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MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF FARNHILL PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 25th 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

204/24 **APOLOGIES, REASON FOR ABSENCE AND ACCEPTANCE OF REASON**
Cllr. S.C provided apologies for the next meeting along with explanation as to why he cannot attend.

205/24 **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (MAXIMUM 15MINS)**

None.

206/24 **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.

207/24 **UPDATE FROM NYC REPRESENTATIVE**

NYC are in the process of doing the budget preparation for 2024-2025. NYC are not in any danger of bankruptcy but there is a £6 million deficit this year and an estimate of £54 million deficit over the next 3 years.

There will likely be a 4.99% increase in council tax.

Andy is trying to encourage initiatives to save money eg. Marketing, pavement spraying and mowing, land sales. He is proposing increasing spending on buses.

NYC are in the process of trying to establish which land NYC owns and there is a 2nd home council tax increase in 2005-2006 to fund housing for need.

Cllr brown is currently part of a campaign to sell more property to free up assets and put it towards cutting costs in solar panels etc.

Andy has been dealing with a fairly typical caseload such as helping to resolve an educational issue involving a child in serious need of special education who could only get 2 hours of education a day and helping a family who are at risk of being homeless.

208/24 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF FPC MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 4TH JANUARY 2024.**

Resolved to approve

209/24 **CLERKS REPORT**

All items discussed within the agenda.

210/24 **CLOSURE OF THE PLAYAREA AND CARPARK**

Signs up notifying of closure. NYC contractors will be attending on Monday 29th – Cllr. SC will make sure the locks are open for them.

211/24 **MEETING WITH THE PLANNING POLICY TEAM**

Letter provided from NYC explaining building regs. Chair will request a document file be sent so we can save and post on website etc. to go in notice boards and on the Parish Facebook.

212/24 **COMMUNITY RESILIENCE FOR AIRE VALLEY – STORAGE OF SANDBAGS AND OTHER FLOOD DEFENCE MECHANISMS**

Cllr. attended the Community Resilience meeting on 18th January for Crosshills 3-4 different councils were represented there. An hour long presentation was given and Cllrs received all 27 slides thereafter. Definitions of resilience – read out from the PowerPoint identifying potential emergencies and planning. A template has been provided, a lot of which is not relevant to Farnhill so this will be amended to be more relevant – the template also provides emergencies numbers for police and fire etc. Sandbag bins are available for Parish's with storage issues and they can hold 20-40 bags.

It was resolved that the Cllr. will draft a letter and send to Clerk. Cllr will initially look into obtaining 1 bin to be placed in the carpark on Main Street. Obviously if there is a fee for this then the matter will be brought back to Council for approval prior to ordering.

Cllr will also look into organizing a Welfare /Rest Centre at maybe the institute and/or church if there is an emergency in the village. It was resolved that Cllr. JW will look into the possibility of the Institute being used as a Welfare / Rest Centre at her next meeting. It was resolved to Put the heading into the plan for now and look at finer details later once there is more information to hand.

Further suggested headings could be what to do if a tree falls. Thereafter need to look at how we communicate these emergency plans to the residents eg. post. Facebook page and village page. Put on webpage. Also need to look at establishing any possible Vulnerable people in the village that may need assistance during a village emergency.

Another emergency issue could be if the main road is closed and the village becomes grid locked – blocking any emergency access – traffic flow. It was resolved that we already have signs which have been used for this purpose but a more solid plan can be drawn up.

213/24 **CANAL AND RIVER TRUST ISSUES**

A) CYCLISTS – PEDESTRIAN BEEN HIT AND A 2ND NARROWLY MISSED WHO WOULD HAVE ENDED UP IN THE CANAL. AGREEMENT TO HAVE SIGNAGE PLACED AWAITING FURTHER INFORMATION.

B) DE-VEGETATION OF THE CANAL WALLS . Chair to send content of the response to a different contact he has within the C&RT .

214/24 **DEVELOPMENT PLAN**

- a. Highways – Speed/ maintenance - GRANGE ROAD AWAITING REPAINTING OF THE FADED NO PARKING ROAD MARKINGS.**
- b. Lighting Issues – Chair will be contacting the team dealing with this.**

- YLCA Training - for Chair Part 1 (05.03.2024) £33.40
- YLCA Training - for Chair Part 2 (06.03.2024) £33.40
- YLCA Training - Policies, Procedures and Powers (30.01.2024) £25.00
- Data Protection Fee £40.00
- Invoice for Hire Kildwick & Farnhill Institute £150.00

It was resolved that all the above Finances are approved.

219/24 CORRESPONDENCE

220/24 MINOR ITEMS OF BUSINESS & ITEMS TO GO ON AGENDA NEXT MONTH.

Clerk to send appraisal end of Jan to meet 15th February.

Items for agenda:

Parish Meeting date

AGM of the council

Use of land at Buckler Hill

Review council owned equipment

221/24 HOLIDAYS

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

THURSDAY 22 FEBRUARY 2024 IN KILDWICK/FARNHILL INSTITUTE AT 7.30PM

ALL MEMBERS OF THE VILLAGE ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND

Clerk 25/01/2024

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.