

# Fearby, Healey and District Parish Council

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Minutes from the Parish Council Meeting held on 25 January 2024 at 7.30pm in Fearby Village Hall

Present: Chair - G Verity:

Cllrs:- J Marsden: J Gregg; S Searle; J Thompson; J Hayman; N Bromhead

Cllrs:- Cllr Felicity Cunliffe Lister

App:- K Marshall: C Iveson: M Hope;

2 member of the public also attended

**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**

*Ellingstring Defibrillator Update* The clerk had recently sent an email to Nick Wilson of North Yorkshire Council lighting asking for a time scale for the siting of the defibrillator. He replied that it would be the week commencing 26 February 2024. It was agreed that when it was sited, up and running all the emergency services would be advised.

*Healey Defibrillator Update* Cllr Marshall, who was not present, had advised that the connection of the electrics are more complicated than first thought but it should be connected next month,

*Ellingstring Noticeboard Update.* The clerk emailed David Teece who said there had been no progress as he has been away and then ill. He is sourcing a cutter for the horse but will advise when he has one.

*Emergency Plan* Cllr Hayman has spent some time going through it and updating the contacts. There was a discussion regarding the box which lives at the village hall containing emergency gear. The box could not be found but was assumed it was in the shed at the rear of the hall. It was agreed that it would not be necessary as most people in rural areas had tools available. The first aid box is in the hall so all that is required is that a copy of the updated emergency plan be left in the hall for reference. The clerk will forward the completed plan to all councillors and print off a hard copy for the hall.

## **Planning**

No planning issues reported

## **Finance**

The account spreadsheet of allocations were passed round the councillors and verified. The bank statements were signed by the chair as a true record.

The clerk presented his expenses which were £37.07. This was agreed by the council..

CIL Payment. The clerk advised as this was allowed to pay for the siting of the defibrillator in Ellingstring he looked into claiming VAT back in the siting. He has made a claim for the refund of the VAT on the defibrillator batteries purchased last June and is awaiting the outcome.

### **Highways –**

The willow tree reported last meeting has not been addressed. Cllr Thompson gave what3words location as ///river.sprains.decoding the clerk will contact Swinton Estate again with the location details.

Cllr Searle reported the large 30mph speed limit sign on Masham road has blown down and is now in the hedge. The clerk will advise highways.

Cllr Bromhead confirmed that the give way sign at Ellingstring has not been mended as reported from last meeting. A reminder to be sent.

Cllr Verity reported a pothole on the Fearby side of the ford on Crook Lane w3w location ///covers.city.incursion. To be reported

Cllr Verity reported that, although it is out of our area, the trees on Haregill Bank in High Ellington are leaning into the road causing vehicles to destroy the verge on the other side. This is at the corner of the village green so would be a highways issue. W3w location richly.chief.peroxide To be reported.

Cllr Thompson reported 2 potholes on Cote Lane, one of which was undermining the road w3w location ///protester.roses.throw and ///king.essential.arranges

Cllr Marsden reported a pothole on the Fearby Road w3w ///divides.hesitate.carbonate

The gutters below the village hall are blocked and needs cleaning out as water is running down the road during rainfall. To be reported

### **Other Business.**

Jack Burk has expressed he wishes to retire from trapping the moles on the village green. He has done it for a number of years. He believes he has found someone to do it who has started. He still wants to continue to maintain the defibrillators. The councillors thanked him for his years of service

There is a skip opposite the Village Hall from the development there and it's been there for some time. It is taking parking spaces for the Village Hall. Cllr Gregg and Cllr Hayman will speak to the owners. It was decided that future plans for development in the village must carry a comment that construction skips and traffic must be parked away from the side of the road as it causes traffic problems.

NYC councillor Felicity Cunliffe Lister read her report stating the gutters on Fearby Road have been cleared but there was no money this year to make any improvements. Rural broadband phase 4 almost complete and residents were finding the benefits. Council Tax will be increasing by 4.99% to fund shortfalls however, because of the new unitary authority more funding was available so that eases the financial pressure on services. The locality budget has been spent and she has written to early years providers to support them with a provision for supervised toothbrush scheme which will try and address the lack of NHS dentists in the area.

Cllr Marsden said there was a lot of full dog waste bags on the hedges on Healey as there was not a dog waste bin. The clerk will look into provision of one. The Fearby one is very old and in bad repair but has not been emptied for some time. The clerk will see who is responsible for emptying them.

A member of the public asked a question about defibrillator use training. Cllr Hayman, who is a GP, said there was training but there is a lot online to advise. Modern defibrillators are designed for anyone to use without training. It was suggested that when both new defibrillators were up and running either Cllr Hayman or an external speaker be invited to explain the use the machines

**AOB for next meeting**

There was no other business

**The meeting closed at 8.30pm**

**The next meeting will be held on 21<sup>st</sup> March at 7.30 in Fearby Village Hall**