

# **FARNHILL PARISH COUNCIL**

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## **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF FARNHILL PARISH COUNCIL** **HELD ON THE 28 JULY 2022 AT 7.30PM**

### **PRESENT**

Councillor. D Atkinson (Chairman), Councillors, J Walton, S Close, S Trigg, J McFarlane, J Waring, A Brown and Clerk J Fieldhouse.

#### **87/22 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Clerk J Fieldhouse for slight lateness.

#### **88/22 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

One Member of public in attendance to discuss issues of the drainage and lack of confidence that this will be resolved. Chair D. Atkinson explained the history of contact with Highways over the drainage issues and detailing the recent response received. Chair confirmed that there is now an annual clean for all drains within the village.

Chair D Atkinson and Councillor J McFarlane explaining the issues with the Crofts flooding for 5 consecutive years prior to their involvement and this has now been repaired. Confirming that Bradley Road drainage and gullies has been repaired and a full investigation has been undertaken by Highways into drainage all the way down Main Street and this job is on their list of priorities but the role itself is significantly under sourced.

Member of public confirmed it was not good enough the current system is not efficient. He suggested that we send constant e-mails and letters every week. Chair confirmed we have tried this method in the past but all it did was frustrate workers who are already under a lot of pressure.

Councillor A Brown explaining there are staffing issues and backlogs at the moment and they are trying their best however he will personally chase this matter up from his end. Councillor A Brown went on to explain that it may be helpful if the member of public raised this matter direct with Highways too and how he can go about doing this.

It was agreed that the public will be kept up to date with proposed drainage cleaning dates once they are too hand and as well as all residents receiving notification from Highways Councillors will personally go knocking on doors to remind residents closer to the date in order that they can move cars etc for the same to be undertaken.

#### **89/22 DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS**

Councillor S Trigg wished to have a disclaimer read into the minutes that she is participating in Council Business in her own right as a Councillor and not as a lawyer, as she is not insured to give legal advice in her personal capacity and any issues that arise that require a legal opinion must be confirmed by the Parish Council's own lawyers.

**90/22      COUNCILLOR VACANCY**

Opportunity offered to the member of public in attendance at the meeting. However this was declined.

**91/22      APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING  
OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 6<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2022 & MINUTES OF THE  
MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THE 23<sup>RD</sup> JUNE 2022**

Chair D Atkinson proposed the Minutes of 6<sup>th</sup> June 2022 be agreed however not all Councillors had reviewed minutes of 23 June so these will be brought to the next meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> August. This was seconded by Councillor Close.

**92/22      UPDATE FROM CDC REPRESENTATIVE**

Councillor A Brown confirmed that he has been given a budget of £11,00.00 which he is able to allocate for 6 Parishes but he needs to have any requests in before January as he has a cut off point of 30 March for this budget. Kildwick have put forward a proposition to tackle speeding in getting some VAS (Vehicle Activated Signs) for the Village and are currently looking into finance for the same. And there is a smaller project for Craven. Councillor A Brown confirmed that if there isn't anything for this year can always do a request for next year.

Ukraine Refugees

There is now:-

6 or 7 families housed in Lothersdale

2 in Cononley

2 in Cowling

The host families and the Croatian Families are finding it a strain with language barriers so if anyone knows of a person who can assist point them in Councillor A. Browns direction. The Council are also looking for people who wish to rent out their properties to the families still awaiting. However currently the issue they have is there are no plans in place for the next phase of homing these families and discussions are ongoing.

NYCC (North Yorkshire District Council) are trying to become the only Council for this area /Parish. Currently everyone pays both CDC (Craven District Council) and NYCC.

Local Area Committees are being formed to discuss any concerns, but they don't have any powers to do anything about any issues raised so we will see what comes of this.

Councillor Brown is also going to investigate a possible resident in contravention of a former agreement made.

Councillor Brown is now on the planning committee for North Yorkshire but he has been allocated to make a decision about waste disposal sites in Scarborough of which he knows nothing about given he lives nowhere near Scarborough. There are a lot of political disagreements happening at the moment but the power is all one sided.

Craven have done a report on Covid effects on tourism and what we need to be doing in the future to sustain tourism. There is going to be some television coverage on ITV 2 nights this week.

**93/22      UPDATE FROM STREET LIGHTING RE BREAKDOWN OF INVOICE AND  
WORKS UNDERTAKEN APPROVAL/ REJECTION OF INVOICE**

It was agreed that Councillor J Waring will speak with NYCC regarding the Culvert lighting issues.

The breakdown for works/maintenance was explained to Councillors and it was agreed that these fees can be paid however there is further information required for the Administration charges and the 7% prelims charge. Clerk instructed to only pay for the works/maintenance / VAT on the items agreed and to hold off paying admin and prelims until they have been fully broken down as to what exactly we are paying for.

**94/22      CHANGES TO STANDING ORDER PARAGRAPH 18 OF NALC MODEL.**

Some of the Councillors had not had the opportunity to review this document as the passwords were not working. Clerk to write to CDC to obtain UpToDate passwords for Councillors having difficulties accessing the new updates to the NALC model. This item will be delayed until next meeting.

**95/22      UPDATE ON ITEMS FOR THE PLAY AREA**

- a) Insurance Documents for Solicitor – Clerk to scan copies of these over
- b) Renewal of Insurance Questionnaire due 13.08.2022 – it was agreed that Councillor J. Waring would complete this and Clerk will send.
- c) Inspection of play area –This has not been undertaken for a while. Jeni will undertake the next one. Clerk to book the inspection with a view to paying the £70 fee for the inspection and the additional £42 plus VAT to attend the inspection. Clerk to obtain availability for September preferably evenings.
- d) Electrical point - Chair D Atkinson has now received a questionnaire to complete and the engineer will not even contemplate attending until the questionnaire has been completed however it was somewhat in depth and he wasn't sure how to complete it so he is currently seeking advice from someone who has knowledge of these matters to assist him in completing the same.
- e) Repairs on the back Wall leading up from the left side of the Park – Councillors are unsure of the ownership however they are aware that historically CDC have undertaken some repairs. Clerk to write to them to enquire if they have taken responsibility on this basis.

**96/22      DEVELOPMENT PLAN**

Councillor Trigg confirmed that the Pinnacle is looking unsightly. This was discussed at length and the conclusion reached was that the Parish Council has taken the view that they could not keep putting public money into the upkeep of this. This is a very expensive process for which the Parish does not have the resources and when the last restoration was undertaken after extensive fund-raising efforts, it was only a matter of days before people had carved into it again. It is therefore, the standing opinion that it will always be carved into no matter how many times restoration treatment is undertaken and therefore a waste of public resources.

That's not to say that if any resident feels strongly about this matter there is no reason why they cannot set up a Crowd Funding page themselves however they must be mindful that the landowner will need to be contacted prior and permission obtained.

Some of the Trees have died and it was agreed that the Parish needed to apply for planning permission to have them removed but in order to do this Councillor S Trigg will find out exactly which ones are dead so the correct ones are removed.

Land above Grange Road. It has come to the Parish Councils attention that a resident has placed fencing on this land which is owned by the Parish. Clerk and Chair D Atkinson are to arrange a sit down and go through all the rental agreements to find out if this plot of land in question is currently being rented.

Garages – CDC have confirmed that they are not going to consider any property issues until August. Councillor J MacFarlane will write to them again and ask if they have any plans to do something with the garages area.

**97/22      FEEDBACK FROM PARISH MEETING FLYERS FOR THE PUBLIC**

The Flyers have now been updated and just a little tweaking to be done by Chair D Atkinson. Clerk to get them ordered double sided to save money and then they can be delivered to residents

**98/22      AMBULANCE RESPONSE**

Councillor J MacFarlane volunteered to attend and meet with the ambulance but believes Councilor S Trigg should be involved with this given her legal background. It was decided that Chair D Atkinson and Councillor S Trigg will provide Clerk with their availability for a visit and Clerk can in turn then notify the ambulance service of the same.

**99/22      HANGING BASKET HOLDERS**

The hanging basket is currently resting at the back of the play area which is a safety risk for the children. Clerk to write to Craven and request that we either be allowed to use the basket or the same is removed with immediate effect.

**100/22     OFFER OF FREE COMPOST BINS**

No thank you.

**101/22     HIGHWAYS TO DISCUSS SPEED SIGNAGE CHANGE AND DRAINS**

Highways have been very efficient and removed the signs which had been defaced and the issue of the drains has discussed above.

**102/22     MAINTENANCE CONTRACT**

The grass cutting / dweeding work has not been undertaken. Clerk to contact the contractor and speak about the lack of work undertaken. Find out what the date of the next cut is going to be including the extra bits discussed and then the same will be inspected to make sure it has all been carried out prior to payment being approved. All councilors in favor of this action.

**103/22     ADDITION OF A FURTHER DISABLED PARKING BAY ON LANG KIRK CLOSE**

No objections to this

**104/22     TO DISCUSS THE ARBOUR DOG WASTE SITUATION .**

Clerk has contacted the Council regarding this issue and awaiting a response. Clerk to write again and confirm there are several complaints about this and request options on how to resolve this matter/ get the bin back.

**105/22     JUBILEE TREE & PLAQUE.**

The tree has now been planted looking to have a ceremony, but we need to wait until the grass has been dealt with so we can invite Craven Herold

**106/22     THE MOOR REGARDING BROKEN SIGNAGE**

Clerk has received an automated response confirming that this has been added to a list and will be reviewed.

**107/22     INCREASE OF FEES AND PAYMENT OF THE SAME FOR THE DOMAIN RENEWAL OF THE HISTORY**

Councillor S Trigg confirmed that we originally started Farnhill.co.uk domain but then we got a new one and gave the old one to the History Group. The history Group deals with the upkeep of the original site and sign posts the Parish Council. Chair D Atkinson proposed that we pay both domains. The other issue was that this is currently being paid via the previous Clerks account . Chair D Atkinson is going to look into setting up DD for this as we have recently been able to set up one for the pension scheme. Councillor S Trigg will look into what the requirements are for websites of Parish Councils.

**108/22     FINANCE & ACCOUNTS**

Clerks wages/pension approved

Petrol for Lawnmower approved

Partial approval of the NYCC invoice for maintenance.

**109/22     MINOR ITEMS OF BUSINESS & ITEMS TO GO ON AGENDA NEXT MONTH.**

Items for the agenda for next month: Approval of minutes of meetings in June & July, To discuss website increases and payment of the same, ceremonial completion of the queens oak tree, Development Plan, Street Lighting invoice / breakdown explanation, dog waste bin, Playground Inspection, Hanging Baskets, Highways – Drains , NYCC Lighting under culvert, ambulance, maintenance, wall by the playground. Finance

**DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL  
TO BE HELD ON THURSDAY 25 AUGUST 2022 @ 7.30PM IN KILDWICK/FARNHILL  
INSTITUTE**

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