

# **FARNHILL PARISH COUNCIL**

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## **MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF FARNHILL PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2023 AT 7.30PM IN KILDWICK/FARNHILL INSTITUTE BUSINESS**

**ATTENDEES:** CHAIR CLLR D. ATKINSON, VICE CHAIR CLLR J.WARING, CLLRS J.MCFARLANE, S CLOSE, W. MCDONALD, A BROWN, ACTING CLERK S. HARDING-HILL

### **124/23 APOLOGIES, REASON FOR ABSENCE AND ACCEPTANCE OF REASON**

S Trigg (Work Commitments), J Walton (Illness) Clerk J. Fieldhouse (Illness). All apologies were accepted by the Council.

### **125/23 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (MAXIMUM 15MINS)**

None

### **126/23 DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS**

### **127/23 UPDATE FROM NYCC REPRESENTATIVE**

NYCC Representative Counc Andy Brown reported that NYCC are alerting local Parish Councils to the need for a local disaster management plan due to the increased amount of flooding. They are trying to do a template for the Parishes.

Cononley Parish Council now has the funds in place for the Improvements to access the Leeds – Liverpool Canal Towpath at Cononley Lane Junction. They will keep Farnhill’s offer on hold as a backup if costs overrun.

He still has a little money available in the locality funding budget if we need anything. The Council said they would like to apply for money for the signs on the Canal. He asked for the Council to let him know the details and said we would have to provide details of some matched funding.

At the Skipton & Ripon Area Committee recent releases of sewage being released into the River Aire and onto the streets was discussed, but Yorkshire Water has refuted the accusations. Airedale Drainage Board is open for Parish Councillor’s to join if wished.

The Skipton & Ripon planning Committee Meeting is on Tuesday October 3rd and plans for the Skipton Railway Station and pedestrian routes to the town centre are being recommended for approval. An application for a replacement Gallows pedestrian bridge over the Canal next to the Bus Station and to make improvements to the steps either side submitted by the old CDC Council has been recommended for approval by members. Members are also recommended to approve plans for the Station Car Park, improved lighting and resurfacing of the footpath linking the station to the town centre.

### **128/23 CLERKS REPORT**

The Clerk provided a report on recent issues which was circulated to all Councillors .

### **129/23 CONONLEY PARISH COUNCIL JOINT APPLICATION FOR WARD MEMBER FUNDING VIA CLLR BROWN TO IMPROVE ACCESS TO THE LEEDS-LIVERPOOL CANAL TOWPATH AT THE CONONLEY LANE JUNCTION WITH THE A629 SKIPTON ROAD**

Cononley Parish Council now has the funds in place and will keep Farnhill’s offer on hold as a backup if costs overrun. Farnhill Parish Council has earmarked £500.00 from their contingency budget for the project if needed.

### **130/23 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF FPC MEETING HELD ON THE 24TH AUGUST 2023**

Counc W McDonald proposed & Counc J Waring seconded that the minutes of the meeting held on the 24<sup>th</sup> August 2023 were a correct record of the meeting and the Council resolved to approve them.

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**CANAL AND RIVER TRUST ISSUES**

A) Redmans Swingbridge-185.

No contact has been made to the Clerk from the engineer.

B) Cyclists

Clerk has sent details of the proposed location for the signs but had no response as yet. The Parish Council resolved to apply for some locality funding towards the cost of the signs. Clerk to contact Cllr A Brown to pursue him for details regarding claiming a locality grant for the cost of the signs on the Canal Towpath.

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**DEVELOPMENT PLAN**

a. Highways- Speed/ Maintenance.

Kildwick Parish have requested speed bumps from the roundabout to the river bridge and from the river bridge to the pub. The Parish Council commented that speed bumps can be noisy for residents.

b. Lighting Issues

Nicolas Wilson has provided a corner bracket for Hanover Street and requested the go ahead to fix in place. The Parish Council to confirm that we would like the bracket fixing and to explain to the resident (of the house the bracket is to be attached to) what is happening. The Parish Council to remind Nicolas that the light from Hanover Street is to be put up at the house near the top of Main Street. The Parish Council resolved to go ahead with converting the heritage lamps to LED lights at a cost of £50.00 per lamp. The Parish Council to confirm with Nicolas.

c. Update on the following items for the Play Area

i. Inspection of Play Area

The Play Area had the yearly inspection carried out by ROSPA and the report has been circulated to all Councillor's. The report will be discussed at the next meeting when everybody has had chance to read it.

ii. Repairs

The edges of the grass have been done at the Play Area and Counc W McDonald has agreed to do the painting to the tower in the next week weather permitting.

iii. The Parish Council resolved to purchase a Christmas Tree again this year and a battery which will be needed for the lights. Counc D Atkinson to contact last years supplier to see if they will be able to supply again this year.

iv. Lease still awaiting registration

d. Continuing to improve our Council

Nothing to report.

e. Inspections of pathways, benches and walls

The walkabout which was to take place round the village had to be cancelled due to the weather so will take place at a later date.

f. Landscape Maintenance

Counc D Atkinson has spoken to a Contractor who is willing to carry out maintenance for the Council and has agreed to cut the grass and clear ready for winter for the same price as last year. The Parish Council resolved that Counc Atkinson ask him to go ahead and consider starting next year in April. Further discussions to take place prior to starting next April.

Counc S Close agreed to cut the grass and chop the bushes back at the triangle at the top of Main Street if it has not been carried out before he starts.

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**PLANNING**

**PLANNING PERMISSION FOR CROWN REDUCTION TREE WORKS FOR THE PINFOLDS REF ZA23/25245/TCA**

Clerk to contact the residents of Pinfold and say that permission has been granted for the tree work and they can now proceed with the work by a qualified tree surgeon.

**PLANNING APPLICATION FOR WORKS ON THE ARBOUR TREES REF**

## **ZA23/25334/TCA COMMENTS DUE 2<sup>ND</sup> OCTOBER 2023.**

The Parish Council has no comments as it was the Council that put in the application.

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### **TREE WORKS TO BE UNDERTAKEN BY YORKSHIRE HOUSING**

Clerk to contact Yorkshire Housing and ask them to carry out the tree work for the trees which are on their land. The Parish Council will await the work and if this does not solve the issue, then it will be the residents responsibility.

### **REPORTED TREE ISSUES ON MAIN STREET**

**Hazel & Willow Tree Growing below Canal Wall (Concerns of potential damage to sewage pipe and Canal Pollution.**

**37/39 Main Street**

Clerk to chase the Canal & River Trust regarding this.

### **134/23 D-DAY 80<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY ON 6<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2024 DETAILS SUPPLIED BY YLCA**

Counc W McDonald has been researching the D-Day 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commemorations on 6<sup>th</sup> June 2024 and the British Legion are not involved. It has been organized by 5 or 6 charities by inviting people to participate in lighting beacons. The Parish Council resolved not to participate in having a beacon, but thought it would be nice to participate in some other way to remember the people who made sacrifices. After making enquiries it was found that to hold other events would be separate to the main event so it was decided not to go ahead with an alternative. The Council thanked Counc W McDonald for his work.

### **135/23 RESPONSES TO EMAILS, LETTERS AND PHONE CALLS**

Clerk to alert Highways of continuing parking issues on Grange Road and to ask them what they can do to ease the situation, saying that the Parish Council have recently received reports of problems exiting from the road leading to the moor due to large vehicles (due to works that are currently taking place nearby) parking opposite the entrance. Clerk to inform Highways that the overgrown verges on the road leading to Bradley are causing visibility issues.

The road sweeper has attended Main Street to clean the debris from Farnhill Moor which resulted following the recent heavy rain.

### **136/23 FINANCE & ACCOUNTS**

The Following accounts were approved for payment by the Council.

• Jodie Fieldhouse (Salary September)	£234.47
• Nest Pension	£12.57
• ROSPA Playsafe Ltd (Play Area Inspection & Report	£94.20
• YLCA Planning System Webinar	£25.00

### **137/23 CORRESPONDENCE**

An email was received from a resident requesting a road sweeper attend Main Street to clear debris from Farnhill Moor due to recent heavy rain. Highways have now been to clear it.

An email was received raising the following concerns

- a. Visibility issues due to the overgrown verges on Priest Bank Road and the road leading to Bradley.
- b. Parking on Grange Road opposite a private drive causing access issues and dangerous situations when attempting to exit on the wrong side of the road. Resident is asking for a sign to ask drivers to slow down for concealed entrance or double yellow lines opposite the entrance requested or any other suggestions to make it safe.

### **138/23 MINOR ITEMS OF BUSINESS & ITEMS TO GO ON THE AGENDA NEXT MONTH.**

Counc W Mc Donald attended a training event held by YLCA on Planning and gained some useful information regarding commenting on planning applications and what were material considerations and what were not. He has provided a report for all members of Council.

The Clerk J Fieldhouse informed the Council of training available on the 5<sup>th</sup> October, but nobody was available to attend.

Counc W Mc Donald informed the Parish Council that if they decided to go ahead with a disaster management plan he would be happy to be involved with it. The Parish Council thanked him for this.

Play Area Inspection Report to be put on the agenda for the next meeting as Councillor's have not had the time to look at it yet.

**DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL THURSDAY**  
**26<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2023 IN KILDWICK/FARNHILL INSTITUTE AT 7.30PM**  
**All members of the village are welcome to attend.**

Acting Clerk

S Harding-Hill 01/10/2023

Items for Agenda for next month Approval of minutes of meeting in September, Clerks Report, Development Plan, Highways, NYCC Street Lighting, Planning, Play Area Inspection Report, Canal & River Trust Update, Locality Funding for signs on the Canal.