

# Fearby, Healey and District Parish Council

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**Clerk: Alan Greensit 01677 424221**

**Minutes from the Parish Council Meeting held on 31 March 2022 at 7.30pm in Fearby Village Hall**

**Present: Chair – Vice Chair – B Gregg**

**Cllrs:- J Marsden: M Hope; J Brearley; J Hayman; S Searle**

**Cllrs:- N Simms; M Atkinson**

**App:- K Marshall; C Iveson; G Verity**

**3 member of the public also attended**

At 7.35 there was neither the chairman present or vice chairman. The council nominated Cllr J Brearley to be temporary chairman until the Vice Chairman arrived at 7.50

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

## **Matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting**

Response from Healey PCC regarding the defibrillator. Cllr Marshall was not there but Cllr Hayman was at the PCC and did not recall the matter being raised. He will contact the secretary for a decision. Cllr Brearley will look at a defibrillator again in Ellingstring and pass a notice to all the residents for any ideas to see if the project could proceed.

The pavement on Kell bank has improved and therefore no further action required.

Parking on the village green is no longer a problem.

Cllr Gregg came to the meeting at 7.50 and apologised for his delay due to lambing commitments.

Cllr Gregg advised that the village hall committee decided that no one was willing to do anything special for the jubilee and they would support the celebrations in Masham as they had as full weekend planned.

## **Planning**

Chapel House Barn 6.7.56.FUL 22/1045/FUL Installation of solar panels to the southern elevation. This was discussed by the council who generally supported the application as the southern elevation was away from the road and would not be seen. Comments were also made that solar panels should be welcomed and recommended for as many houses as possible to help maintain a greener future. The council supported the application.

The Old Chapel Healey 6.6.19.B.FUL 22/00815/FUL Conversion of a disused Methodist Chapel to a Single Dwelling House.

This was for the old Breary Banks Chapel. The footprint did not seem to be any larger, access was good from the road and the general look of the building would not be altered. Concerns were

made as to the water supply as there was no mains water but Cllr Gregg said that was not our concern but up to the developers getting permission from local landowners. The council decided to support the application to prevent it becoming an eyesore as it has been vacant for some time,

### **Finance**

The bank statements were checked and a spreadsheet of the payments were passed around. They were agreed and the statements signed by the Vice Chair.

The clerk put his expenses in and they were verified and agreed.

The clerk gave an end of year account report, Income was £3002. And Expenditure was £2615 making a surplus of £387. The clerk's salary would rise in the next financial year as agreed in December 2021 but the precept would also rise by £100. This should balance out over the coming year.

### **Other Business.**

Parish council elections. The clerk collected the nomination papers from the councillors to deliver to Harrogate. If there were more nominations than seats then an election would take place on 5 May 2022.

An email had been received from a resident in Ellingstring advising that the notice board was in a poor state and he was concerned that this would reflect badly on the village as it was next to a finger post for walkers. This related to the pictures which were put in the boards some time ago and the Fearby one was also in a poor state. There was a local artist in Fearby who could be approached but it was decided that Cllr Gregg would approach the Masham Glass Blowers for consideration of a more durable picture. If this was not possible Cllr Marsden would approach the local artist. The clerk will inform the concerned resident of the response.

The gullies in Fearby had been cleared on the south side of Kell Bank but only part of the north side. There were still some very blocked gullies which had the potential to flood. The clerk will advise highways.

The new signs at Fearby Cross were showing the incorrect priority as they were on the side roads but showed they had priority. The clerk will advise highways.

There is a bad pothole adjacent Stainborough House on the road which is quite narrow. The clerk will advise highways.

The gutter at Colsterdale is still blocked but they have been out so may be coming back. It was agreed to wait and see if there is any further work undertaken.

Cllr Atkinson gave an update of NYCC standing. 60% of the budget goes on social care, North Yorkshire has the oldest population in England. They have balanced the budget but only by using some of the reserves.

### **The meeting closed at 8.40pm**

### **The next meeting will be held on 26 May 2022 at 7.30 in Fearby Village Hall**