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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF FARNHILL PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON THE 13TH MARCH 2014 IN KILDWICK/FARNHILL INSTITUTE.**

PRESENT Councs. D Atkinson (Vice Chairman), M Scarffe, J Waring, Clerk S Harding-Hill.

33/14 **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

No members of the public were present.

34/14 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Councs. G Harling, S Gilbert, R Bramley, CDC Rep's Counc P Fairbank, NYCC Rep P Mulligan.

35/14 **DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS**

Counc M Scarffe declared a personal interest in Minute no 46a

36/14 **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE ON THE 4TH FEBRUARY 2014**

The minutes of the meeting held on the 4th February were approved by the Council and signed as a correct record by the Vice Chairman.

37/14 **COMPLAINT REGARDING BLOCKED ACCESS TO GARAGES AND TURNING CIRCLE AT BUCKLAR HILL & NOISE & DUST CAUSED BY WORK BEING CARRIED OUT.**

Environmental Health have responded to a complaint regarding activities being carried out at Bucklar Hill which are creating noise and dust by saying in order for them to investigate the noise and dust complaints they will require the residents affected to contact the department direct. They will need to establish if a statutory nuisance exists and for them to do this they require detailed information from the people affected. They state the Estates and Planning enforcement teams are aware of the issues and they will forward our e-mail to them.

A further response from the property department stated due to excessive workloads the team have not yet been able to visit the site, but have said when time allows they will speak to the individual involved but it is unlikely they will be able to prevent the activities from taking place altogether. They have had an initial discussion between the various services within the authority and the police have also been in contact. The police are unable to assist as no criminal activity has taken place.

38/14 **HIGHWAYS**

- a. **A629 Cononley Lane Junction** – NYCC have responded to the Parish Council's concerns about the A629 Cononley Junction by saying that since Road Safety improvements were implemented in October 2011 the collision numbers have reduced. Since this time the personal injury collision statistics show four slight collisions in the vicinity. When the remedial measures were introduced over two years ago there had been eight collisions. Since October 2011 there have been two personal injury collisions in 2012, one in 2013 and one so far in 2014. The causation factors contained in the police reports suggest that all four collisions were most likely caused by driver error and did not involve vehicles turning in or out of the two junctions. The collision in 2013 occurred approximately 200m south of Cononley Lane Ends and the collision in 2014 occurred over 100m south of the junction. One collision during 2012 involved a vehicle performing a u-turn to avoid queuing for road works and the other involved a vehicle with a likely defect causing a low speed shunt type collision. They believe the measures we introduced over two years ago have been satisfactory. Analysis of these four collisions (including 17 January 2014) suggests that none would have been prevented by the use of VAS or any other engineering treatment so further measures are not warranted at this time. However, they will continue to monitor the site with a view to installing further safety measures if it is considered that they would be effective.

A public Meeting is to be held between Cononley and Farnhill Parish Council and NYCC Representative Counc Patrick Mulligan on the 14th April 2014 at Cononley Village Institute at 7.30pm. The meeting will be to discuss issues regarding safety at the junction with various authorities who have been asked to attend. The Parish Council are to issue a flyer regarding the meeting and deliver it round the village.

- b. **A629 Kildwick Roundabout** – Highways have responded to concerns about the A629 Kildwick Roundabout by stating that statistics show that there have been three slight collisions (all on different legs) since the improvement scheme was introduced. Because of the random nature of the collisions they do not intend to introduce additional measures. The leg identified on the high risk site list has had no accidents since the measures were implemented, and there is no record of any collisions involving vehicles exiting the roundabout to Kildwick.
- c. **Road Markings by Junction of Main Street Farnhill (By Church)**
Highways have responded to the report regarding the road marking condition and will put an order in to refresh the lines in their next batch of lining. They will see what can be done about the give way sign which is obscured by bushes.

- d. One Way Diversion System Clerk to write to Highways regarding the one way system which was put into place to be used when the A629 has to be closed due to incidents. There have recently been a few incidents where the main road has been closed and traffic diverted through the village but the one way system has not been activated which caused gridlock in the village.
- e. Highway Repairs NYCC have recently undertaken work to a few of the footpaths in the village by surface sealing them to preserve them. Clerk to ask NYCC if they propose to carry out the process on the other paths in the village and repair the potholes on Main Street.

39/14 **PLANNING**

Application No:

28/2014/14337

Proposal:

Alterations to the Existing Roof Comprising Of Raising The Ridge Height & Converting the Roof Space to Additional Residential Accommodation, Insertion of Tw4no. Bi-Folding Doors, 2no. Dormer Windows and Velux Roof Light to the Rear Elevation, The Insertion of a Dormer Window, 3no. Velux Roof Lights to the Front Elevation, The Insertion of Windows to the Side Elevations at First Floor Level and the Removal of 1no. Chimney.

Location:

Craglands, The Arbour, Farnhill

The Clerk used the delegated powers to respond to the above application after discussion with two Councillors and responded that the Parish Council had no objections to the above proposal.

40/14 **FINANCE & ACCOUNTS**

The following accounts were approved for payment by the Council.

Land Registry £40.00

41/14 **ANNUAL PARISH MEETING & NEWSLETTER**

A decision was made to hold the Annual Parish Meeting either on the 6th or the 8th May depending on availability of the downstairs room at the Institute. Clerk to clarify available dates and book the room. The Parish Council to consider items for the Newsletter to be co-ordinated at the April meeting.

42/14 **TO REVIEW FINANCIAL REGULATIONS & FINANCIAL RISK ASSESSMENT** (Previously Circulated)

Held over till the next meeting.

43/14 **PLAY AREA**

Counc J Waring reported that the new seat on the Sit in Springer had now been fitted. Counc R Bramley noted that there were no problems to report.

44/14 **CHRISTMAS FESTIVITIES**

Clerk awaiting response from the Canal & Rivers Trust regarding granting permission for erecting a Christmas Tree.

45/14 **STREET LIGHTING**

Residents of Langkirk Close have raised concerns that the light owned by the housing association has not been fixed yet. Clerk to get in touch with them.

46/14 **THE ARBOUR**

- a. To follow up recent complaint

Due to one Councillor declaring an interest in this item this meant that the Council was not quorate so the item would have to be held over till the next meeting.

- b. Ongoing Development

It was reported that a small tree had blown over at the Arbour but it has now been dealt with. The Parish Council resolved that Counc M Scarffe could purchase a heavy duty strimmer for approx £250 in order to enable regular maintenance to be carried out at Lower Arbour.

- c. Registration

The registration of the Arbour is progressing slowly and the forms have now been completed and sent in.

47/14 **PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE DEVELOPMENT**

The Clerk and Counc M Scarffe met up with Chris Wright and he gave a demonstration on how to use the website. They will practice a little and let him know if a further meeting is required.

48/14 **STANDING ORDERS**

Counc M Scarffe to discuss the proposed new Standing Orders with Counc R Bramley to recommend a few alterations and then they will be e-mailed around again to approve at the next meeting.

49/14 **CLERKS REPORT**

Dog Fouling at Parsons Bridge Area

The dog warden has put up more signs and will keep an eye on the area. She has asked waste management to clean up the mess. A further complaint has been received from a member of the public.

The Canal & Rivers Trust have stated that they will send someone to investigate the condition of the wall leading to the Culvert and will contact us when they have any feedback.

50/14 **CORRESPONDENCE**

YLCA – Referendum Principles not to be applied to Parish & Town Councils 2014/2015

CDC Planning Focus Issue 16 February 2014

Julian Smith MP Surgery Advertisement

NYCC Local & Family History Day Saturday 15th March 2014 at the Pavillions, Harrogate

NYCC Minerals & Waste Joint Plan – Issues & Options Consultation February 2014

Wicksteed Playscapes – ‘Summer Ready’

Yorkshire Water- Yorkshire Festival 2014 – 100 days of art & culture 27th March-6th July

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White Rose Update 7th March 2014-03-10

The Clerk Magazine MARCH 2014-03-10 Clerks & Councils Direct March 2014

NYCC- Craven Area Committee- Hellifield Institute, Main Road, Hellifield. Thursday March 13th 2014 @ 10.00am

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51/14 **MINOR ITEMS OF BUSINESS & ITEMS TO GO ON THE AGENDA NEXT MONTH**

Concerns were expressed about the condition of the road at the Arbour. Clerk to put on the agenda for next month.

Agenda items for next month.

- a. Vulnerably residents of the village
- b. Little White Bus.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING TUESDAY 1ST APRIL 2014 IN KILDWICK/FARNHILL
INSTITUTE AT 7.30PM**

All members of the village are welcome to attend

Susan Harding-Hill

17.03.2014

