

Fearby, Healey and District Parish Council

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Minutes from the Annual Parish Meeting held on 28 May 2026 at 7.30pm in Fearby Village Hall

Present: Chair - Cllr K Marshall:

Cllrs:- J Hayman: J Gregg: S Searle; G Verity;

App:- Cllr's C Iveson: J Marsden: J Thompson: N Bromhead.

One member of the public attended

The minutes of the previous meeting were read by the clerk and declared a true record.

The chairman thanked everyone for coming and asked for reports from the various parishes.

Fearby

Councillor Searle reported.

1. The telephone box is now an up and running book swap library.
2. The re instatement of Fearby allotments is ongoing. The council are in discussions with Swinton Estate as they feel land they propose is unsuitable.
3. The gutters are still in need of clearing.
4. Regarding planning applications in the village there seems to be random decisions made on whether they pass or not, there appears to be no consistency.
5. There has been a road traffic accident in the village, the air ambulance was needed. We do have an issue with cars parking close to the road, obstructing the view, for oncoming cars, when pulling out of the top of the village green.
6. The village green has been cut to a very nice standard, many thanks to the committee.

Healey

Councillor Marshall reported

1. Mobile phone coverage is slowly improving, but only outside calls, the signal is not strong enough for use indoors.
2. Finally a parishioner has managed to access reduced tariff overnight electricity supply, using the house WiFi rather than trying to connect to an unreliable mobile phone signal, for charging their electric vehicles (EVs).
3. Keld Bank School is still on the market for £150,000 with a restriction that the premises must be for community use. It is hoped that an initiative to develop the school into a low-cost housing project is successful.

4. There are 2 houses vacant in the village. One continues to be under development, with some progress, the other remains vacant.
5. Three out of 21 houses in the village are currently holiday homes. Two properties could be considered second homes.
6. Traffic intensity through the village continues to rise.
7. There has been an increase in walkers, cyclists and visitors to the area.
8. The Healey defibrillator is now active.
9. The roads through Healey continue to deteriorate with very limited remedial work being undertaken during the year.
10. An estimated 250,000 trees have been planted on most of the north facing slopes (in the areas of the poorest grazing). Those fields are no longer available for grazing.

Ellingstring

Councillor Verity reported

1. Boules club continues to thrive during summer months.
2. Annual BBQ at Joyce and Arnolds took place.
3. A member of the public has provided a book swap cabinet it has been installed in the middle of the village and it is being well used.
4. Several potholes reported and mended.
5. Defibrillator is now connected to mains electricity supply and is registered with the appropriate authorities.
6. Volunteers turned out in force to cut back overgrown vegetation in and around the horse dub.
7. The duck house is floating on the horse dub and ducks are using it to sit on.
8. There is a problem with a footpath in the village which will be reported by the clerk.

Colsterdale

Councillor Hayman reported

1. The inevitable use of larger agricultural tractors along the single track access to the end of the Dale has continued to lead to the widening of the grass verges and damage to the road edge along several points. This was noted within last year's report and specific points of significant damage and erosion already reported during this year have as yet not been repaired.
2. The sink hole that emerged by the edge of the road just beyond the access track to West Agra has been assessed by Highways and awaits repair. Thought to be a combination of redundant mine works and continued underground water erosion the original plan of filling with cement has been abandoned in favour of the use of large rocks.

Ilton

Councillor Iveson's report was read by the clerk

1. Concerns (again) about parking in passing places on the way to Bivouac and no signage saying they are indeed passing places. Would Swinton estate help with this. The Ilton resident stated that it was part of the original planning for the bivouac that passing places be instated so it should be the bivouacs responsibility.
2. Outbuilding/car port at Manor Cottage, Ilton. Work is ongoing and looks like it is nearing completion.
3. Northern powergrid looking into potential of replacing older power lines to underground lines in the Ilton area to enhance views etc . Currently under review.

There was one member of the public in attendance so the chair asked if they had any comments, They said they were concerned with the speed of traffic through the village of Fearby. This was noted and the chair thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting at 7.50pm