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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF FARNHILL PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THE 4TH NOVEMBER 2014 IN KILDWICK/FARNHILL INSTITUTE.

PRESENT Councs. G Harling (Chairman) D Atkinson , M Scarffe, R Bramley, J Waring, CDC & NYCC Rep Counc P Mulligan, 1 member of the public & Clerk S Harding-Hill

177/14 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Joyce Wood informed the Parish Council of a musical evening which is to take place in Kildwick/ Farnhill Institute on Friday 5th December at 7.00pm and she hopes the public will support the event. The evening will have Party Dancing, Barn Dancing, Singalong, Pie & Peas & Bar & Music will be provided by Jim on the organ. Tickets are available from Joyce Wood.

178/14 COUNCILLORS APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None

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CDC Representative Counc. Pat Fairbank .

180/14 DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

None

181/14 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE ON THE 7TH OCTOBER 2014

The minutes of the meeting held on the 7th October were approved by the Council and signed as a correct record by the Chairman.

182/14 HIGHWAYS

Darren Griffiths the team leader for traffic engineering at NYCC has informed the Parish Council that the estimated cost for the proposed crossing at Cononley Crossroads would be approx £16,000 and that they are currently finalizing details of the plan to pass to their local area office for comment. He hopes to send the final drawing in the next week when he gets some feedback from the area office. Cononley Parish Council have stated they are happy to work together has a joint venture and Clerk to keep them updated with current information.

NYCC Highways have informed the Parish Council of reductions to be made in the highway grass cutting service. The County Council as a Highway Authority, has a statutory duty to cut grass for safety reasons, for example where grass impedes visibility at junctions. The majority of grass currently funded however is cut for amenity or aesthetic reasons and is therefore a discretionary service rather than a statutory duty. Due to cutbacks in their budget as from March 2015 they intend to stop funding for grass cutting where it is not required for safety reasons. Urban roads will see a significant change which equates to a approx a 95% reduction in the area of grass cut. The approx area cut in Farnhill for year 2013/2014 was 323SqM which will be reduced to 16.15SqM from March 2015. Areas to be cut will be the junction of Main Street with Grange Road and the junction of Main Street with Bradley Road. Clerk to respond to the notice stating that the verges at the bottom of Bradley Road (from the Farnhill side) need cutting back as they are encroaching onto the road and creating safety issues for both pedestrians and traffic.

183/14 UPDATE FROM CDC & NYCC REPRESENTATIVES

CDC & NYCC Rep Counc P Mulligan reported that proposals had been put forward for changes to regulations regarding the Licensing of Taxi's. The proposals asked for loosening of the regulations to allow personal use of the taxi's at weekends or when not on duty. He also informed the Parish Council of changes in the collection of refuse and that CDC need to organize collection points for some people to take their bins to. CDC have been informed by Health & Safety that there are issues with staff & too many repetitive strain injuries caused by having to wheel a lot of bins back and forward and they have been threatened with fines if the problem is not resolved. The people affected will be notified of the changes beforehand and if anybody has problems they will try to resolve the situation. He stated that he had attended a Rural Action Workshop which covered fundraising and how to raise grants and the workshops were well worth attending if we got the chance. He also informed the Parish Council that CDC were awarding Community Grant Funding from £100-£2000 aimed at projects bringing communities together and community groups could apply for up to 50% of cost & Parish Councils could apply for up to 25% of cost of project. CDC have a budget of £16,000 of which £10,000 is still available. The next meetings where applications will be considered will take place December & March.

184/14 **REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY**

The Parish Council have purchased a wreath for Remembrance Sunday and the Chairman (Counc G Harling) will attend the Church on Remembrance Sunday for the service and laying the wreaths.

185/14 **PEGGY WILSON TRUST**

The Parish Council has been asked to contribute towards the cost of repairing the south facing wall at the Peggy Wilson Trust Playing Field which has recently been damaged. The cost is to be split equally between Farnhill Parish Council, Kildwick Parish Meeting and the School. The Parish Council **resolved** that they agreed to the payment.

186/14 **FINANCE & ACCOUNTS**

The following accounts were approved for payment by the Council

Playsafety Limited (ROSPA Report)	£81.60
Peggy Wilson Trust	£77.00
Poppy Appeal	£18.50

187/14 **ENFORCEMENT AT 5 BUCKLAR HILL**

Craven District Council have informed the Parish Council that on their most recent visit to No 5 Bucklar Hill there was no evidence of any outstanding issue or breach of the extant enforcement notice and the most recent planning enforcement investigation at No 5 Bucklar Hill would now be closed. The existing enforcement notice remains extant. With regards to No 3 at the present time the land is not untidy enough to consider any enforcement action. Clerk to contact the Community Safety Partnership to ask for advice regarding nuisance activities and noise.

188/14 **PLANNING**

Grant of Permission by Craven District Council

Re: Proposed Works To Trees In Farnhill Conservation Area

Application Number: 28/2014/15004

Proposal: Fell T1 Ash

Location: Box Tree Farm, Main Street, Farnhill

189/14 **CHRISTMAS FESTIVITIES**

NYCC Street Lighting have provided a method statement and a plan of the work to be carried out on the Canal & River Trust's land and these have been forwarded to the Canal & Rivers Trust for consideration. They have now stated that the proposal has developed somewhat and that they thought the electrics being installed were to be temporary. Because the installation is to be permanent this will require the involvement of third party works and a fee will be payable and consent to the installation of the Christmas Tree and Electrics is withdrawn until the situation is clarified. Due to this setback it will probably be too late to have a tree this year but Clerk to inform the Canal & Rivers trust that we would still like to go ahead for future years.

190/14 **PLAY AREA**

The yearly inspection of the Play Area has been carried out by ROSPA and there are no items causing immediate concern. A few issues were raised but these were marked as low risk.

191/14 **ONGOING DEVELOPMENT OF THE ARBOUR**

DTMS have stated that the clearance work at the Arbour will be taking place on Wednesday 5th November. Counc R Bramley has offered to be on site so workers are aware of what needs to be done.

Counc J Waring has spoken with Andrew who has offered to supply the plants at cost but regrets he will be unable to carry out the planting. Counc J Waring to ask him to supply a plan of what plants he suggests before going ahead with the purchase.

The Parish Council are working to a plan for the Arbour which includes keeping the grass at a sensible level, with the grass on the bottom area by the footpaths being kept shorter, the area to the left of the footpath which has been cleared of weed to be planted, the area to the right of the footpath to be kept as it is with the heather and possibly introducing more heather and the area towards the middle behind Arbour House to be cleared of some of the undergrowth, and more planting suitable for the area. The intention is to have an area that attracts wildlife looks attractive and is easy to maintain and it is hoped that this can be achieved by taking advice from professional people.

The next stage of the plan is to decide what action if any is needed with the steps which form part of a path up through the Arbour and the handrail at the top of the path. This will be an agenda item for the December meeting.

The builder working at Craglands has started to rectify the damage that has been done at Arbour Top and hope to have the work completed shortly.

192/14 **BUDGET ACCOUNT**

The draft Completion of Accounts for the year to 31st March and the draft budget account were prepared by the Clerk and passed to Councillors to consider in preparation for setting the budget at the next meeting . CDC hope to send out the tax base in the next week or so but they will not be providing as much grant funding as in previous years to make up the precept.

193/14 **PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE DEVELOPMENT**

The Parish Council thanked Counc R Bramley for the excellent job he has done with the new website which is up and running and new items will be added as they become available.

194/14 **CORRESPONDENCE**

NYCC Community Emergency Plans

E-mail from Helen Moran (Kildwick Clerk) –Canal Towpath Upgrade proposals

White Rose Update 10th October 2014 Newsletter of YLCA

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YLCA – Local Government Pay Consultation

Park Leisure – Outdoor Gym Equipment

Clerks 7 Councils Direct November 2014 Issue 96

Wicksteed Playgrounds

Play & Leisure

195/14 **MINOR ITEMS OF BUSINESS & ITEMS TO GO ON THE AGENDA NEXT MONTH**

Clerk to inform NYCC that light No 11 is not lit. The minute book for 1914 and the booklet for the Unveiling & Dedication Service were returned to the Council from the history group. An agenda item was requested for next month for Footpath, Steps and Handrail at the Arbour.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING TUESDAY 2ND DECEMBER 2014 IN KILDWICK/FARNHILL
INSTITUTE AT 7.30PM**

All members of the village are welcome to attend

Susan Harding-Hill

17.11.2014