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MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF FARNHILL PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 4th JANUARY 2024 AT 7.30PM IN KILDWICK/FARNHILL INSTITUTE.

BUSINESS

INVITED: CHAIR CLLR D. ATKINSON, VICE CHAIR CLLR J. WARING, CLLRS J. MCFARLANE, S. CLOSE, S. TRIGG, W. MCDONALD, J. WALTON, NYC REPRESENTATIVE A. BROWN, CLERK J.FIELDHOUSE

184/24 APOLOGIES, REASON FOR ABSENCE AND ACCEPTANCE OF REASON

All in attendance

185/24 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (MAXIMUM 15MINS)

NONE

186/24 DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

A Councillor 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.

187/24 UPDATE FROM NYC REPRESENTATIVE

Skipton Rippon Planning have approved the application to build a new gymnasium on Station Road in Crosshills at the farm, there is already swimming facilities here. There will also be a large car park to accommodate parking. It was deemed that the new facilities would not impact on the amount of traffic on Sation Road.

If you wish to speak within a public meeting you only have a window of 3 days to do so.

The election of the new Mayor of York and North Yorkshire will be held on 2nd May. This may also be the date of the General Election as well.

North Yorkshire trying to set a budget for next year. One or two Councils are currently in financial difficulties as are Bradford due to the care and EHCP budgets increasing extensively in Bradford. North Yorkshire will thankfully not be in the same position.

There is a Planning Committee meeting next week regarding an application for a quarry to be extended next to Thornborough Henges, in the Vale of York near Ripon.

188/24 CLERKS REPORT

Was received by all Councillors. Resolved that Clerk is to get them out a little sooner if updates come in later will just add within the meeting. Clerk to also make formatting different to that of the agenda as it can be a little confusing.

189/24 CLOSURE OF THE PLAYAREA

No further update supplied on this matter.

190/24 BUDGETS AND PRECEPT FOR 2024-2025

PRECEPT DOCUMENTS FILED

TO GO OVER THE BUDGETS AND CLLRS TO AGREE A FIGURE FOR EACH TOPIC FOR 2024-2025. It was resolved that Budgets currently set will remain the same for 2024-2025.

YLCA SUGGEST MONTHLY INTERNAL CONTROL WITH CLLRS/NOMINATED CLLR GOING OVER THE BANKSTATEMENTS AND INVOICES. It was resolved that this is not necessary given the amount of invoices / payments made within a year.

YLCA HAVE CONFIRMED THAT WE SHOULD HAVE A SEPARATE BUDGET FOR TRAINING. It was resolved to do this. Clerk is to take £500 from develpoment action for training and place it within the heading Training.

INSTRUCTION OF AUDITOR AND AGREED DATE FOR CLERK GOING OVER VAT RETURNS , INVOICES, AGAR PREP WITH CLLR MACFARLANE. It was resolved that Clerk is to arrange to meet the nominated Councillor in April and to book the external Auditor in May.

191/24 PLANNING APPLICATION REF ZA23/25521/FUL PROPOSED ALTERATIONS AND CHANGE OF USE TO EXISTING OUTBUILDING TO CREATE RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OUTBUILDING, NEWBY ROAD, FARNHILL, KEIGHLEY, BD20 9AT,

Comments noted from previous applications and current application.

It was resolved that the nominated Councillors will make adaptations to the comments already drafted incorporating all of the previous rejections and new issues raised and Clerk will forward these onto the Planning Officer and Highways Officer.

Full details and comments can be submitted via this link:-
publicaccess.cravendc.gov.uk/online-applications/.

192/24 MEETING WITH THE PLANNING POLICY TEAM

Cllr McDonald attending meeting on 18th of January and will provide update following this meeting.

193/24 VOLUNTEERS FROM THE COMMUNITY

Clerk to send pre-drafted letter.

194/24 APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF FPC MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 23RD NOVEMBER 2023.

It was resolved that the minutes are approved.

195/24 COMMUNITY RESILIENCE FOR AIRE VALLEY – STORAGE OF SANDBAGS AND OTHER FLOOD DEFENCE MECHANISMS

Could we purchase some bins fill with sand and store bags somewhere near known flood plains? It was resolved to wait and see if we hear anything back from NYC regarding the garage use.

196/24 CANAL AND RIVER TRUST ISSUES

A) **REDMAN SWINGBRIDGE - 185 – TEMP REPAIR DONE AND LOOKING REALLY GOOD**
B) **CYCLISTS – CYCLIST WHITNESSED HITTING A PEDESTRIAN AND JUST MISSED ANOTHER ONE THAT IF HAD BEEN HIT WOULD HAVE BEEN PUSHED INTO THE CANAL. JENI AND CHAIR WILL REVIEW THIS**

197/24 DEVELOPMENT PLAN

a. **Highways – Speed/ maintenance - GRANGE ROAD RE: FADED NO PARKING ROAD MARKINGS.**
   Resolved to await the cleanup / renovation to see how this affects the parking situation.
b. **Lighting Issues –** Clerk chased and will chase again.
c. **Update on the following items for the play area – CLOSURE AND RETAINING WALL** clerk chased and will chase again for update.

i. **Inspection of Play Area -**
ii. **Lease**

d. **Continuing to improve our Council -**
E. **Inspections of pathways, benches and walls**
f. **Landscape Maintenance**.

198/24 TREE WORKS

VISIT OF TREE OFFICER

REPORTED TREE ISSUES ON MAIN STREET

A. HAZEL AND WILLOW TREE GROWING BELOW CANAL WALL CONCERNS OF POTENTIAL DAMAGE TO SEWAGE PIPE AND CANAL POLLUTION.37/39 MAIN STREET

B. TREES BY 42 MAIN STREET DUTCH ELM, ASH AND SYCAMORES.

CLERK CHASED
AVAILABLE DATES ARE – FRIDAY 12TH JAN LUNCHTIME 12-2 (J.M & S.T)
FRIDAY 19TH JAN LUNCHTIME 12.2 (J.M& S.T)
FRIDAY 26TH 12-4 (DA & J.M)

199/24 RESPONSES TO EMAILS, LETTERS AND PHONE CALLS

Responses to Planning as above.

200/24 FINANCE & ACCOUNTS

To consider the following invoices for approval

- Jodie Fieldhouse (Salary December) £234.47

- Nest Pension £12.57
- Low Field Farm Christmas Tree (Pre Approved and paid via Cllr) £30.00
- Hadfield Photocraft (Pre Approved and paid) £90.00

It was resolved all finances were approved.

201/24 CORRESPONDENCE

Issues with parking on Starkey lane (at the 2 holiday cottages) have been highlighted by residents. They are being restricted by the way the cars had parked blocking emergency access and cars that were already parked could not get out.

Nominated Cllr will contact owners and request something is noted within the booking.

202/24 MINOR ITEMS OF BUSINESS & ITEMS TO GO ON AGENDA NEXT MONTH.

Leaflet Rota - Chair to remove Highcroft way from cllr J.M rota to Cllr S.T.

New agenda put the approval of minutes between NYC update and Clerks report – re Clerks report only put items on that have an update.

Craven local plan folder to be stored at the institute.

Clerk to book Sue Rider for recycling the tree.

203/24 HOLIDAYS

Dates received and acknowledged.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

THURSDAY 25 JANUARY 2024 IN KILDWICK/FARNHILL INSTITUTE AT 7.30PM

ALL MEMBERS OF THE VILLAGE ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND

Clerk 04/01/2024

Items for the agenda for next month: Approval of minutes of meeting in January, Clerks Report, Development Plan, Highways, NYCC Street Lighting, Lease, Tree issues within Farnhill, Canal & River Trust Update, Christmas Newsletter, Budgets and Finance.