

# **FARNHILL PARISH COUNCIL**

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## **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF FARNHILL PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THE 2<sup>ND</sup> JUNE 2015 IN KILDWICK/FARNHILL INSTITUTE.**

**PRESENT** Councils. G Harling(Chairman), D Atkinson, M Scarffe, R Bramley ,Clerk S Harding-Hill, NYCC & CDC Representative Coun. P Mulligan, CDC Representative Council P Fairbank , CDC Director of Services Paul Ellis & Jonathon Green from Waste Management Services

### **317/15 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

No members of the public present, but a member of the public had expressed concern about the possibility of the Council cutting down the trees by the washing lines, The Council confirmed they would not be cutting them down. A complaint was also received about the footpath at Redman's Lane being very slippery due to loose chippings. Clerk to contact NYCC Rights of Way to ask them to sweep the path or take the necessary action.

### **318/15 COUNCILLORS APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were accepted from Council J Waring

### **319/15 DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS**

None

### **320/15 GUEST SPEAKERS FROM CDC WASTE MANAGEMENT AND THE NEW COLLECTION POINTS**

Representatives from CDC apologized for non attendance and lack of communication regarding the Annual Parish Meeting and issues concerning the new collection points for waste in Farnhill. They stated that the absence of Paul Florentine (Waste & Recycling Manager) through sick leave had unfortunately caused the problem, but they accept that they should have had cover in place and access to e-mails and correspondence.

They explained that some time ago the Health & Safety Executive issued the Council with an improvement notice to address manual handling in waste collection. In order to reduce the risk of repetitive strain injury they have to change the way they collect waste from properties inaccessible to a waste vehicle. As a result of this they have introduced a new wheeled bin collection point policy. As a result of this they had to carry out a risk assessment and 2500 properties were identified across Craven (50 of them being in Farnhill) which could cause operatives long term effects to health. CDC stated that all the properties concerned had had letters sent to the householders in April informing them of the new collection points and asking them to contact CDC if for any reason they would have problems taking the bins to the collection points.

Farnhill responded by stating that approx 25 residents had attended the Annual Parish Meeting specifically to discuss issues with waste management collection points. The collection point system was supposed to have been trialed in parts of Cowling and Ingleton there had been no mention of Farnhill, until the affected residents received letters and neither the Parish Council or the District Councillors were informed that the scheme was being implemented in Farnhill at this stage. The letters were only sent out a short period before implementation of the scheme and there had been no consultation with residents. One of the collection points had not been properly researched because it was in a private yard and despite several phone calls nobody had responded to the complaint. The Parish Council also informed CDC that waste collections had been irregular of late and that bins were not being collected on Tuesday, but were left while Wednesday and were being blown over by the wind and into the road spilling their contents and blocking the road. Issues were also raised regarding the steepness of the road where some of the collection points were being implemented and who be responsible if a resident had an accident when wheeling the bin to a collection point injuring either them self, somebody else, a car or property. Why could they not use a smaller wagon to collect the bins from difficult areas.

The representatives stated that they acknowledged that there had been problems with the implementation of the collection points in Farnhill, but they had changed the collection point in question and had spoken to everybody who had issues and thought they had now resolved issues, but they would consider points raised by the Council and would inform the Council of the outcome. They also agreed to send a copy of the information received from Health & Safety Executive and a copy of Risk Assessments that had been carried out by CDC . They stated that it is their aim to make everybody happy and they will do what they can to try and solve any problems.

### **321/15 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE ON THE 5<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2015**

The minutes of the meeting held on the 5<sup>th</sup> May 2015 were approved by the Council and signed as a correct record by the Chairman.

### **322/15 HIGHWAYS**

#### **a. Parking Issues**

An anonymous letter was received from a member of the public regarding car parking issues at Starkey Lane. Clerk to forward the letter to the appropriate person at CDC for their attention as the Parish Council have no authority to deal with the issue.

b. Kildwick Roundabout.

An e-mail was received regarding road closures which are to take place when the A629 Kildwick Roundabout re-surfacing is carried out, starting the 8<sup>th</sup> June. Concerns were expressed that as the Main Road from Kildwick to the roundabout would be closed all the time for up to 2 weeks this would create problems for residents of Kildwick & Farnhill. Clerk to ask Highways if they would be opening up the bus exit onto the A629 for motorists.

**323/15 UPDATES FROM CDC & NYCC REPRESENTATIVES**

CDC Representative Counc P Fairbank informed the Parish Council that after the recent elections she had been elected Vice Chairman of the Standards Committee and was staying on the Overview & Scrutiny Committee along with the Licensing Committee and would still be involved with the Older Peoples Champions. She stated that the Overview & Scrutiny Committee would be looking into Child Benefits and Skipton Bus Station. They have no powers to make decisions, but it is their job to look into issues and report back to policy with their recommendations.

NYCC & CDC Representative Counc P Mulligan reported that CDC had 6 new members after the recent elections so it is not a very productive time. The results gave a Conservative majority and all District Councils in North Yorkshire are now Conservative led which will result in a stronger voice with governance. He stated that he had been elected to the Policy Committee, Licensing Committee and Deputy Leader and at NYCC he was on the Overview & Scrutiny Committee and Pension Funds.

**324/15 FINANCE & ACCOUNTS**

The following accounts were approved for payment by the Council

• NYCC (Street Lighting Maintenance Costs 2014/2015)	£289.31
• A Bosmans (Internal Audit)	£120.00
• R Bramley ( Weedkiller & Tree Stump Killer)	£ 32.58
• M Scarffe (Service of Strimmer)	£52.92

**325/15 PLANNING**

**Application No** 28/2015/15800

**Proposal:** Creation of Roof Terrace Above Existing Kitchen To the Rear and Construction of External Staircase.

**Location:** 19, Starkey Lane, Farnhill.

The Parish Council had no objections to the above proposal.

**Application No:** 28/2015/15808

**Proposal:** Rear First Floor Conservatory On Existing Balcony

**Location:** 6 Highcroft Way, Farnhill

The Parish Council had no objections to the above proposal.

**Grant of Approval by CDC**

**Date of Application:** 9th April

**Proposal:** Conservatory Enclosure to Existing Terrace

**Location:** 4 High Croft Way, Farnhill

**326/15 PURCHASE OF PROJECTOR**

Held over till next meeting

**327/15 STREET LIGHTING**

Light for Parson's Bridge

Clerk to ask NYCC Street lighting if they could put a shield on one side of the light to reflect illumination onto the steps and bridge whilst blocking the light from the West facing area towards the rear of Burnside. Also to ask them if they can arrange for their workers to carry out the necessary light trimming of the tree when they install the light?

**328/15 REVIEW OF RENTS & CONTRACTS FOR LAND OWNED BY THE PARISH COUNCIL**

Held over till next meeting.

**329/15 CHRISTMAS FESTIVITIES**

No further updates

**330/15 PLAY AREA**

Counc R Bramley reported there were no issues of concern.

**331/15 ONGOING DEVELOPMENT OF THE ARBOUR**

- a. Arbour Track clerk to write to the builder who carried out the work at Craglands and tell him that as the damage to the track at the Arbour has not been satisfactorily rectified the Council require him to pay £250.00 for the damage caused.

b. Clearance Work & Planting

The contractors who began the clearance work at Lower Arbour have carried out the removal of some of the debris that was previously left behind from the clearance work but recommend that the remaining undergrowth be mounted up after the nesting season finishes into a pile to encourage insects and other wildlife into the area. Counc M Scarffe reported that a sycamore sapling was growing alongside a good tree. The Parish Council deferred a decision to remove the sapling till the Clerk checked when the next tree inspection was due to take place.

Paths

Clerk to remind the Contractors to arrange a time to meet up with the Parish Council to discuss the changes to the path works and supply amended quotes.

332/15 PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE

Counc R Bramley reported that the website had had 831 hits since the last meeting. Counc G Harling to write an article about the waste collection points recently introduced in Farnhill.

333/15 FARNHILL PARISH COUNCIL'S POLICIES

Held over till next meeting.

334/15 CORRESPONDENCE

NYCC – Renewal of Subsidised Local Bus Services in the Areas of Ryedale and Craven. + Bus Subsidy Reductions.

NYCC - Craven Area Committee – 4<sup>th</sup> June 10.00am at Bolton Abbey Village Hall

North Yorkshire Open Studios 15 - June 6/7 June 13/14 The Art Depot, Eshton Road, Gargrave, BD23 3SE

Clerk & councils Direct May 2015 Issue 99

Julian Smith MP – MP Surgeries May & June 2015-05-31

Glasdon – Special Offers for Local Councils

Hags SMP - Playgrounds & Equipment – Make Tomorrow Different

Craven Cleaner Safer & Greener Strategy 2015-2021 Consultation

Town & Country Planning Act 1990 (TCPA 1990) section 257CDC (Farnhill Public Footpath No 192) Stopping up Order 2015

Craven CVS- Voluntary Groups Mapping Exercise.

YLCA Craven Branch Annual Meeting Wed 17<sup>th</sup> June 2015 @ 7.00pm Anderton Memorial Institute, Linton. + Minutes of the Craven Branch Meeting 19<sup>th</sup> January 2015.

335/15 MINOR ITEMS OF BUSINESS & ITEMS TO GO ON AGENDA NEXT MONTH.

The Clerk informed the Council that a document had been received from Craven District Council for (Farnhill Public Footpath No.19/2) Stopping Up Order 2015. The document referred to a footpath at Barns End and Old Stable which was being replaced by a new footpath after agreement from CDC.

The Parish Council completed a consultation on CDC's Craven Clean, Safe & Green Strategy 2015-2021.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING TUESDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2015 IN KILDWICK/FARNHILL INSTITUTE AT 7.30PM**  
**All members of the village are welcome to attend**

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15.06.15