

FARNHILL PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF AN EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF FARNHILL PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 21ST JULY 2016 AT 7.30PM IN KILDWICK /FARNHILL INSTITUTE.

PRESENT Councs. G Harling (Chairman), Councs. D Atkinson, M Scarffe, J Waring, CDC Rep. Counc P Fairbank, Guests Wyn Aston & Jonathon Green from CDC & Clerk S Harding-Hill .

613/16 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No members of the public present.

614/16 COUNCILLORS APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Counc. R Bramley

615/16 DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

None

616/16 WASTE MANAGEMENT

Wyn Ashton informed the Parish Council that he had taken over the position of Manager of Waste Collection Services after a restructure of Craven District Council in April and that Jonathon Green had come along to the meeting because he had been involved with the implementation of Collection Points.

The Parish Council explained that they were concerned about the procedures used for Policy Making and the way Risk Assessments were carried out and that they believed Councillors were making decisions based on information which is not accurate.

They also said that the Collection Points in Farnhill had been introduced inappropriately without consideration or consultation with local people. The Parish Council or the District Councillors had not been informed beforehand that it was to be introduced in Farnhill and the residents concerned received a letter on the Thursday saying that Collection Points would be starting the following Tuesday. The Parish Council also expressed concerns regarding the outcome of residents having to drag their bins up & down the very steep hills in Farnhill and stated that no risk assessment had been carried out on the consequences of this. The Residents were also concerned about the bins blowing over at the Collection Point and spilling their contents into the road and the bins blocking the road for vehicles due to the amount of wind along the bottom of Newby Road.

Wyn Ashton explained that he had not been the Manager of Waste Collection at the time the Risk Assessment had been carried out but he would take a look at it and raise any issues with the Health & Safety adviser at Craven District Council. He said that Craven had been served with an Improvement Notice from the Health & Safety Executive which showed two areas of Concern. The first issue was concerning staff being subjected to noise and this matter had been dealt with by supplying staff with earplugs. The second issue was concerning the manual handling with Waste Collection and problems with Repetitive Strain Injury caused by having to drag the bins a distance to and from the wagon.

He agreed that when the Collection Points had been introduced they did not do well enough on Consultation at the beginning but had learnt as they had gone along. They had tried to cater for people's needs and offered assistance if people were not capable of wheeling their bins to a Collection Point. If we think any of the Collection Points are in the wrong place he said Craven would consider moving them.

The Parish Council stated that the Policy did not mention any Criteria which identified with the Streets in Farnhill so why had the particular ones been selected for Collection Points. Wyn Ashton explained that it was the areas which the wagon could not access. He said they had trialed a smaller vehicle but it had worked out too expensive.

Jonathon Green explained that he had been involved with the selection of properties for collection points and that the process for the selection was by putting each property on a cartology and the points to consider were:-

- a. The wagon cannot access property
- b. Incline or steep hill
- c. Uneven surfaces and the road in bad condition.

He also explained that out of 26,000 properties only 4557 of the properties had been put on collection points.

Wyn Ashton asked the Parish Council to provide him with copies of the correspondence regarding the case and promised to look into the matter of whether the risk assessment was satisfactory and if it could be improved and to discuss things with Craven's Health and Safety Advisor.

**DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL THURSDAY 28TH JULY 2016 IN
KILDWICK/FARNHILL INSTITUTE AT 7.30PM**

Clerk S Harding-Hill
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