

# **FARNHILL PARISH COUNCIL**

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## **MINUTES OF A REMOTE MEETING OF FARNHILL PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THE 25<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2021 AT 7.30PM**

**PRESENT** Councs. D Atkinson (Chairman), Councs, J Waring, S Wood, J McFarlane, , S Nelson, & Clerk S Harding-Hill .

189/20 **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**  
No members of the public present

190/20 **COUNCILLORS APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.**  
Counc. David Akrigg

191/21 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**  
CDC Representative Counc A Brown, NYCC & CDC Representative Counc P Mulligan,

192/20 **DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS**  
None

192/20 **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REMOTE MEETING HELD ON THE 28<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2021**

Counc J Waring proposed & Counc J Mc Farlane seconded that the minutes of the meeting held on the 28<sup>th</sup> January 2021 were a correct record of the meeting, they were approved by the Council and will be signed by the Chairman at a later date.

193/20 **PLANNING**

- a. **Decision Notice**  
**Application No:** 2020/22349/LBC  
**Proposal:** Retrospective application for the installation of security lights and cameras  
**Location:** Farnhill Hall, Main Street, Farnhill  
**CDC Grants Listed Building Consent for the development above**
- b. **Decision Notice**  
**Application No:** 2020/22308/HH  
**Proposal:** Double storey side extension to an existing dwelling along with first floor extension above garage.  
**Location:** Crag Top House, Grange Road, Farnhill  
**CDC Grants Planning Permission for the above development**
- c. **Decision Notice**  
**Application No:** 2020/22346/HH  
**Proposal:** Installation of enlarged projecting window.  
**Location:** Dunbrewin, Main Street, Farnhill, BD20 9BW  
**CDC Grants Planning Permission for the above development**

- d. **Application No:** 2021/22444/FUL  
**Proposal:** Conversion of outbuilding to apartment with alterations and roof extension  
**Location:** Outbuilding, 11 Newby Road, Farnhill

**Farnhill Parish Council made the following observations:**

In principle it would be a good idea to tidy the area, but the materials used must be carefully considered to blend in with the area and nearby listed buildings in the Conservation Area. The application states that re-constructed stone slates will be used rather than stones slates and PVC doors and windows which are not appropriate for the area and the close proximity of listed buildings.

Another problem is the parking in the area.

No 11 Newby Road was bought with a parking space and garage, but the Conversion of that parking space and garage to an apartment could mean losing two parking spaces which could mean more parking on Newby Road. The access and egress from Newby Road to Back Mary Street is already difficult for traffic due to the steep narrow road and it is the throughfare to the top of South View.

We therefore oppose the change of use to domestic property or accommodation and if permission is granted it should be for ancillary use only.

e. **Planning Enforcement & Appeal Webinar** (To receive feedback from the webinar)

Counc D Atkinson attended a webinar on Planning Enforcement & Appeal and informed the Parish Council that only the applicant can appeal against a decision and that the Parish Council has no automatic rights to be involved but can act as organizer to get other people to appeal. An Inspector is appointed to deal with the appeal, he will consider representations and visit the site and will focus on the reasons for refusal. Costs can be awarded to the Council or the appellant if they have acted unreasonably.

**194/20 VACANCY & CO-OPTION OF COUNCILLOR**

The position of Councillor is still vacant and anybody interested should contact the Clerk. Counc. S Nelson to advertise the vacancy on facebook.

**195/20 HIGHWAYS**

Langkirk Close

A letter has been sent to the residents of Langkirk Close regarding the lack of Parking Space outside their homes and to update them on progress so far. A sketch plan for a level parking space on the left of the road into Langkirk Close in front of the terrace houses was also attached so the residents could let us know their opinion on the plan before sending it is sent to Stonewater for them to consider. The Parish Council received several written comments but some residents were in favour and others were against. It was therefore agreed by the Parish Council not to submit the scheme to Stonewater but proposed to hold an open meeting in the Institute as soon as lockdown regulations allow to identify and seek solutions to the problem of parking in the village. Residents will be invited along with The Highways Authority, Craven District Council, the Police & Local District Councillors. A further letter will be sent to residents of Langkirk to inform them of the decision taken.

Methodist Chapel

Further to a letter to the residents of the Old Methodist Chapel regarding parking a response has been received explaining that they have difficulty trying to manoeuvre their works vehicles onto their designated off road parking space due to other cars/commercial vehicles parking opposite. Clerk to respond saying that we appreciate their comments and are aware of the planning consents and issues arising and that the Parish Council are looking into it further as a wider issue concerning the whole village and that a residents meeting will be held as soon as lockdown regulations allow.

An email has been received from a resident regarding the signs at the former Methodist Chapel saying that the signs are not in keeping with the village. Clerk to respond saying that this is beyond the Parish Council's remit as the signs are on private property.

Drains & Recent Excess Water on Bradley Road

An email was received from a resident regarding the old single grate drain downpipe at the junction of Main Street & Bradley Road which had filled with water and was overflowing onto the road and could be a serious hazard if it froze. Highways replied stating that the gully in question sits directly onto a shallow culvert and that there were no signs of blockages on their inspection. They could only assume the culvert had become overwhelmed due to the recent bad weather which had caused it to surcharge from the gully grate.

Counc. S Wood said that there are a number of issues with drains and water leaking on Bradley Road, there is water coming up through the road surface, water coming out of the bank by the side of the road and that he thinks some of this water relates to Shelley Well which is not getting much water into it. The Parish Council agreed that he talk to David & John Roberts, to talk about going onto their land to investigate and also Phillip Preston & Highways to discuss options.

#### 196/20 **FOOTPATHS**

The Parish Council have not received a response from the residents of Farnhill Hall yet regarding permission to work on the footpath from Main Street to Milking Hill Bridge.

#### 197/20 **PLAY AREA**

- a. A response has been received from ROSPA regarding our dissatisfaction with the Play Area report and they say that the Inspector identified the decay in the post and identified it as a risk score of 10. They say that the inspector could have provided a clearer description of the decay, but it was identified and risk assessed accordingly. Counc S Wood to speak to them and state that we are not casting the blame on anyone but they need to review how they do things and take more care when carrying out the checks.
- b. Sutcliffe Play advised that they did not really carry out repairs to Play Equipment they specialized in the fitting of new equipment and stressed that they would have to contract somebody in if we wanted repairs doing and it would therefore end up costing more. A valuation of the Play Area for Insurance purposes was received from Pennine Playgrounds and it was valued at £23,000.
- c. It was proposed by Counc J Waring & seconded by Counc. S Wood that we go ahead with the quote from Pennine Playgrounds but also to include a stepping post which was not on the quote. Clerk to ask them to start the work as soon as possible.

#### 198/20 **IT EQUIPMENT**

Counc D Atkinson & the Clerk have both met with Aire Valley Solutions to discuss purchasing a new computer for the Council and they have quoted £880.00 for a new computer & back up drive plus configuration & set up of Windows 10 & Microsoft Office Family. The Parish Council resolved to purchase the package.

#### 199/20 **INSURANCE**

The Insurance Company have informed the Parish Council that to increase the Play Area sum insured to a new total of £23,216.04 would increase the annual premium payable by £58.26 including Insurance Premium Tax. To increase the Street Furniture by £70,000 to include the Street Lighting would see the annual premium increase by £313.60 including Insurance Premium Tax. The Insurer would need confirmation that there have been no claims, losses or accidents relating to the street lights in the past five years. The Parish Council were of the opinion that it would be worth going ahead with the increased sum for the Play Area, but were not sure if the increased sum for the street lighting was worthwhile and whether the additional cost outweighed the risk. Counc S Wood to discuss the issue further with Richard Matthews before the Council make the decision.

#### 200/20 **FINANCE & ACCOUNTS**

Susan Harding-Hill- Fasthosts (Website for Farnhill.co.uk. Institute & History Club Website) £61.43

Susan Harding-Hill – YLCA- (Planning Enforcement & Appeals Webinar 10<sup>th</sup> Feb) £22.50

The above accounts were approved by the Council and will be paid electronically by the Clerk & verified by the Chairman.

#### 201/20 **INTERNAL AUDITOR FOR THE ACCOUNTS 2020/2021**

Counc D Atkinson proposed & Counc J Waring seconded that the Council would appoint Andrew Bosman as the Internal Auditor for a further year.

#### 202/20 **STREET LIGHTING**

The Council is still awaiting the quotes for the new lights. The Clerk to report that light No 12 is on all day.

#### 203/20 **LOCAL GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION IN YORK & NORTH YORKSHIRE**

The Government has indicated that it is still intending to consult on proposals for reorganization, the consultation is likely to launch in mid-February. North Yorkshire County Council has submitted a proposal for a single unitary council to replace the County Council & seven district councils. The six district and borough councils of Craven, Harrogate, Richmondshire, Ryedale, Scarborough and Selby. The proposal is for an East & West model which would see Craven, Harrogate, Richmondshire and Hambleton join together to form a unitary council in the West and Selby, City of York, Ryedale and Scarborough join together to form a unitary council in the East.

#### 204/20 **CDC PLANNING IMPROVEMENT REPORT**

CDC sent a copy of the planning improvement report together with the improvement action plan considered and agreed by members of the Planning Committee at the meeting held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> February. A Planning Improvement Board has been set up to monitor and track progress against the recommendations. The general feeling was that CDC were doing what they said apart from including Parish Councils.

205/20 **SPATIAL PLANNING (POLICY) CONSULTATIONS**

It was agreed that Councillors respond individually if they wished.

206/20 **MINOR ITEMS OF BUSINESS & ITEMS FOR AGENDA NEXT MONTH**

Electric Charging Points to be put on the agenda for next month.

YLCA have informed the Parish Council that the Government propose that from the 7<sup>th</sup> May Councils should meet face to face, but NALC want to continue with remote or hybrid and are trying to force the Government to allow remote or hybrid meetings. They are Asking for the opinions of Parish Councils and it was agreed to respond saying that we believe Councils should meet face to face whenever possible, but it is a good idea to have the option to meet remotely if necessary.

**DATE OF THE NEXT REMOTE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL**

**THURSDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2021 @ 7.30PM**

**All members of the village are welcome to attend remotely**