

# Fearby, Healey and District Parish Council

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**Minutes from the Parish Council Meeting held on 30 March 2023 at 7.30pm in Fearby Village Hall**

**Present: Chair - G Verity**

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

**App:- J Brearley; K Marshall C Iveson**

**3 members of the public also attended**

Before the meeting commenced David Teece who brought the noticeboard glass wanted to show us the finished product as he had to leave quickly. The councillors gathered round and were enthusiastic with the final result.

The meeting was called to order by the chairman and James Gregg was formally co opted onto the council to replace his father, Brian. The councillors were unanimous with their approval. James took his seat on the council immediately.

Apologies were received from councillors Brearley, Marshall and Iveson.

**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**

Christmas Tree in Fearby. Councillor Thompson was due to speak to Swinton regarding permission for this but has not had opportunity to do so and will ensure this is done before the next meeting.

**Ellingstring Defibrillator update.** The clerk informed the council that BT could not let the council adopt the phone box as the regulator required that there should be a good mobile phone signal inside properties before they can remove the phone. This was not the case in Ellingstring so this left other options. Linking into street lights was an option if permission could be obtained, also, if BT would allow the council to used the electricity from the phone box a defibrillator could be installed outside the box until such time the box was not required for a phone and thus adopted. The clerk will ask BT for approval and also ask NYC for permission to link into the street light at the entrance to Hammergeill Farm which has suitable parking area.

**Healey Defibrillator update** The clerk informed the council that the bid for funding from Harrogate Borough Council had been successful and this was now complete. The defibrillator has been purchased, delivered and he just wanted a councillor to own the project, preferably one from Healey. Councillor Hayman took responsibility as he was also on the Parish Church Council. He will discuss with Councillor Marshall on his return the way forward in fitting it. The chairman thanked Councillor Hayman for owning the project.

**Noticeboard update.** The councillors were very pleased with the result of the Fearby noticeboard and advised the clerk to contact Mr Teece for the invoice and pay for it. A new noticeboard for Ellingstring will be discussed at a later date and Mr Teece may be asked to supply one for there too, if he was willing.

**Planning** 6.7.11.F.TPO 23/00448/TPO To fell a Leylandii Cyprus and replace it with a Scots Pine, Park Manor Farm Fearby

The owner of the property was at the meeting and explained that part of the tree had to be removed due to electrical cables passing close by. This made the tree unsightly and the planning officer suggested a Scots Pine to replace it as it was more of a native tree. The councillors thought this was a good idea and were in favour of supporting the application.

### **Finance**

The accounts were passed round the councillors, verified and the bank statements were signed by the chairman. The budget was passed round the councillors showing a credit of £247. This was due to the fact that the noticeboard had not been paid for in this financial year. The budget for 2023/2024 is on track at the moment with the small rise in the precept.

The clerk's expenses of £33.27 were agreed and verified

### **Highways** –

Councillor Thompson reported a bad pothole opposite his farm gate. The clerk will inform highways of this

A member of the public advised that the drain under the entrance of Dawson Lane from Fearby Cross was blocked. This has been reported before and something done but it seems that this has been unsuccessful so highways to be informed again.

The problem at the side of the Fearby to Masham road was still a problem and has been reported to highways. Water is consistently running onto the road and the roadside is being washed away thus becoming dangerous. The clerk will report it again.

### **Other Business.**

The chairman updated the council about the wild flower meadow on the village green in memory of Brian Gregg. The plot has been marked out but the seeds were difficult to obtain. WE Jameson and Sons were obtaining the seeds and letting us have them at cost price as Brian work there for a while. The chairman expects the seeds to be with him within 2 weeks. A number of councillors offered to work the land and sow the seeds when they are available. Masham YFC will also offer any help

### **AOB for next meeting**

Nothing was brought up to be discussed at the next meeting so the chairman closed the meeting and thanked all for coming.

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

**The next meeting will be held on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30 in Fearby Village Hall**