

# Fearby, Healey and District Parish Council

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Minutes from the Parish Council Meeting held on 26 January 2023, at 7.30pm in Fearby Village Hall

**Present: Chair - G Verity**

**Cllrs:- J Marsden: C Iveson: M Hope; K Marshall; S Searle; J Thompson;**

**App:- J Hayman; J Brearley;**

**2 member of the public also attended**

First item on the agenda was to co-opt James Gregg onto the council to replace his father, Brian. Unfortunately, James was unable to be there so this was postponed until the next meeting.

The loss of Councillor Brian Gregg left a vacant post for Vice Chairman. As lambing time was approaching and some councillors would not be able to attend the March meeting it was decided to vote in another Vice Chairman. Councillor Keith Marshall was unanimously nominated for the post which he accepted.

**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**

**Defibrillator Update.** The clerk informed the council that Ripon Rowel Rotary Club had offered to fund one defibrillator. As they are a charity they will not be charged VAT so they were put in touch with Defib4Life who have honoured last year's price of £1074 plus VAT. This includes a heated cabinet and delivery. The chairman's address was given for delivery as it is intended for Ellingstring. The chairman has spoken to two people at Harrogate planning who have given different answers to requiring planning permission for the defibrillator. The clerk will get in touch with them to move the process forward. BT have said verbally that they would remove the telephone and leave the electric supply for the defibrillator but they require confirmation from Harrogate regarding planning permission. The clerk will look into this.

Harrogate Borough Council have some funding for defibrillators in the area, up to £1500. The clerk has completed an application for this for Healey. Councillor Marshall confirmed that the church PCC have passed the approval for the defibrillator to be placed at the gate of the church and are applying to the Church of England to finalise it. He does not think this will be a problem.

**Noticeboard Update.** David Teece, who is doing the work, is currently in Cuba but he has confirmed that he will get on with the next stage on his return. The clerk said that's the noticeboard in Fearby is in good condition so Councillor Marshall will look at putting the new glass picture in the existing noticeboard.

**Memorial Bench Update.** Ripon Rowel Rotary club who are paying for the bench for Bob Holmes asked how it was coming on. Councillor Marshall who is making the bench said it will be in place by the end of February.

Masham Young Farmers Club are providing a bespoke bench in memory of Brian Gregg who was their president. They will be placing it on the green when it is ready and offered any further help with the process. A member of the public offered to pay for the wild flower seeds which will be sown by the council on Fearby Village Green in Brian's memory. The chairman thanked that person for the generous offer.

### **Planning**

6.7.40.A.FUL 22/04887/FUL Carter Ings Farm, Fearby. Proposed barn conversion to single storey dwelling house. The council discussed this at length and after studying the plans there will be no alteration of the height or size. Part of it is currently an office and the remainder is a storage unit for a previous business. It would be completely hidden from the road as it is in the existing farmyard. The council found no objection to the development and would support the application.

### **Finance**

The accounts were passed round the councillors and verified. The chairman signed the bank statements as a true record.

The clerk's expenses were then agreed at £50.34. Stationery and memory sticks had been purchased to facilitate paperless working.

### **Highways –**

Crook Lane footbridge which had disappeared will be replaced in the next financial year according to the North Yorkshire Highways.

Councillor Iveson reported that the road to Hill House Farm in Ilton is a council road however, when salt piles were distributed, they did not put any up that road. The clerk will chase this up with Highways.

Councillor Marsden reported pot holes developing on the Masham Fearby road where water was continually flowing down the side of the road. The recent frosty weather has made this worse. The clerk will report this to highways.

Councillor Verity pointed out that the same was happening on the High Ellington Road although not in our parish area it was causing a problem. The clerk will also report this.

The streetlight was still out at Fearby Cross. This had been previously reported with light no 5, the latter has been repaired but the former is still out. The clerk will check to see if it is still under notification. If not, he will report it again.

### **Other Business.**

Parish Charter Consultation. The councillors needed to look at this again as it may affect the parish council in the future unitary authority. The clerk will forward this to them again so they can read it before attending the briefing at Northallerton on 9<sup>th</sup> February.

### **AOB for next meeting**

The clerk has received an email from a Fearby resident complaining of a barking dog every morning very early. Two residents of Fearby were there, one said they had heard it but it was not a problem. It was decided to reply to the resident stating it was not something that the parish council could be involved in.

A Christmas Tree was discussed for Fearby Village Green. This was met with enthusiasm so Councillor Thompson will approach Swinton estate for permission. If this was granted it may be able to be linked into a street light for power. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

Councillor Thompson raised the question about clearing Ellingstring Horse Dub, a wildlife area on the outskirts of Ellingstring. Councillor Verity said this had been cleared some years ago but there are restrictions on putting up a duck house due to disease. The area is quite silted up at the moment so it can be looked at in the summer time when the water table is lower.

**The meeting closed at 8.40pm**

**The next meeting will be held on 30 March 2023 at 7.30 in Fearby Village Hall**