

Fearby, Healey and District Parish Council

www.fearbyhealeydistrict-pc.org

email: fearbypc@gmail.com

Clerk: Alan Greensit 01677 424221

Minutes from the Parish Council Meeting held on 28 September 2023 at 7.30pm in Fearby Village Hall

Present: Chair - G Verity:

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

App:- Cllrs K Marshall: J Gregg: C Iveson: County Cllr Felicity Cunliffe Lister

3 members of the public also attended

The Chairman began the meeting by accepting apologies.

Co Option of new councillor for Ellingstring. Councillor Verity had approached 2 people regarding the post. Only one has come forward and attended the last meeting, Nigel Bromhead. The councillors were very encouraged by Nigel's knowledge, community spirit and enthusiasm. Nigel gave a quick resume of his current volunteer work which was many and varied. Councillor Hayman proposed he be co opted onto the council and it was seconded and overwhelmingly supported. So, Nigel Bromhead was formally co opted onto the council and sat with the councillors for the rest of the meeting.

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

Healey Defibrillator. Councillor Hayman reported that all the permissions had been granted and they were awaiting installation. They will be contacting a local electrician to get this done as soon as possible.

Ellingstring Defibrillator. Councillor Verity reported he had finally been able to meet with someone from street lighting. They confirmed that we could link into the streetlight proposed but all installation must be done by them and their contractors. He will forward a price for the installation which should be in the region of £500. The councillors agreed that this could be funded by commuted sums in part and from reserves. The clerk will let the councillors know when a quote has been received.

Christmas Tree for Fearby. Councillor Verity asked the street lighting representative while he was discussing the Ellingstring Defibrillator location about linking into the street light in Fearby to power the proposed lights. He said this was very difficult as it could take a long time to get all the appropriate approvals and would be costly. Councillor Gregg had previously said he was willing to power the lights from a connection in his field which was near Brians Seat on the village Green. This would be an appropriate site for the tree so Councillor Thompson, who has been spearheading the quote, was requested to go ahead with the proposal and the budget of £500 would come from council reserves.

A discussion arose regarding the extra money which will be required for these projects and the maintaining of the defibrillators which would be in the region of £400 per year for batteries and

pads to be replaced. It was agreed that this would come from raising the precept to cover the extra running costs.

Ellingstring Noticeboard. David Teece, who has previously done the Fearby Noticeboard, met with some councillors in Ellingstring and provided a rough draft drawing of the proposed glass for the board. A copy of this was passed round the councillors. It showed representation of the pond at Horse Dub with the Old Post Office and Old School House which are iconic symbols of Ellingstring. The councillors suggested a few alterations, such as not having reeds but all iris and possibly a horse in the picture as it was Horse Dub, but on the whole were in favour of the drawing. The clerk will contact Mr Teece to move this forward.

Sail Hill Tower. The clerk had received an email from Building Control at Harrogate advising that they had been advised work to make the structure safe was due to start on 25 September. As of the evening of 28th, no work had commenced. It was decided to give it a little more time and monitor it. If nothing is done Building Control will be advised.

A discussion ensued regarding broadband coverage as this was thought the Sail Hill Tower was to be. It was reported that the proposed mast at Ox Close Plantation had been rejected stating it was too high and would be seen above the trees so would have to be lower. This would put local communities wanted broadband at a severe disadvantage as a lower mast would block signals because of the trees. The clerk was requested to reiterate the councils full support for the higher mast to planning and Councillor Cunliffe Lister.

Planning

6.7.27.M.FULZC23/03249/FUL First floor extension above existing single storey extension Greenacres, Fearby. Councillor Hope declared an interest in this as it was his home. The previous plans were to have a balcony but this has now been changed and no balcony will be built and the roof would be slightly lower. The council previously had no objection and now fully support the proposal. The clerk will inform planning.

Finance

The clerk passed the account spreadsheet round the councillors showing the balance of the account and allocated payments to date. This was approved and the chair signed the bank statements. The clerk's expenses were £30.28 for mileage and sundries. This was agreed by the council.

The clerk gave a report on future budget requirements and approximate balance as of 31 March 2024. This showed that there was enough to cover the cost of the Christmas tree purchase and lights.

Highways –

Councillor Marshall had contacted the clerk and advised of a blocked gully under Cote Lane where it crossed Swinney Beck. The clerk has already advised Highways of this issue. There is currently work being undertaken on the bridge on Fearby Road. Diversions are in place but no work seems to be done. Large vehicles are following the diversions which is on very small roads and therefore causing damage to the road sides. The gutter on Crook Lane which has recently been cleared by highways is now blocked due to a wagon coming off the road because of the diversion. The clerk will inform Highways of this.

Other Business.

Emergency Plan. This has been highlighted due to a recent contact from North Yorkshire Council. Councillor Hayman has experience of these but does not know the area. He will lead a review of the plan and its contacts with the help of other councillors so the plan can be brought up to date.

AOB for next meeting

No other business was muted

The meeting closed at 8.40pm

The next meeting will be held on 30th November at 7.30 in Fearby Village Hall