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MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF FARNHILL PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 28 MARCH 2024 AT 7.30PM IN KILDWICK/FARNHILL INSTITUTE.

BUSINESS

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

247/24 **APOLOGIES, REASON FOR ABSENCE AND ACCEPTANCE OF REASON**
Cllrs S. Trigg, J. Walton and B. McDonald all sent their apologies.

It was resolved that both Apologies and Reasons for absence are accepted.

248/24 **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (MAXIMUM 15MINS)**

None

249/24 **DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS**

None

250/24 **UPDATE FROM NYC REPRESENTATIVE**

Northallerton scrutiny of care committee have undertaken investigations and we are awaiting sight of the report.

A59 Kex Gill. People are aware the current closure is not due to the roadworks but to the landslide. Hopeful that work will be starting at the earliest 15 April 2024 with a view to hopefully reopen before the end of June.

Cllr Brown held a meeting at Modality at the Fisher Practice to relay issues patients are having with the waiting lists and issues with getting appointments. Modality have confirmed they are aware of these difficulties and making serious efforts to improving this service.

The next Planning Committee meeting is on Tuesday next week. There are some issues in Carlton and Cowling but none that directly effect Farnhill. NYC are starting on the new local plan which will take 4 years, first thing they will do is look at sites for developments. Clerk and Councillors need to keep an eye on this. There should be a process set up whereby the Clerk receives details of a Consultation period so we need to look out for emails in relation to this as they are important and we need to be involved in the process. If we miss the Consultation period it will be much harder at the planning stage to prevent an inappropriate new development going through.

Local elections on 2nd MAY. no general elections.

Pinnacle request for restoration / repairs – It was resolved that we may have issues with providing a Grant towards this project as some Councillors believed that this may be construed as a religious

monument given it has a cross on top of it but its sole purpose of being erected was to honor Queen Victoria. Councilor A. Brown is going to make enquiries into this.

251/24 APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF FPC MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 2 FEBRUARY 2024.

It was resolved that the Minutes be approved.

252/24 CLERKS REPORT

All Councillors received a copy of this and the findings are noted below.

253/24 RETAINING WALL FOR THE PLAYAREA AND CARPARK

All Councillors were updated regarding this matter and NYC are waiting for the contractors.

254/24 DANGEROUS PARKING LEAFLETS

A resident spoke with chair regarding an area identified as no parking after a lady parked there and when confronted refused to move her vehicle. The resident wanted to know if there is anything we can do about it. Chair spoke with the fire services who in the past used leaflets on windscreens but fire services no longer do this and did not want to be associated to this on any leaflets. If the fire services access is ever blocked they have legal permission to move the vehicles out of the way.

It was resolved that Cllr Waring will draft a flyer for us to consider at the next meeting after the clerk has explored the legal implications of fixing or attaching notices to car windscreens.

255/24 EMERGENCY PLANNING

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

A big thank you to Cllr. W. McDonald for his very thorough document.

It was resolved that Clerk is to email NYC back to see about getting permission to put a sandbag bin in the car park by the playground adjacent to the grit bin already insitu there.

256/24 PARISH MEETING

It was resolved that the meeting will be held on 9th May. Flyers will be sent by 28th April 2024. The nominated Councillor will send drafted flyers to Clerk in the next week and Clerk to get printed by our usual printers with the fee of around £90.00 being approved to be incurred. Clerk to try and track down the couple that responded to the parish flyer offering to volunteer with a view to getting assistance posting flyers.

257/24 THE ARBOUR

A. CLAIM FOR DAMAGE –

It was resolved that it is too late to do work so Clerk needs to reply, thank you for your offer for making good this damage but some of the local residents have repaired it on their own accord. We will not be taking any further action on this occasion but if you wish to make a small contribution to reseeding it would be gratefully appreciated.

B. POSTS?

The conditions of the area in question (either side of the entrance to Craglands just off the track) has been physically reviewed by the Councillors tonight and it was agreed that the use of posts may not be the best solution The Council has already discussed at length in a previous meeting the possibility of placing more signage or the use of boulders.

It was proposed to use bushes which are agreed to be more aesthetically pleasing and should hopefully provide the deterrent we need.

It was resolved that the bushes is the best approach to this issues but prior to undertaking this task residents on the Arbour will be asked for comments regarding the same. Nominated Councillor will draft a letter to be posted.

258/24 FARNHILL MOOR

EMAIL RECEIVED FROM CONCERNED RESIDENT REGARDING THE ERRECTED CYCLE RACETRACK ON THE MOORS DESPITE SIGNS CONFIRMING NO MOUNTAIN BIKING.

This matter was discussed as it has been in the past. Unfortunately, this is private land which is outside of our remit. Clerk to write to resident confirming the same and to obtain permission to forward the correspondence to the agent of the landowner.

259/24 STANDING ORDERS / FINANCIAL COMPLIANCE/ POLICIES

It was resolved that Clerk will send e-mail to Cllr. S.T and chase up the finalised standing order.

260/24 TREES IN THE VILLAGE

We have received 2 quotes for this job. It was resolved that the quote for £2000 for the lot be agreed. However we need to instruct the Surgeons to undertake the work asap to avoid nesting season. Clerk to write to the residents who asked for the work done. explain that we are doing the work and seek a contribution (to the value of the cost per tree for those trees which will be removed/ crown topped at their request.)

261/24 GARAGES AT BUCKLAR HILL

It was resolved that Clerk will send a follow – up email following Cllr. Browns e-mail.

262/24 SUBSIDISED BUS SERVICES

There is no official bus service through this village it is only an on demand responsive service if you want to use it you need to call and request it.

It was resolved Cllr J.W will call and find out how it works.

263/24 PINNACLE

Discussed at length. It was resolved that the Clerk send a response to identify that the Pinnacle is outside of our remit but to confirm that we are happy, subject to permission being given by the email respondent to forward the request/suggestion to the Land Agent who he will hopefully be in contact.

264/24 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**
- B) **DE-VEGETATION OF THE CANAL WALLS .**

C) **SIGNS**

Chair has forwarded correspondence to a contact at CRT who is going to attempt to get this sorted with a view to getting signage put in. Resolved to await further input.

265/24

WEB SITES

A. PARISH COUNCIL

B. HISTORY GROUP – NO RESPONSE RECEIVED

Clerk to contact Fasthosts to request response to our letter

C. **EMAILS - .GOV** – Nominated Cllr. asked for the price for this but the call got very technical as needed to know if wanting .gov website and .gov email addresses.

It was resolved that the nominated Cllr. will go back and request figures for .gov for 8 emails and website. In the meantime Clerk to ask Addingham Parish Clerk for advice and information about their web site host.

266/24

LETTINGS – RENTS

Clerk updated all Councillors

It was agreed that Clerk can resend Contract.

267/24 **PLANNING POLICY PUBLICATION**

This is now on Facebook

268/24

BRADLEY ROAD DRAINAGE WORKS

Works are going to be undertaken on this in due course. It was resolved no further action to be taken at this stage.

269/24

LANDSCAPE CONTRACT

The Parish Council may need to look at this again in the future depending on the current contractor not now being able to undertake this work. It was resolved to await confirmation and if no longer able Clerk to write for further quotes to gardening companies and the person who undertakes the maintenance of the Institutes land.

270/24

DEVELOPMENT PLAN

- a. **Highways – Speed/ maintenance** - GRANGE ROAD AWAITING REPAINTING OF THE FADED NO PARKING ROAD MARKINGS.
- b. **Lighting Issues** – Hanover street light has now been erected and one placed at Main Street. It was resolved Clerk to contact NYC Lighting back and get some dates back for a walk around
- c. **Update on the following items for the play area –Inspection of Play Area** - Unable to undertake owing to the area being deemed unsafe.
- d. **Lease Registration – still awaiting**
- e. **Continuing to improve our Council** -
- f. **Inspections of pathways, benches and walls** . new date to be confirmed.
- g. **Landscape Maintenance.** As above.

271/24

END OF YEAR VAT RETURNS

FINANCES UPDATE

AGAR DEADLINES:-

CERTIFICATE OF EXCEMPTION no later than 30 June 2024

FULL COMPLETION AND NOTICE GIVEN TO PUBLIC BEFORE 1 July 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, Budgets and Finances.