

Fearby, Healey and District Parish Council

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Minutes from the Parish Council Meeting held on 27 July at 7.30pm in Fearby Village Hall

Present: Vice Chair: K Marshall

Cllrs:- C Iveson: M Hope; J Thompson; J Gregg

Apologies:- J Hayman; J Marsden: G Verity: S Searle

2 members of the public also attended

As the chairman was unavailable the Vice Chair took the chair of the meeting when 4 councillors had arrived making a quorum.

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

Matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting

Healey Defibrillator. This is now in place and awaiting connection which is not straight forward as it is on a sensor light link. An electrician will be connecting it within 2 weeks.

Ellingstring defibrillator. Councillor Verity said this was no further forward as he had to speak to new occupier of the house near where it would be situated. Deferred to next meeting.

Co Option of councillor for Ellingstring. A resident of Ellingstring was at the meeting and had been asked by Councillor Verity regarding the post. He was very enthusiastic and knowledgeable about the area. We will revisit this next meeting when councillor Verity has spoken to others he had in mind.

Fearby Christmas Tree. Councillor Thompson has been looking at possibilities and it was decided that a metal tree with lights was more eco friendly than a traditional Christmas tree. He has got prices for them but wanted to clarify the budget. He has spoken to the person who deals with Masham Lights and will meet him for advice. After discussion it was decided that a metal tree could be placed by the new wild flower meadow. Councillor Gregg arrived after siting a memorial bench in the wild flower meadow in memory of his father donated by the Masham Young Farmers Club. Electric for the tree could be linked into Councillor Gregg's barn as agreed with Councillor Gregg but he will ask his brother as an electrician the best way to do this. A budget of about £400 was suggested. Reports will be finalised at the next meeting.

Planning

There were no outstanding planning issues. Leighton Grange building had been passed and Green Acres in Fearby had been rejected.

Finance

The account spreadsheet showing the allocation and current balance was passed round the councillors and the bank statements were signed by the chair. This showed payments of £346.80 for the defibrillator batteries as well as normal salary, expenses and taxes.

Clerks expenses were verified at £46.08.

Highways –

Issues reported were a pothole on Cote Lane near the junction with Kell Bank and a pothole on Kell Bank near Fearby Cross. The Clerk took the What3words locations and will inform highways.

Other Business.

Local Transport Survey. Cllr Marshall read a printed copy of the online survey, however, it seems very generic and the councillors were not in a position to comment. It was agreed to inform Councillor Cunliffe Lister we were willing to support her recommendations as she has put a lot of work into the project.

Noticeboard for Ellingstring. The clerk showed the councillors the condition of the noticeboard and it was agreed to ask David Teece to begin making another glass top for the board. The current one has a picture of a mallard but it was suggested it should have more scenery and birds similar to Horse Dub. The clerk will contact Mr Teece.

Sail Hill Tower. This is still in a dangerous state and it would not last another winter. The clerk will contact Building Control and give them an update.

Councillor Felicity Cunliffe Lister sent her report for the meeting and this was read out and discussed. Rural broadband is still an issue as there are so many outlying farms. Their only option is a satellite connection which is expensive to install and slightly more expensive to run. Cllr Iveson is already using that with great success.

Cllr Gregg thanked the council for the wild flower meadow in memory of Brian Gregg. The preparing and sowing by both Masham Young Farmers and the Council has been widely well received and supported.

AOB for next meeting

No other items were received

The meeting closed at 8.50pm

The next meeting will be held on 28 September at 7.30 in Fearby Village Hall