

# Fearby, Healey and District Parish Council

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Minutes from the Parish Council Meeting held on 30 January 2025 at 7.30pm in Fearby Village Hall

Present: Chair - K Marshall: Vice Chair: J Thompson;

Cllrs:- M Hope; S Searle; J Hayman; G Verity: J Marsden:

App:- J Gregg; N Bromhead; C Iveson; Cllr Felicity Cunliffe Lister.

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**

*Ilton Noticeboard.* A design was forwarded to the councillors from Cllr Searle's daughter but due to school commitments she is unable to proceed at the moment so the councillors agreed that there was no rush. She will continue the project in the February half term.

## **Planning**

Planning application 6.06.65.A.FUL ZC24/04205/FUL

PROPOSAL: Refurbishment and alteration works to existing dwelling, and two storey side extension, replacement porch, external works and replacement garage (revised scheme) for Moor View Healey has recently been responded to and the report was discussed with the full meeting. It was agreed to reject the application due to the fact that the extension was large and excessive for the type of property. It was felt that it was not in keeping with the village and the glazed area was also excessive and looked onto a high wall so seem to be irrelevant. It was also pointed out that should a later planning application be successful that any builder's materials and builders waste should be stored on the property and not on the highway or highway verge.

*Housing Needs Survey* Mr Mountain who was at the meeting explained his involvement in this survey which covered all of North Yorkshire but he was involved in the Masham area which included Fearby and Healey. This was discussed at the last meeting. He thought we should have received a plan of the proposed areas but the clerk looked back and could not see any such plan. He will forward a link to share with the councillors. The link is also available to the public on <https://app.maptionnaire.com/q/3jx9zjn6zcy6> . There was a long discussion on flooding which was a constant problem and extra housing could only exacerbate the problem. It was suggested that smaller units should be considered as those are the ones which local people can afford

## **Finance**

Bank account allocations were confirmed on the spreadsheet and the bank statements verified.

The clerk's expenses of £40.28 were agreed for mileage and stationery.

## **Highways** –

*Bridge on Crook Lane.* This is now in position and the work has just been completed.

*Damaged bridge on Rigg Bank.* The wall before the bridge has been knocked over albeit away from the road. No damage to the bridge has occurred but the clerk will report the damaged wall as it will require repairing.

The school signs at Kell Bank school are still in situ and the lights still warn of the school. The school closed in 2021 and has planning for development into housing so highways to be informed of the incorrect signage.

Cllr Thompson suggested that as Kell Bank School has been taken out of community use is there any money available to help the Village Hall as it required a new boiler. The clerk will look into commuted sums which may arise with the development of Kell Bank School.

Water is still being a problem on Masham Road and has created severe icy roads in the recent frosty weather. This should not have been as bad had the road been dry but the water continuing to come onto the road is destroying the road and creating problems for cars. The clerk will inform Highways.

There is a tree on Cote Lane which has been caught by a wagon and causing an obstruction. Cllr Thompson will provide details so Swinton Estate can be informed.

### **Other Business.**

Councillor Felicity Cunliffe Lister was unable to attend so we could not read her report which she had just sent. The clerk will forward it to the councillors and put it on the website.

*Ellingstring Book Swap* The member of the public who was going to give an update on the Ellingstring Book Swap was not there and Councillor Verity know very little about it. This was deferred to the next meeting.

Councillor Searle was very enthusiastic about have a free community library in the village. There are commuted sums available for Fearby Village Green so one could be placed there. The clerk will look into it and report at the next meeting.

*Fearby Village Hall Parking* The parking area opposite the Village Hall has been stoned and made solid by the owner of the house adjacent. He is parking his cars there permanently, however, this area has been used as extra parking for the Village Hall for many years and was unavailable for a recent function. It is also an extra turning area for large lorries for access to a local farm. The owner of the property was unwilling to move the vehicles as he said he has created the parking space. There was a heated discussion among the councillors regarding this and it was decided that the clerk should let the highways authority know, as the area is essentially the highways verge.

*Fearby Christmas Tree* The winds at Christmas damaged the upright of the Christmas tree. This was temporarily repaired but subsequent winds damaged the stem beyond repair. The lights are still in good working order so all it needs is a new strong stem such as a long scaffolding pole. This will be looked into later this year.

### **AOB for next meeting**

There was no items to be discussed at the next meeting.

### **The meeting closed at 8.35pm**

**The next meeting will be held on 27<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30 in Fearby Village Hall**