

# Fearby, Healey and District Parish Council

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**Minutes from the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 28 May 2026 at 7.50pm in Fearby Village Hall**

**Present: Chair Cllr K Marshall;**

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

**Cllrs:- Cllr Felicity Cunliffe Lister**

**App:- C Iveson; J Marsden; J Thompson; N Bromhead**

**1 member of the public also attended**

As this was the annual parish council meeting when officers had to be re-elected. The chair stood down and as the vice chair was absent, the former chair Cllr G Verity took the chair. He asked for nomination for the chair. Cllr Hayman proposed Cllr Marshall to continue and Cllr Verity seconded. The councillors were in favour unanimously and Cllr Marshall accepted so he took the chair again.

The chair asked for nomination for vice chair and nominated Cllr Thompson, Cllr Hayman seconded. The clerk had previously asked Cllr Thompson if he would continue and he said he would. Cllr Thompson was therefore voted in as vice chair.

**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**

*Fearby Allotment Update* Swinton Estate have proposed that the site at the rear of the old Kings Head Public House car park at Fearby Cross. Cllr Gregg thought that this site was too sheltered by trees to give plenty of light for allotment holders, He also confirmed that the site was in serious disrepair and possibly was a right of way for a farmer's field. The council asked him to contact Swinton and ask why the original registered allotment site was not being considered as there were CIL funds available for that site and only that site to develop it. Councillor Hayman asked if they had a list of people who would commit to taking up any allotments so there was proof of the needs. Cllr Gregg said there was at least 5 people that he knew were interested. He will contact Swinton Estate with the questions raised.

*Ilton Noticeboard* This is still ongoing but should be completed by the end of the summer. The current one is in very bad repair and overgrown.

*Fearby Community Library* The former phone box is now shelved out and has books in. There has been quite a lot of interest and the book numbers are increasing but there is plenty of room for more.

*Healey Noticeboard* This is still ongoing and should be completed within the next few weeks.

*Replacement clerk* A person has been identified who may possibly be able to take the post. Cllr Marshall will approach this person who has clerking experience.

*Ilton Councillor vacancy* Cllr Iveson has someone who is willing to be co-opted onto the council who is currently a resident in Ilton. The councillors were in favour of asking them to come to the next meeting to begin the process.

At this point Cllr Felicity Cunliffe Lister had arrived so the chair gave her the floor to provide her report. She went through her report highlighting relevant points. *The community transport* volunteer driver scheme has been widely accepted and a number of volunteers have come forward. This is very important due to the lack of public transport in rural areas. *Connectivity* Although the government is stating that there is 95% connectivity in the country, this area has a disproportionate connectivity for mobile and broadband, Masts have place around Settle and Leyburn to improve those areas but this area is still very lacking and has many not-spot areas. Cllr Cunliffe Lister is working hard to improve this and will keep the council updated. *Community Led Housing* The new Mashamshire Community Housing Trust is now formed and has put in a bid to purchase the former Kell Bank School, they are awaiting the result. If unsuccessful the trust is in a position to propose another site for community housing. Cllr Cunliffe Lister has provided two flyers to be posted, one is the Heat flyer provided by the Wise Group for people struggling with fuel prices and the Digital Connectivity Upgrade, providing advice to residents of how to get the best out of the current mobile and broadband situation.

The full report and the flyers will be put on the councils website.

### **Planning**

There were no planning issues to discuss

### **Finance**

The clerk passed round copies of the bank statements and a spreadsheet of the allocations. These were agreed and signed by the chair for the records.

The clerk's expenses of £51.28 were agreed, This was for milage allowance and printer ink.

The audited accounts for the 2025/2026 year were handed round the councillors and agreed. The Annual Governance and Accountability Return was signed by the chair and clerk appropriately in accordance with legislation. The exemption certificate will be emailed to the Local Government Inspectorate and the full accounts and AGAR put on the website.

### **Highways –**

The clerk read the email issued to Highways after the last council meeting. Of the 7 items notified, only one has been dealt with. The clerk will once again send them to Highways for their attention.

Additional items were: The pavement at Ellingstring has been destroyed by a wagon and is in a very dangerous state and the sets on Crook Lane ford have either disappeared or very unstable. This is very dangerous for cyclists.

There were still problems with long vehicles on Healey Cote Lane. It was suggested that t sign was erected at both ends stating this it was unsuitable for long vehicles. The clerk will ask Highways to provide them.

### **Other Business.**

Fisheries are looking at encouraging salmon further up the river Burn to Colsterdale. The ford at Gollinglith Foot may need some work. They are considering it.

Cllr Gregg reported that the Young Farmer Club Tractor Run thanked the council for allowing them to temporarily park on the village green in Fearby for the charity tractor run..

The footbridge over the gutter adjacent Charis is in serious disrepair. It is not known who owns the bridge as it was put up by an individual many years ago. It was suggested it was removed for safety reasons.

There was a query regarding the livestock building on Dawson Lane as there looks to be two buildings. Cllr Verity confirmed that there was a separate planning application for an extension to the first proposed building. This was confirmed by the clerk but further enquires will be made.

**AOB for next meeting**

No further items were brought so the chair closed the meeting

**The meeting closed at 8.45pm**

**The next meeting will be held on 30 July at 7.30 in Fearby Village Hall**