

Fearby, Healey and District Parish Council

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Minutes from the Parish Council Meeting held on 21 March 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

App:- K Marshall: C Iveson: 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

Ellingstring Defibrillator The fitting of the defibrillator has been pushed back to 29 March by the contractors. This is Good Friday but the clerk has not received any response from North Yorks council if this is to go ahead. The fitting will be chased up if no response after Easter.

Healey Defibrillator This is in place but not connected to the electric as yet due to the lack of a permanent feed of electric to the gate. It is due to be fitted in April.

Ellingstring Noticeboard The designer David Teece has been in touch saying he is ready to go but the cost has risen to £350. The councillors were asked if this was ok and they agreed that it was. The clerk will contact Mr Teece to begin the process.

Possible training for the defibrillators. Councillor Hayman proposed that when the defibrillators were in place and they were registered with the emergency services the ambulance service should be asked if there is a refresher course available. Alternatively, this could be arranged in house as Councillor Hayman is a qualified doctor. It was agreed to wait until the defibrillators are operational.

Planning

6.8.18.0.PNA ZC24/00216/PNA. West Summersides Healey, Construction of a new track. The clerk provided a map of the proposed track. Councillor Marsden is familiar with the area and the specific track location. The track is some way from the road but is necessary to gain access to outlying barns for the farm. The council discussed the application and agreed to support it. The clerk will inform planning.

Finance

The bank statements were checked and the spreadsheets showing the allocation of payments were passed round the councillors. These were agreed and signed.

The clerk's expenses were presented and agreed at £31.28. This were for milage and printer ink subscription.

The end of year budget was passed around. This has proved to be an expensive year as unforeseen payments were required. Due to payments of defibrillator batteries and pads,

noticeboard payments and Christmas tree purchase the council spent £4108 but income was £3214 plus the CIL payment of £634 accounted separately for the defibrillator siting. This will be addressed in November when the precept is agreed for the next financial year. A budget for 2024/2025 was also presented which showed a deficit of £467. VAT may be reclaimed back for some purchases last year which will mitigate some of the deficit.

Highways –

The clerk reviewed the details of the request made last meeting. Some had been done and others had not. He will send a reminder for those still outstanding.

Other issues were notified: give way sign on Haregill Bank near Crook Lane junction

Pothole in Ellingstring opposite Denby Barn

No footbridge on Crook Lane over Swinney beck, this was promised in 2023 by the council.

Cyclists and pedestrians were having to turn round as the ford was constantly in flood and there was no alternative crossing. These will be notified to highways.

Other Business.

A member of the public at the meeting brought to the attention of the council the Little Free Library project. This is a free community initiative which puts boxes in villages where people put books and borrow books on the principle of take a book and leave a book. This can be very rewarding in communities and councillor Searle said she would definitely use one. This was though a great idea however funding was an issue and also managing it was a priority. The member of the public will get more details and bring it to the next meeting.

The subject of grass cutting came up as a reminder had been received regarding the outlying parts of Fearby which are currently cut by North Yorkshire Council. The village green mowing committee had been approached who confirmed that these parts are difficult to cut and quite a way from the village green. Masham Council had been approached to cut these but for the same reason it would be difficult. It was agreed that this would be left to NYC to continue to cut the usual 5 times a year.

AOB for next meeting

No items were brought for the next meeting.

The meeting closed at 8.25pm

The next meeting will be held on 30 May 2024 at 7.30 in Fearby Village Hall