

Fearby, Healey and District Parish Council

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Minutes from the Parish Council Meeting held on 28 November 2024 at 7.30pm in Fearby Village Hall

Present: Chair - K Marshall:

Cllrs:- S Searle; J Hayman; N Bromhead: C Iveson:

Cllrs:- Cllr Felicity Cunliffe Lister

App:- J Marsden: G Verity: J Gregg; M Hope; J Thompson

1 member of the public also attended

The minutes of the previous meeting were declared a true record and signed by the Chair

Matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting

Dog Waste Bins. Cllr. Marshal reported that the dog waste bin project was on hold due to the possible development of Kell Bank School as this would have been the location of the bin. He has not received any requests for a dog bin so this will be reviewed at a later date.

Ilton Notice Board. Cllr Searle's daughter was due to produce a design but due to school commitments was unable to. She was still willing to do a design so the council agreed to give her time as there was no hurry to replace the noticeboard in wintertime. A design will be available at the next meeting in January.

Planning

There were no outstanding planning issues to discuss.

Cllr Felicity Cunliffe-Lister arrived at the meeting so the chairman halted the agenda to allow the Cllr to provide her report.

Himalayan Balsom is becoming a problem in the area and highways have said they will remove it from roadsides if it has been reported to them. Community partnership in the Ripon area is beginning and looking to establish a working group to address local concerns such as public transport and affordable housing. The recent Long Course Weekend and Boundary changes which did not involve this council were in the report also. The clerk asked if he could but the report on our website for public access, Cllr Cunliffe-Lister was in agreement with this.

Finance

The bank statements were read and the balance of the account checked by the councillors. The statements were signed as a true record by the chairman.

Clerk's expenses of £33.30 were verified which included milage allowance to Boroughbridge for the liaison meeting with highways.

The increase of charge from the website owners Wix from £141 last year to £249 this year was discussed and agreed. Although it was a large rise it was a reasonable charge for the website compared to other companies. This will be paid via the clerk in the usual way.

The parish Precept was discussed. The clerk provided a budget and actuals statement for the last few years. He advised we are still waiting for an invoice for fitting the defibrillator in Elingstring but were holding a CIL payment of £633.75 to go towards this reducing the cost to the council. This was shown in excessive general maintenance budget of £950.00. The annual budget would be £3620 for 2025/2026 with the an increase of the clerks salary of 3%. The council agreed to request a precept payment of £3800 for next year which will claw back some of the overspends in the last couple of years. The clerk will send the request to strategic finance of North Yorkshire Council.

Highways –

There was only one outstanding highways matter which was the footbridge on Crook Lane which was promised in September but is still not there. The clerk will send a reminder to highways.

The clerk attended a liaison meeting with Chris Blackburn of Area 6 Highways Department to discuss changes. There will be a new portal for notifying matters which will come live on 11 December when a new account will need to be set up. Cllr Marshall asked if this was available to any councillors as well. The clerk will ask the question as they may need a separate login for them.

The clerk gave a quick resume of the meeting which explained how highways tackle the large county highways problems and how they have a system in place for winter gritting and drainage problems as well as flooding.

There were no new highways matters to report.

Other Business.

Meeting Dates. The clerk has been in touch with the Village Hall regarding dates for the coming year. They will be on the last Thursday of January, March, May, July, September and November. These were agreed by the council so the clerk will put them on the website and email the dates round the councillors.

Ellingstring Book Swap This is currently on hold pending an agreement of location for the village, It is currently been held in a garage in the village every 2 months. Cllr Searle showed an interest in a Book Swap in Healey which could be paid out of commuted sums. The clerk will look into this and advised the councillors.

Mr Howard Mountain was there who is involved in the Masham Neighbourhood Plan. This is looking at affordable housing in Masham and as this parish council is very close and does not have any large developments for affordable housing the council is included in the process. The plans have identified 17 people in need of affordable housing in Masham and there could be 25 affordable houses in the developments currently planned, however, the developments may take some time to come to fruition. Mr Mountain asked if there were any questions regarding the plan he would be happy to help. The clerk will put the report on the website for the public to access.

Christmas Tree Cllr Thompson was unable to attend however, he notified the clerk that the Christmas tree will be put up in Fearby on 1 December.

AOB for next meeting

There were no items for the next meeting.

The meeting closed at 8.40pm

The next meeting will be held on 30 January 2025 at 7.30 in Fearby Village Hall