

Fearby, Healey and District Parish Council

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Minutes from the Parish Council Meeting held on 27 March 2025 at 7.30pm in Fearby Village Hall

Present: Cllrs:- M Hope; J Gregg; S Searle; N Bromhead - G Verity:

Cllrs:- Cllr Felicity Cunliffe Lister

App:- C Iveson: J Marsden: K Marshall: J Hayman: J Thompson.

2 member of the public also attended

As both the chair and vice chair were absent the present councillors nominated Cllr G Verity to be acting chair for the duration of the meeting.

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

Matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting

Ilton Noticeboard. Cllr Searle's daughter was in the process of painting a new board on timber supplied by Cllr Marshall. This project is still in progress.

Planning

Planning Enforcement Notice The Cottage Fearby. A notice has been received from planning enforcement of a possible breach in planning after a chalet has been built in a field at the back of The Cottage, Fearby. The councillors were notified of the location and await information from planning enforcement.

6.7.51.B.FUL ZC25/00244/FUL Barn One, Fearby Grange Fearby Construction of a new boot room and detached garage. This application was received by the council on the afternoon of the meeting so the councillors were unable to thoroughly investigate the application. It was discussed with the Fearby councillors there and on face value there did not seem to be an objection, however, the clerk will ask the absent councillors to check the information and look at the property to ascertain our response.

Finance

The acting chair signed the bank statements as a true record of the current situation.

The clerk claimed expenses of £24.30 for mileage.

2024 budget and actuals. The clerk passed around the figures for the actual payments made throughout 2024 and advised that the total expenditure was £3579. The bank balance would be £1993.95. This includes £633.75 of CIL payment earmarked for the installation of the Ellingstring defibrillator which has just been connected. This leaves the account at £1360.20 which is slightly better than previously budgeted. The precept has been agreed at £3800 for the 2025 year.

Councillor Cunliffe Lister advised that the precept may increase due to extra council tax charges on second homes.

Commuted Sums. The clerk has just received a new statement of commuted sums however, some of the areas of allocation do not exist i.e High Ellington Heathland and Fearby Allotments. Cllr Cunliffe Lister will look into seeing if these can be changed and different allocations be included. Ellingstring Horse Dub has £162 of commuted sums. This needs a new duck house which has disintegrated so the clerk will check to see if this would be covered by commuted sums. Cllr Bromhead will check the seat there as it may be in need of repair.

Highways –

Parking opposite Village Hall This has been discussed previously but another resident in Fearby has complained that large lorries cannot access the farm opposite due to the cars parked on the roadside. The clerk has had no response from highways regarding this after 2 emails issued. Cllr Cunliffe Lister requested a copy of the email so she can pursue this.

There is a missing 30mph repeater sign in the middle of Fearby, This has possibly been knocked over by builders, it's still laid on the ground but not in place. The clerk will notify highways.

Missing Footpath A visitor to Fearby tried to use a footpath back into the village from Crook Lane and initially the track was completely overgrown then came to a garden and did not exist anymore. This has been raised before and the owner of the garden had been notified but nothing has been done, The clerk will notify footpaths of the situation after identifying the exact location.

Responses to current highways issues. The bridge at Rigg Bank over the Burn. One side had been demolished but now the other side has collapsed possibly due to a snowplough.

Kell Bank School Signs. These are still in place and the warning lights still operating.

Water on Fearby Road This is becoming a traffic hazard as the pothole is getting larger at the side of the road and traffic is damaging the other side of the road therefore the road is getting narrower.

Other highway items from councillors and public. The stile at the bottom of Rigg Bank before the sawmill has disintegrated and cannot be used. The clerk will notify footpaths.

There are various potholes on Cote lane from the gate of High Healey Cote towards Ellingstring. There is also a large pothole adjacent the Healey bus stop.

The clerk will inform highways of these situations

Other Business.

Ellingstring Book Swap. This is currently on hold as they cannot find a place to position it.

Possible Fearby Community Library. There has recently been a planning application from BT to remove the telephone from the box in Fearby. The box will then be locked. It was suggested that this could be used as a community library for Fearby. The clerk will contact BT and look into the possibility of adopting the telephone box for this purpose. A member of the public at the meeting was very enthusiastic about community libraries and has helped set up some and she would be willing to help with both the Ellingstring and Fearby projects.

Graffiti in Ellingstring It was brought to our notice that chalk markings had been put on the pavement in Ellingstring saying “got a question”, no explanation had been given about these. It turns out that it was the work of Masham Community Office who intent to point people to them. The query has been taken up with them and they have either removed the marks or given an explanation. Similar marks are dotted around Masham and the community. No action required.

Cllr Cunliffe Lister was given the floor to present her report. She went into detail on some of the issues such as the NYC budget and local initiatives such as community partnership and the new Toothbrushing scheme. Her full report will be put on the parish council website for public information.

AOB for next meeting

No items were brought for discussion next time.

The meeting closed at 9.00pm

The next meeting will be held on 29th May at 7.30 in Fearby Village Hall