

# **FARNHILL PARISH COUNCIL**

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## **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF FARNHILL PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THE 3<sup>RD</sup> MARCH 2015 IN KILDWICK/FARNHILL INSTITUTE.**

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

### **256/15 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

No members of the public present.

### **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

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

### **257/15 COUNCILLORS APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Counc R Bramley

### **258/15 DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS**

Counc D Atkinson declared a personal interest in Minute No 269/15

### **259/15 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE ON THE 3<sup>RD</sup> FEBRUARY 2015**

The minutes of the meeting held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2015 were approved by the Council and signed as a correct record by the Chairman.

### **260/15 HIGHWAYS**

Darren Griffiths from NYCC responded to the Parish Council regarding the traffic island at Cononley Lane Ends stating that he thinks a refuge will be a significant improvement for pedestrians. However they will not be introducing warning signs to warn of pedestrians crossings because they can only introduce them when there is no provision for pedestrians ie. no refuge. Clerk to ask what the reason is why they cannot put up a sign to make people aware of the traffic island in the road.

Highways have responded to a request for better signage at the Kildwick roundabout by saying they do not see how it can be improved. Clerk to request that a sign be put on the Skipton approach to the roundabout warning of traffic turning to their immediate left. Also to ask if they have considered opening up the entrance into Kildwick from the A629 one way for traffic exiting to Kildwick.

A request was put forward regarding having a grit bin at the bottom of the Arbour Track at Main Street to use for the top of Main Street, clerk to ask highways if it would be possible.

Clerk to inform CDC that problems are being caused through wheelie bins blowing into and blocking the road and can they suggest a solution to the problem.

### **261/15 UPDATES FROM CDC & NYCC REPRESENTATIVES**

No district representatives present, but CDC Rep Coun P Fairbank informed the Council that the select committee are still opposing the closing of the police cells in Skipton and are making every effort to keep them open. She also gave an update on the garden waste collection service and stated that the scheme had exceeded their expectations and was paying for itself as well as providing revenue towards other areas of waste & re-cycling services. She informed the Parish Council that CDC were going ahead with plans to introduce wheelie bin collection points and they are about to start trialing the operation in Cowling and Ingleton. They are currently consulting with residents about the changes before anything is decided.

### **262/15 PLANNING**

Application No: 28/2015/15439

**Proposal:** Removal of the existing Rear Porch and Construction of Single Storey Lean-To Sun Room Extension To The Rear.

**Location:** 54 Starkey Lane, Farnhill

The Parish Council had no objections to the above proposal.

Notice of Consultation

**Re: Diversion of Footpath 19/2** – Barns End and Old Stable, Main Street, Farnhill.

After circulation of the notice of consultation no comments were noted.

### **263/15 REVIEW OF RENTS & CONTRACTS FOR LAND OWNED BY THE PARISH COUNCIL.**

The residents of No 36 Main Street have now agreed to and signed the rental agreement for the area of land behind their property (as shown in the plan with the rental agreement) at 36 Main Street.

An e-mail has been received from a member of the village stating that she had previously been asked by a resident of Farnhill who lets a small area of land from the Parish Council if she would be interested in taking it over, but she said no at the time due to other commitments. She has now decided she would like to take it on if the owner still wishes to let it go and if the Parish Council were in agreement. The plot would be used to grow a few vegetables and some native plants to attract bees and butterflies etc. The Parish Council had no objections to the proposal and clerk to consult with the occupier of the land to see if he is in agreement.

#### 264/15 **FINANCE & ACCOUNTS**

The following accounts were approved for payment by the Council

R Bramley	Kiln Sand	£9.00
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The Parish Council has been asked by Sue Ryder, Manorlands Hospice if they would be willing to provide a donation. The Council **resolved** to donate £50.00 which will be sent in April following the April meeting.

#### 265/15 **STREET LIGHTING**

Peter Ball has provided two estimates for a light near Parson's bridge on the Bucklar Hill side of the bridge. One estimate for a standard 5 metre raise & lower steel column at £1306.00 + VAT & the second estimate for a decorative heritage style lantern to match the others in the area for £2006.00 +VAT. The Parish Council need to get permission to place a light there from Kildwick Parish Meeting as the site for the light is within the Kildwick Boundary . If they approve then the Parish Council resolved to purchase the decorative style lantern.

Following the Parish Council's response to the Street Lighting Energy Reduction Programme the 3 lights (1-3) at Lang Kirk Close have been removed from the programme.

#### 266/15 **ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

The Parish Council finalized the date for the Annual Parish Meeting which will be held on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2015.

Guests to be invited are CDC Representative Counc P Fairbank & CDC & NYCC Representative Counc P Mulligan and the Police Commissioner J Mulligan. It was agreed that each Councillor cover a topic regarding issues in the village and give a brief explanation on the Council's progress. Clerk to draft a flyer for the meeting and e-mail to Councillors.

#### 267/15 **CHRISTMAS FESTIVITIES**

No further updates. Clerk to ask them if they can prioritize the documentation for the license agreement otherwise it will not be completed in time for next Christmas.

#### 268/15 **PLAY AREA**

Counc R Bramley reported that the sneck for the gate at the Play Area had dropped off the wall and disappeared. David Waring is making a new one that will comply with ROSPA recommendations regarding the gap when closed. Counc R Bramley has filled the gaps in between the wet pour surfacing (due to shrinkage) and the concrete kerbs with kiln sand.

#### 269/15 **ONGOING DEVELOPMENT OF THE ARBOUR**

Andrew from Gardenmakers sent a letter to the Parish Council following the request for a planting plan and states it is unrealistic to do any planting plan on a 2 dimensional drawing when the site is so up and down but to undertake any 3 dimensional plan would be expensive. Instead he has outlined where he saw what going where and states any variation on this would not be disastrous. If he has the time, when delivering the plants, he could walk round and do a quick on site planting plan. Counc M Scarffe was still of the opinion that there were too many trees and it would be too much to maintain. He offered to go to Gardenmakers to discuss things with Andrew and arrange delivery. This was agreed by the Parish Council.

Counc M Scarffe supplied a specification for the work on the path and steps at the Arbour and the Council have received two quotes for the work. Counc D Atkinson declared an interest and left the room while discussions took place. There was a considerable difference in the price of the two quotes but on looking closer at the quotes it was presumed that one of the quotes was misleading as it stated the price per metre and not the total price. A decision was deferred till a new quote was received. Clerk to send in an application to CDC to try and get a Community Grant towards the cost.

#### 270/15 **PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE**

Councillor R Bramley provided a report on the web site stating that the web site has had 4278 hits in total, 440 since last meeting. He has added articles about footpath diversion at Barn End; Street lights going out; and a new page entitled Current Affairs since the last meeting and will be adding Councillor J Waring's article on school.

#### 271/15 **FARNHILL PARISH COUNCIL'S POLICIES**

The Parish Council reviewed the Financial Risk Assessment and the Financial Regulations and resolved that they were adequate and did not require any changes. It was agreed that the Grant Awarding Policy needed amending. Clerk to provide a draft for the next meeting.

#### 272/15 **CORRESPONDENCE**

CDC – Community Clear Up Day – Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2015.

Seton - Workplace Safety Solutions

Rural Action Yorkshire – 52 (Almost) Painless Things Your Community Can Do

Wickstead Playgrounds – Outdoor Fitness Provision for your Community

Spinal Injuries Association- Great British Fish & Chip Supper – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2015-03-02 NYCC – Commons Act 2006

Implementation of Part 1 of the Commons Act 2006- Publication of the Commons Registration (England) Regulations 2014

SLCC – Latest News – No Referendum Relating to Council Tax Increases for Local Councils in England.

CDC – Community News February 2015.

#### 273/15 **MINOR ITEMS OF BUSINESS & ITEMS TO GO ON AGENDA NEXT MONTH.**

The Parish Council agreed to change the date of the April meeting from the 7<sup>th</sup> April (Easter Tuesday) to Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April due to the Easter holiday period.

Clerk to remind the Canal & River Trust about the gate being broken at Redman's Bridge.

Clerk to report that the dog bin at the entrance to Farnhill Moor is broken and in need of attention.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING TUESDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2015 IN KILDWICK/FARNHILL INSTITUTE AT 7.30PM**  
**All members of the village are welcome to attend**