

Fearby, Healey and District Parish Council

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Minutes from the Parish Council Meeting held on 9 December 2021 at 7.30pm in Fearby Village Hall

Present: Chair - G Verity Vice Chair – B Gregg,

Cllrs:- J Marsden: C Stead: J Brearley; K Marshall; J Hayman

Cllrs:- N Simms; M Atkinson

App:- S Searle; M Hope

6 members of the public also attended

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

The clerk explained that there had been no response from Highways regarding the blocked roadside gullies in the village. The clerk was asked to send a reminder and ask highways when they were cleared out as a number of residents have complained about them and it did not look as though they had been cleared for some time.

Councillor Atkinson was in attendance and had a meeting with highways the following day. She was given a sketch map of the blocked gullies on Crook Lane leading to Fearby Cross by Councillor Gregg to help identify them as they were unable to be found by the visiting engineer.

New signage at Fearby Cross on Mossra Lane and Crook Lane was appreciated however, there was still no sign on the main road warning motorists of the up-coming junction. Clerk to send another email to highways explaining.

Planning

Crab House, Healey. Conversion of an attached store to form additional living accommodation. This is for extra room which will require very little alteration to the exterior. Councillor Marshall will look at the property and report back to the clerk. The larger property prompted a discussion regarding the need for larger houses in the area when local people are unable to find affordable accommodation. A local housing plan was discussed, Councillor Simms said Masham would be willing to have a joint plan however, because they are different parishes, they are not allowed. Fearby HDPC will have to have its own plan. A local resident who was at the meeting, was still involved in Kirkby Malzeard Housing plan so the clerk will look into the feasibility of a plan for this area.

Finance

The monthly accounts were passed round the councillors and the bank accounts were verified and signed by the chairman.

The clerk's expenses were verified. This included £141.00 to Wix for the website which will be shown separately on the books.

The 2022/23 precept budget was discussed. The clerk passed round a spreadsheet of forecast and actuals expenditure over the last 3 years. The clerk's salary was agreed to be increased to £1525 gross as agreed last year bringing it in line with current salaries. With the extra expenditure for this and insurance increase, the precept was agreed at £3100, an increase of £100 on last year.

Other Business.

The police report was read. There had been a damage only collision and a report of poachers.

Fearby Green mower was discussed. The council became aware that the Village Green Grass Cutting Group (VGGG) were planning to purchase a new mower. This had gone ahead without consulting the council who owns the mower and pays the insurance. The insurance for the old mower was then cancelled however, the VGGG were unable to insure the new mower as an individual item, it needed to be attached to a larger policy. It was agreed by the councillors to continue to insure the mower and discuss it at this meeting. Members of the group who attended explained that the cost of the new mower was covered by an anonymous benefactor. After some discussion and information from members of the group, it was agreed to continue to insure the mower with a proviso that only trained operators could drive it. The clerk will send an email to the group specifying this and the continued rent of £1 per year.

Defibrillator in Ellingstring. Councillor Hayman read a report about the feasibility of a defibrillator. There are no clear guidelines therefore it is up to individual communities to assess the need. It will require a local champion to be responsible, a publicly accessible site and an electric supply. There was also a question whether one would be suitable in Healey. The clerk will check the requirements and possible criteria from Yorkshire Ambulance. Councillor Simms advised that Masham had been offered a defibrillator so the clerk will contact Masham council clerk for clarification. Councillor Gregg said that we may need to look at the community resilience plan in light of a First Responder and First Aider. The clerk will advise the enquirer of the decision.

Dates for next year's council meetings were agreed as 27th January, 31st March, 26th May, 28th July, 29th September and 24th November 2022.

AOB for next meeting

There was a blocked pipe in Colsterdale. Councillor Gregg will get the details and possible a What 3 Words location to be passed on to highways and Councillor Atkinson.

There are still some streetlights out in Fearby as notified by a resident some time ago. The clerk will check these have been reported.

There was concern by some residents that all the gullies from the village hall down the village were blocked. This to be included with a previous discussion and response.

Councillor Gregg also reported vehicles being parked on the village green and being driven over the grass instead of using the tracks over the green. This will be checked at the next meeting.

The meeting closed at 8.50pm

The next meeting will be held on 27th January 2022 at 7.30 in Fearby Village Hall