

Fearby, Healey and District Parish Council

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Minutes from the Parish Council Meeting held on 25 September 2025 at 7.30pm in Fearby Village Hall

Present: Cllrs:- K Marshall, Chair; J Thompson Vice Chair. J Gregg; S Searle; N Bromhead; G Verity: J Hayman,

App:- C Iveson: J Marsden: M Hope.

1 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

Ilton Noticeboard . Cllr Searle's daughter is painting this and it is still ongoing, Cllr Marshall asked if it could be completed shortly as he will find it easier to mount that at the same time as the new Healey one.

Healey Noticeboard David Teece provided photographs of his current thinking which was a collage of building from Healey including the church and the mill. The councillors thought that would be too much and asked if some scenery could be put in it also similar to the current one. The clerk will notify Mr Teece.

Ellingstring Duck House A number of volunteers came and helped Cllr Bromhead and Verity to clear the pond and the duck house was secured in the centre. Recent rain has allowed the pond to fill again and the house is successfully floating. The clerk asked *about* the application from commuted sums and Cllr Bromhead forwarded the information so it can be claimed.

Fearby Telephone Box The contracts have now been exchanged and completed so the box belongs to the council. The telephone has been removed and a sign placed in it to say it belongs to the council and is to be used for community use. Cllr Marshall will look at putting in shelves to begin the library. The clerk sent some photos of a similar box with a library to the chair for guidance.

Planning

The council has received notification of an planning enforcement notice for Lowther House, Cllr Gregg explained the situation as this is his property. An enforcement officer has been to see the situation and this is still in dispute as Cllr Gregg thought planning permission had been granted but it is possible the siting has been mixed with a previous application.

Finance

The account spreadsheet of allocations were handed round and bank statements signed to confirm. Cllr Verity asked what financial commitments we had until the end of the year. The clerk quickly went through them depending on annual rises, there is the clerk's salary and expenses, website charge and hall hire, all of which is manageable with the existing balance. The clerk reminded the councillors that there was still £633.75 of CIL payment held to pay for fitting of the defibrillator in Ellingstring. The precept is to be discussed at the November meeting so budgets will

be discussed in depth. The chair raised the matter of Insurance due next year. More than half the insurance is for the mower which the council lease to the grass cutting committee. This committee raise funds for keeping the green tidy and so it has been suggested that they pay something towards the insurance. The mower is ultimately the council's responsibility so if 50% of the mower part of the insurance could be covered by the committee it would free up the council funds for more essential matters. Cllr Marshall will approach the committee and discuss this.

The spreadsheet of the clerk's expenses was handed round. The sum of £53.13 was agreed including stationery and printer ink.

Highways –

The clerk read the email sent to highways last meeting and none of the requests have been actioned. He will send a reminder for those.

A Member of the public advised that the footbridge in Colsterdale was unsafe, Cllr Hayman has looked at it and tried to tighten it but the wood is rotting. The clerk will inform highways.

A Member of the public asked if no parking signs or passing place signs could be put on passing places near the Swinton Bivouac as cars were parking there and vehicles had difficulty passing. Cllr Iveson who was not at the meeting but has sent the locations to the clerk.

Cllr Marshall sent a location and photo of drain cover dislodged by the school bus at the junction of Cote Lane and Kell Bank.

The overgrown hedge has been trimmed on Cote Lane however the bollards for the road edge are missing, Cllr Searle will provide location details.

Bollards are also missing from the corner of Cote Lane and Haregill Bank at Ellingstring.

Various street lights are out, Healey No 3 and Ellingstring No 1 has no shield.

The stile on Rigg Bank is still dangerous and not been attended to as initially requested.

The bridge over the Burn at Rigg Bank is still not repaired.

30MPH sign missing from Mossra Lane to Fearby Corss

Other Business.

Cllr Felicity Cuncillfe Lister was not at the meeting and has not sent a report.

The Christmas Tree was damaged last year however Cllr's Gregg and Thompson think they can mend it so it can be used this year.

AOB for next meeting

No other business was forthcoming

The meeting closed at 8.30pm

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