

DRAFT MINUTES OF FARNHILL ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON 27th
APRIL 2023

PRESENT Councillor. D Atkinson (Chairman), NYCC Representative Councillor A Brown, Clerk J. Fieldhouse, 5 Councillors & 16 Members of the public.

The meeting was opened by the Chairman who thanked everybody for attending. Looked over the minutes of the meeting held last year where issues were raised with Highways. Parishioners ideas were consolidated and sent out to the parishioners and Highways. Responses received were then also sent to parishioners.

All Councillors were introduced to the Parishioners and Clerk.

Chair discussed the Plan – Highways , lighting play area, village maintenance, footpaths , Council Assets and land Inspection, Emergency Planning, Social activities, legislation, village improvements, communication.

Updates of all activities accomplished were displayed on the walls around the room for all Parishioners to see.

Local Government changes 2023 - NYCC and Craven amalgamation. During consultation period it was proposed that Kildwick and Farnhill Conservation areas should be combined which has been placed within the new proposals showing that we are being listened to. A Building / Planning compliance eg – how many houses should be in each village has been issued.

Finance – all past precepts were disclosed to the Parishioners so that they are able to see the differences throughout the year.

Minutes from the meeting of the Parish 2022 highlighted to the Parishioners and handed out to each table for perusal and any comments. No comments or concerns raised.

Handed over to the public to write any concerns or proposals they would like to put to the Parish Council.

Councillor A. Brown – Drain blockages to be reported on NYCC website and keep reporting it. If it is not resolved go to him and he will chase also. Communication issues raised by a parishioner. Developments being undertaken within Silsden, Keighley and Skipton but we need to be cautious of the risk of excessive development if not kept an eye on it. Monitoring every application and trying to comment with an open mind. Now heavily dependent on us to raise an issue. If want to support and or he only has 21 days to call a meeting about it from the day it goes public and he cannot always spot every single one so please flag this up to him asap. 7 Councillors on the panel monitoring this.

Road safety – campaign to get 20mp on all standard roads off the main roads but will still have issues with Police being able to enforce it. But we are looking at doing a speed watch where police will give hand held cameras and will send a warning letter out to the owners. But if they then go on to get caught on a camera then they will lose the opportunity to go on a speed awareness course.

Campaign for fixed cameras for NY. Cowling got someone doing 102mph whilst filming the speed handheld camera going through Cowling.

Environment river Wharfe and bathing area in Ilkley is significantly polluted and children are swimming in sewage. River Aire is the single most polluted river in the county with 4000 releases of raw sewage into it. Current policy is that sewage companies can only release sewage when it is raining. There is footage of Skipton Sewage Farm releasing Sewage into the river when it was only a dribble.

Children from Ukraine fighting to get them school places

Business pub open and 2 coffee shops now open keeps up his end and utilizes these local businesses.

Craven D C ceases but leaving a lot of empty premises. Working hard to look into the uses of these premises with a view to save money by selling off some of the unused premises. Some of the invaluable employees have moved over to NYCC . CEO: high end staff had to be let go but there was pay offs via the legal standards.

There will be a new York and North Yorkshire Mare to vote for probably in May next year.

A Question by a member of the public about the lack of a dog warden or places to report problems with animal welfare but most of these services have been stripped out of the local council now.

Another issue raised was regarding light pollution

Back over to the Chair to discuss the potential setting up of a Community Speed Group, so far 4 people are interested in joining this group to receive training equipment and working the system within the Parish . It has worked in Cowling. Hopefully look at hearing back in the next couple of weeks with further details as to dates etc but if anyone else is interested in helping to provide their contact details.

Member of the public spoke regarding a new baby clinic being opened in Sutton at the Baptist Church there every Sunday afternoon. New system is Health Vistors are no longer allowed to weigh your baby so have to go to Dr. this new group will assist with breastfeeding, weighing or any concerns attendees may have about being a new parent.

Cllr W. McDonald spoke about the planned event for the Kings Coronation – tug of war between Farnhill and Kildwick, could all that are able please step forward and tug for Farnhill.