

FARNHILL PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF FARNHILL PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THE 23rd JUNE 2022 AT 7.30PM

PRESENT

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

64/22 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor J Waring sent her apologies.

65/22 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

One Member of public in attendance wanting assistance with the drainage problems on Bradley Road and lack of water getting to the fields to water the animals. There was an inspection done on these drains in July 2021 and it was confirmed that there were no blockages present. Resident asking if the Council could look at ways of improving the water flow and possibly having a diversion of the flow of water down to the fields for the sheep which are now very dry.

Councillors to discuss with landowner of where the drain is situated and to also contact Highways again to see if they can suggest anything to assist in resolving the issue.

66/22 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.

67/22 COUNCILLOR VACANCY

Clerk has posted advertisement on Parish Notice Board. It was agreed that Councillor S. Trigg will write a post for Councillor J MacFarlane to post on Facebook and the History Page Website which links to the Council website.

68/22 APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THE 7TH APRIL 2022 & MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL 12TH MAY 2022.

Chair Councillor D Atkinson proposed both sets of minutes are approved. Councillor J Waring and Councillor S Trigg seconded the proposal.

69/22 TO DISCUSS THE CODE OF CONDUCT

Chair Councillor D Atkinson confirmed the minor changes to the policy which were made on 6th May and proposed that they are implemented. Councillor S Trigg and J Waring seconded the proposal

70/22 **TO DISCUSS CHANGES TO STANDING ORDER – PARAGRAPH 18 OF THE NALC MODEL**

It was agreed that the Councillors would all download and have a look at the current Financial Controls and Procurement policy from Yorkshire Local Council Association and bring them to the next meeting with a view to deciding whether we should adopt the same or continue with the one we currently have in place.

71/22 **LEASE OF PLAY AREA UPDATE**

Solicitor dealing with the Lease needs full details of the proposed electrical point (where the point is going to be placed and where the source is going to be coming from) and insurance cover for the play area. It was agreed that Clerk will contact the previous Clerk to find out where the policy documents are for the play area and Chair Councillor D Atkinson will send an e-mail regarding the position of the electrical point and confirm that the address on the lease needs amending to the new Clerks address.

72/22 **ELECTRIC POINT FOR PLAY AREA.**

Unfortunately, we are no further forward regarding the position of the electrical point. Chair D Atkinson is anticipating that the line will run from the concrete pad outside the playarea where there was an old telephone box and is the process of obtaining expert advice and quotes for the same doing.

73/22 **DEVELOPMENT PLAN**

This was missed at the last meeting to discuss next meeting on 28/7/22.

74/22 **FEEDBACK FROM PARISH MEETING**

There are a few typos within this and some further items to be added. Once this is completed Chair D Atkinson will forward a copy on the Highways for their consideration. In the meantime, it was decided that Councillor J McFarlane and Councillor J Walton will make this user friendly for the public and consider whether we need to add an extra column to show what has been accomplished.

75/22 **AMBULANCE RESPONSE**

It was decided that the response received was not good enough. 1 person died and another driver wasted 10 minutes trying to locate Mary Street after going up the Culvert.

76/22 **STREET LIGHTING**

It was agreed that the breakdown is not clear in what we are paying for so Clerk to invite NYCC Streetlighting representative back to the village for the next meeting to go over the invoice and confirm exactly what the charges are, what has been undertaken etc. As the lighting under the Culvert is still not working, and we don't have a copy of any inspection reports.

77/22 **HANGING BASKET HOLDERS**

Unfortunately, this has been put on hold owing to a dispute with Skipton in Bloom claiming that it belongs to them. It was agreed that in the meantime Councillor J McFarlane will place signs on them in red confirming not to be climbed on as it is placed at the back of the playarea.

78/22 **MAINTENANCE CONTRACT**

It was agreed that Clerk will contact the contractor and instruct him to clear the pathway between the gates and the triangle. The triangle is also ready to be cut. Clerk to request that he is also required to strim the path on the Arbour , get rid of the weeds and the area around the steps and the top of the Arbour pathway which is also covered in weeds.

Clerk to also request that the Councils strimmer is returned to Councillor S Trigg to pass to Chair D Atkinson for annual service.

79/22 **DECISION MAKING**

It was pointed out that all decision making must be done within meetings and not over any other form of communication.

80/22 **TO DISCUSS THE ARBOUR PATH, DOG WASTE SITUATION AND GRASS.**

With regards to the Arbour please see maintenance contract above. Dog waste is currently being collected by the residents and they find the response unacceptable. They feel it is a great health and safety risk to the residents collecting other peoples dog waste and then a health risk to general waste men who empty the bins with dog excrement. It also poses a risk to the children who play there. Clerk to write back in response confirming the above.

81/22 **JUBILEE TREE & PLAQUE.**

Permission has been granted to plant the tree and place a plaque. Need to agree a date / Ceremony when we have received the plaque.

82/22 **INCREASE OF FEES AND PAYMENT OF THE SAME FOR THE DOMAIN RENEWAL OF THE HISTORY**

These need discussing with the history group and previous clerk who is currently paying this direct from her account. Clerk to pay Previous Clerk and put on for discussion at the next meeting.

83/22 **CLUBS WEBSITE**

Councillor S Trigg is going to take over responsibility for this and establish what websites we have and who does what.

84/22 **RURAL REGENERATION GRANT**

Councillor A Brown was unaware of this scheme however the website confirms that this scheme is no longer available.

85/22 **UPDATE FROM CDC REPRESENTATIVES**

West Yorkshire has 200 Ukraine refugee families to home. At present there are 5 families in Lothersdale and 2 families in Cononley. If you know of anyone with spare rooms / who speaks the language please get in touch with Councillor A Brown.

Councillor A Brown confirmed that Covid is not over till its over and we need to remain cautious till September. The Planning permission has now been granted on the house in Glusburn and there are currently talks being held about York Council joining with NYCC and Councillors being allocated specific areas to deal with. Councillor A Brown is signing up to be on the Planning Committee for the whole of NY and Adult Social Care.

The government is also looking at increasing the cap for care to £100,000 instead of leaving everyone with just £28,000. However, if you choose to spend on luxury accommodation with breakfast etc included this will not count towards your care. Councillor A Brown is also unsure of how they will assess Young Adults but if it is a husband and wife each will have to be assessed separately and pay the cap each.

Councillor A Brown now also has a fund of £10,000 to assist any joint schemes with a maximum of £5000 and minimum of £300. Cowling was trying to get funding for the canal towpath but funding for this was turned down.

The house at Fairmount has now been sold and the new owner has confirmed that they are not wanting to use the current planning permission and will look at making their own different applications based on the amount of protest from neighbors but legally they can use the one currently in place.

86/22 MINOR ITEMS OF BUSINESS & ITEMS TO GO ON AGENDA NEXT MONTH.

Issues were brought up about biking on the Moors as there was a recent accident where the air ambulance had to be called out. Unfortunately, it is the landowners responsibility to put up signs and to prosecute any trespassers as this is private property.

Items for the agenda for next month: Approval of minutes of meetings in June, To discuss website increases and payment of the same, Planting of tree if not already done, The Moor regarding broken signage, Development Plan, Street Lighting invoice / breakdown explanation, dog waste bin, Path maintenance offer of help, Playground Inspection, Insurance Renewal Request for Information response 13.08.2022. Free Compost bins offer, Hanging Baskets, Highways – Speed signage changed.

**DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL
TO BE HELD ON THURSDAY 28 JULY 2022 @ 7.30PM IN KILDWICK/FARNHILL
INSTITUTE**

All members of the village are welcome to attend.