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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF FARNHILL PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THE 26TH SEPTEMBER 2019 IN KILDWICK/FARNHILL INSTITUTE.

PRESENT Councs. D Atkinson (Chairman), G Harling, S Wood, D Akrigg, J Waring, S Nelson, CDC Representative Counc A Brown, Three Members of the Public & Clerk S Harding-Hill.

121/19 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.** NYCC & CDC Representative Counc P Mulligan

122/19 **COUNCILLORS APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
Counc M Scarffe.

123/19 **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Three members of the public came along regarding issues of speeding vehicles on Main Street. One of the residents gave a presentation which showed vehicles travelling outside No 36. He said that out of 44 vehicles only 4 were within the limit and 3 of them were travelling at over 30mph. It was said that traffic calming signs without specific road design would be unlikely to reduce speed and that when properly designed speed bumps could work well. It was therefore suggested that both speed bumps and repeater signs were needed.

The Parish Council responded by saying that they were waiting for the results from North Yorkshire Police Traffic Bureau who have agreed to investigate speeding concerns at Main Street before taking any further action. They also addressed Community Speeding Issues at the Annual Parish Meeting to see if there were any volunteers who wished to be involved with taking part but there was not enough people came forward.

They told the members of the public if they wished to get involved with getting a group together to take part in Community Speed Watching the Parish Council would support them.

A member of the public also reported that the drain outside No 31 Main Street was blocked and also the one below. He stated that it was not obvious by looking at it but the pipe which goes from it must be blocked because it overflows. Clerk to report them to Highways.

124/19 **DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS**

None

125/19 **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE ON THE 15TH AUGUST 2019**

The minutes of the meeting held on the 15th August 2019 were approved by the Council and signed as a correct record by the Chairman.

126/19 **UPDATE FROM CDC REPRESENTATIVE**

CDC Representative Counc A Brown informed the Parish Council that he had £1000.00 from the Ward Member Grant to share between Parish Councils and that only £200.00 had been used so far so if there was anything we needed to put forward a claim. He updated the Parish Council on planning issues saying that the grounds of appeal for Fairmount had been dismissed. He stated that CDC & NYCC Representative Counc P Mulligan had given a fearsome speech regarding the construction of 7 houses on land off Skipton Road, Kildwick being approved and said that he felt cheated. Counc A Brown thought the application for houses at the vicarage could be refused because highways say the exit is no good.

127/19 **PLANNING**

- a. **Application No:** 2019/20951/FUL
Proposal: Proposed residential development of 3 No. new build detached dwellings Land West of Spring Bank House, Skipton, Farnhill, Keighley, BD20 9BT

The Parish Council made the following observations. We have no objections to the proposed development but have concerns about the access.

- b. **Application No:** 2019/20789/MMA
Proposal: Minor material amendment to original planning consent referenced 2018/19003/FUL for formation of decking area and boundary screen fencing to North West elevation.
Location: Methodist Church, Main Street, Farnhill, Keighley, BD20 9BJ

The Parish Council had no objections to the above proposal.

c. Planning Notice Decision

Application No: 2019/20752/HH

Proposal: Removal of existing skylight with installation of 2 Velux windows.

Location: 28 Main Street, Farnhill, BD20 9BJ

Craven District Council grants planning permission for the development described above.

d. Application No: 2019/20930/HH

Proposal: Construction of summerhouse and shed

Location: Spout House, Main Street, Farnhill, Keighley, BD209BP

The Parish Council had no objections to the above proposal.

e. South View Development.

No further updates

f. Craven District Council's Policy for Trees

Held over till next meeting.

g. Planning Policies at CDC

Counc's D Atkinson & M Scarffe met with K Midgely from Kildwick Meeting to discuss planning issues and Mr Midgely then followed up issues raised and wrote a letter to Paul Shevlin at CDC regarding lack of confidence in the Planning Authority and concerns about inconsistency, lack of transparency and clarity concerning delegated authority. The letter was responded to by CDC saying that they cannot agree that previous responses have been vague and that they seemed to be very detailed replies and that there is a wealth of information about planning matters on the Council's website.

128/19 **HEALTH & SAFETY & RISK ASSESSMENT (Land Ownership)**

Held over till next meeting

129/19 **HIGHWAYS**

The following issues were discussed concerning highways:-

Speeding Concerns at Main Street (was discussed in public participation.)

Resurfacing of Main Street Newby Road & Starkey Lane – NYCC state that the re-surfacing is part of a larger package of works in the Craven Area and that a contractor has been awarded the work. They are awaiting a fixed programme from the contractor who would like to start the package in September. It will take between 8-10weeks to complete the whole package and once NYCC receive the fixed programme they will inform all parishes affected. They anticipate it will take approx. 7/8 days to complete the work in Farnhill.

Road Sign at Newby Road

NYCC have been out to inspect and raised an order on a 30day priority for the sign to be re-installed.

Gullies at Culvert

NYCC responded by saying that the gullies in the subway connect to an old stone culvert and that there is a restriction in the culvert, but as it appears to be approximately 8 meters deep and under a house, it is not practical to excavate it.

Leak at Culvert Wall

The Canal & River Trust have reported this to their team who have been out to assess it and they are aware and keeping an eye on the situation.

Shelley Well

The Highways Engineer has advised that it is more likely that the spring is blocked on private land and that the County Council have not carried out any works that would have affected the flow of water to the trough.

Road Subsidence in Mary Street & Newby Road.

Despite multiple visits by different Highway Officers and numerous teams of men carrying out repairs the problem is obviously not solved because there is still a line of depressions along the length of Mary Street and water is flowing under the road surface. A letter to be sent to Highways asking them to advise the Council of the action they intend to take and to make the necessary repairs to the drainage system and road surface.

Footpath at side of Play Area

CDC have responded by saying that they do not own the footpath and they can only recommend Land Registry. Clerk to contact Land Registry to see if they can help. Clerk was authorized to spend up to £50.00if necessary.

White Lining at lower entrance to the Arbour

NYCC responded to the request for a white line to prevent parking opposite the lower entrance to the Arbour, by saying that they refer to this as an access protection marking (H-bar). These markings are provided to deter vehicles from parking across an entrance however the marking is only advisory and no action can be taken by them. An access protection marking is not a standard road marking requirement for the County Council to provide for private accesses, therefore all costs and maintenance would have to be met by the applicant.

Obstruction of Pavement at Mary Street

Clerk to write a polite letter to a resident of Mary Street regarding washing which has been blocking access to the pavement.

130/19 **FINANCE & ACCOUNTS**

- a. To consider donation to Kildwick & Farnhill Institute towards the cost of guttering & flooring.

The Parish Council received invoices from Kildwick & Farnhill Institute for various works and approved the amount of £1200.00 as previously agreed.

- b. The following accounts were approved for payment by the Council.

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| I Atkinson (Arbour Grass Cutting) | £50.00 |
| S Harding-Hill(Clerks Salary July, August, September 2019) | £430.37 |
| HM Revenue & Customs (PAYE) | £107.80 |
| Kildwick /Farnhill Institute | £1200.00 |

131/19 **GRAFFITI AT THE PINNACLE.**

The Parish Council will take a look at the Graffiti to see what can be done.

132/19 **LIGHT POLLUTION FROM FARNHILL HALL**

The Parish Council has received a complaint regarding the new lighting at Farnhill Hall being very bright and causing light pollution. Counc S Wood to have a quiet word with the residents to ask if they could possibly turn the lighting down or shield the lights. If they do not wish to co-operate then the Parish Council may consider reporting the matter to Environment Agency and state that the lights are causing light pollution and can they look into it.

133/19 **SEAT AT MILKING HILL BRIDGE**

The Parish Council agreed that Counc S Wood could fix the seat at Milking Hill Bridge to the ground using the 2 brackets that are already there.

134/19 **ONGOING DEVELOPMENT OF THE ARBOUR.**

Held over till the next meeting.

135/19 **PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE**

Minutes and agendas have been added to the website. Clerk to contact our web provider regarding Accessibility Statements.

136/19 **STREET LIGHTING**

NYCC have been asked to go ahead with the repairs to the light at Newby Road and prepare an Invoice for the Insurance Company.

137/19 **PLAY AREA**

The hedge and the grass have both been cut.

138/19 **DATA PROTECTION OFFICER**

The Parish Council resolved to continue with the services of a data protection officer for a further year.

139/19 **CORRESPONDENCE**

CDC -Craven Community Champions Awards 2019

Clerks & Councils Direct – September 2019

J Parker Wholesale Catalogue Autumn 2019

140/19 **MINOR ITEMS OF BUSINESS & ITEMS TO GO ON THE AGENDA NEXT MONTH.**

The Institutes 2020 calendar is now on sale for £6.50 (inc envelope).

It was reported that horses have been going down the road at the Arbour and are sometimes getting startled by dogs. Clerk to enquire at Simon Signs for the cost of a sign stating Footpath only with vehicle access for residents.

Items for the next agenda

Graffiti at the Pinnacle

CDC Policy for Trees

Repairs to wall at Lower Arbour. Health & Safety Policy

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**DATE OF NEXT MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL THURSDAY 24TH OCTOBER 2019 AT 7.30PM AT
KILDWICK/FARNHILL INSTITUTE
All members of the village are welcome to attend**