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MINUTES OF A REMOTE MEETING OF FARNHILL PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THE 25TH MARCH 2021 AT 7.30PM

PRESENT Councs. D Atkinson (Chairman), Councs, J Waring, S Wood, J McFarlane, NYCC & CDC
Representative Counc P Mulligan & Clerk S Harding-Hill .

207/20 **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**
No members of the public present

208/20 **COUNCILLORS APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.**
Counc. David Akrigg, S Nelson

209/20 **DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS**
None

210/20 **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REMOTE MEETING HELD ON THE 25TH
FEBRUARY 2021**
Counc J McFarlane proposed & Counc J Waring seconded that the minutes of the meeting held on the 25th
February 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.

211/20 **UPDATE FROM NYCC & CDC REPRESENTATIVES**
Counc P Mulligan gave an update on the Covid figures for Craven which were down to 30 per 100,000 from 450 in
100,000 and there have now been 2 million inoculated. The planned roadmap out of lockdown starts on the 29th
March with stay at home ending and being allowed to meet with 6 people or two families outdoors. This will be
followed with non essential retail shops, libraries and hairdressers being allowed to open on the 12th April also
restaurants and pubs will be able to serve outdoors without the need to buy food. The plan is to have all restrictions
lifted by the 21st June but it may get altered if things do not go to plan.
He also reported on the Local Government Reorganization stating that a consultation is open on google to receive
views on the proposals. NYCC elections have been postponed for a year due to the reorganization. He also said that
officers may be concerned that they may lose their jobs and may be finding jobs elsewhere. There will be a period
of transition where either the District or NYCC will start winding down ready for the reorganization.

- 212/20 **PLANNING**
- a. **Application No:** 2021/22515/HH
Proposal: Construction of single storey bay window
Location: Wood Bank, The Arbour, Farnhill.
The Parish Council had no objections to the above proposal.
 - b. **Application No:** 2021/22543/FUL
Proposal: Change of Use of former day care nursery to single dwelling.
Location: Woodside, Main Street, Farnhill
The Parish Council had no objections to the above proposal.

c. **The Planning Inspectorate Appeal Decision**

Appeal Ref: APP/C2708/W/20/3262085

Location: Fairmount, Starkey Lane, Farnhill

Decision: Appeal is allowed. Planning permission is granted for the demolition of Fairmount and the construction of two houses both with parking and a garage in accordance with the terms of the application Ref 2020/21468/FUL.

Clerk to write to CDC to thank them for supporting the Parish Council when making their Decision for Fairmount and ask them to let us know if the developer puts in any minor amendments

d. **The Planning Inspectorate Costs Decision**

Costs application in relation to Appeal Ref:

APP/C2708/W/20/3262085,

Location: Fairmount, Starkey Lane, Farnhill

Decision: The application for a full award of costs is allowed.

e. **Grant of Permission by CDC**

Application No: 2020/22233/HH

Proposal: Single Storey Extensions

Location: 1 Hall Gardens, Kildwick

f. **Application No:** 2021/22444/FUL

Proposal: Conversion of outbuilding to apartment with alterations and roof extension

Location: Outbuilding, 11 Newby Road, Farnhill

It was noted that Highways had responded to the above application stating they had no objections. The Parish Council were disappointed that they did not refer to the access or parking allocated to No 11. Clerk to ask the district representatives to see if they can raise the issue with the Highways Authority.

g. **Parish Liaison Planning Development Session**

Counc D Atkinson attended a Parish Liaison Planning Session, which was attended by Bob Pritchard an expert in Planning & Law. The meeting covered Officer Reports, Planning Enforcement and the National Framework.

Their aim is to strengthen leadership, Improve working with Partnerships & System Improvements. He thought the whole plan was quite optimistic & will involve Parish Councils more.

213/20 **VACANCY & CO-OPTION OF COUNCILLOR**

The position of Councillor is still vacant and anybody interested should contact the Clerk.

214/20 **HIGHWAYS**

Drains & Recent Excess Water on Bradley Road

Counc. S Wood has not had a chance to follow issues from last month but agreed to talk to David & John Roberts about going onto their land to investigate and also Phillip Preston & Highways to discuss options.

Drain Repairs at the Crofts

Clerk to ask Highways what is happening with the drains at no 6 the Croft as nothing further seems to have been done.

Update on various issues

Counc D Atkinson reported that there had been an outpouring of sewage half way up Mary Street but Yorkshire Water had come out within 2 hours & sorted the problem which had been caused by a blockage due to wet wipes & disposable nappies. They had excavated further up the road & replaced a section of sewage pipe. They have now been out 5 times to a problem which was alerted 2 years ago.

Highways have been working on the drains at the top of Whitegate.

215/20 **FOOTPATHS**

The Parish Council have received a response from the residents of Farnhill Hall who said they had not given permission to work on the footpath from Main Street to Milking Hill Bridge due to the fact that the Hall had been sold and new residents coming shortly. Clerk to write & ask for permission from the new residents.

216/20 **PLAY AREA**

- a. Counc S Wood has spoken with David Yearly from ROSPA regarding our dissatisfaction with the Play Area report and Mr. Yearly defended their rating and explained why he thought it was important to keep it. It was scored on the basis that the beam is only six inches from the floor and the scoring is based on how bad the risk of injury or how serious. He felt that where they had gone wrong was they should have said the post needs replacing.

Counc S Wood explained that the Parish Council rely heavily on their approach and thought they had let us down. Mr Yearly said that once the repair work is done they will do a rot test on all the posts FOC which would normally cost £500.00. If the Parish Council wished they could have an interim report at 6 months for £230.00 + vat and they would base their form with one for us. Clerk to let Counc S Wood know when the work done. The Parish Council thanked him for the work he had put in.

- b. Pennine Playgrounds hope to start the work shortly but are waiting for some of the parts to be delivered.
- c. Play Area Lease CDC have responded regarding the lease for the Play Area and asked if the Parish Council would be happy to undertake a lease for 21years at the sum of £1.00 if demanded. The Parish Council resolved to do so and Clerk to confirm with CDC.

217/20 **SEAT AT THE TOP OF LOWER ARBOUR**

The seat at the bottom of Arbour Top needs a plank to replace the old one. Clerk to ask Counc D Akrigg if he could purchase a replacement plank and repair the seat. The Parish Council will then reimburse the cost.

218/20 **STRIMMING WORK & SPRING TIDY UP**

Clerk to contact Faulkners Garden Services that did the strimming work in the autumn and ask for their advice on how many times a year they think it would need to carry out the same work as before to keep it in average condition bearing in mind that the Parish Council have a limited budget. Also to quote for the year based on what they think is needed.

219/20 **IT EQUIPMENT**

Aire Valley Solutions have now supplied the new computer & back up drive plus configuration & set up of Windows 10 & Microsoft Office Family. They will provide guidance on how to set up a Parish Council Email address once this is agreed.

220/20 **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.. Clerk to discuss the matter with them as we are already insured for Street Furniture and are only increasing it to £70.000 not adding another £70.000. We need to know if we are insured for a lesser amount would we receive a percentage of the cost or would it make the insurance not valid. Also to ask them for a new quote to include the increase.

221/20**FINANCE & ACCOUNTS**

a. Aire Valley Solutions	£864.00
YLCA (Grants-Policies, Procedures and Powers Webinar Tuesday 23 rd February)	£15.00
Viking (Brother Toner & Copier Paper)	£38.62
Leeds 11 (Community Website Hosting)	£48.00
YLCA Local Council Association Membership Fee April 2021-March 2022	£210.00
S Harding-Hill (Clerks Salary Jan, Feb, March)	£540.64
HM Revenue & Customs (PAYE)	£135.20

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

- b. To consider a donation to the Citizens Advice for £250.00

The Parish Council will consider the request at the next face to face meeting.

- c. Friends of Farnhill (To discuss balance of £38.00 & if account should be closed)

The Parish Council resolved to keep the account open for now in case it was still needed.

222/20 **STREET LIGHTING**

Clerk to report that light No 30 is out under the Culvert and to put Street Lighting on the agenda next month.

223/20 **ELECTRIC CHARGING POINTS**

Clerk to ask CDC about electric charging points to see if they have any information and ask what is available, what kind of site is needed and if there is any grant funding available.

224/20 LOCAL GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION IN YORK & NORTH YORKSHIRE

Local Government Reorganization has a consultation open on google to receive views on the proposals.

225/20 STANDARDS COMMITTEE PARISH REPRESENTATIVES

There are currently two parish vacancies on the Committee and the Council is now inviting nominations to fill these vacancies.

None of the Councillors were interested in being nominated.

226/20 NORTH YORKS YOUTH OFFER

The Parish Council have received a letter from a Youth Development Worker offering to support and develop voluntary youth provision for North Yorkshire Youth in the district of Craven. They are funded by North Yorkshire County Council. The Parish Council noted this and can offer more information if anybody in the Community is interested.

227/20 MINOR ITEMS OF BUSINESS & ITEMS FOR AGENDA NEXT MONTH

The Parish Council have had a report about somebody cutting the tops off the trees at the triangle with one of the trees having 3 branches taken off the top. Clerk to put a note on the website making people aware that we are in a Conservation Area and any work to trees needs planning permission.

Items to go on the next agenda to include

Drains on Bradley Road & No 6 the Crofts

Village Walkabout

Budget Forecast Expenditure Spreadsheet

Website Accessibility

DATE OF THE NEXT REMOTE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

THURSDAY 22ND APRIL 2021 @ 7.30PM

All members of the village are welcome to attend remotely