for emergencies in Craven

255/15 MINOR ITEMS OF BUSINESS & ITEMS TO GO ON AGENDA NEXT MONTH.

Clerk to inform the Canal & Rivers Trust that the gate at Redmans Bridge is damaged and will not close and ask that it be repaired. Counc M Scarffe will carry out a visual inspection of Parish Council property.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING TUESDAY 3RD MARCH 2015 IN KILDWICK/FARNHILL
INSTITUTE AT 7.30PM**

All members of the village are welcome to attend