

Fearby, Healey and District Parish Council

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Minutes from the Parish Council Meeting held on 29 September 2022 at 7.30pm in Fearby Village Hall

Present: Chair – G Verity; Vice Chair - Brian Gregg

Cllrs:- C Iveson; M Hope; S Searle; K Marshall; J Thompson

Cllrs:- N Simms; M Atkinson

App:- J Brearley; J Hayman; J Marsden

6 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

Noticeboard Refurbishment. Councillor Marshall and the clerk met Mr David Teece at the Fearby noticeboard in August and discussed a plan. Mr Teece drew up an artist's impression of Fearby village with swifts and this was passed round the council. It received an enthusiastic response and the decision was to proceed with this board initially which could be completed by the November meeting and make a decision for future ones. The picture would be of coloured glass and a new noticeboard would be erected with the glass in a frame to allow the light to pass through it. The cost would be in the region of £250 which was in agreement with the councillors.

Defibrillator update. Councillor Verity confirmed that Ellingstring could use the phone box site for a possible defibrillator. He had checked with Harrogate planning authority and was told that it would be a small change of use and therefore would not require planning permission. BT were willing to keep the power supply and there was a person who was willing to be a champion to look after it.

Healey PCC have supported the idea and Councillor Marshall proposed the position could be either in the church porch or at the gate. It was decided the gate would be best as it was closer to the highway. He will approach the C of E for permission to put the defibrillator on the wall of the church grounds. Councillor Hayman, who was not there, said in an email he would be responsible for the maintenance and any training required. The clerk will look at funding for both defibrillators and the costs to proceed with the plans.

Report on the milk stand listing. Councillor Gregg wanted to maintain the history of various milk stands in the area and wondered if they could be listed. Many of the remaining ones were privately owned and Councillor Verity had approached some owners in Ellingstring and they were against the motion. This was discussed by the council and it was suggested that Councillor Gregg should photograph the various milk stands and keep them for historical records.

Finance

The bank savings account name is to be changed from Active Saver to Business Premium account.

The bank statement was agreed and signed by the chairman.

Expenses were discussed. There will be extra costs for the noticeboards and defibrillators which has been budgeted in. The hall rent will be due in January but that will possibly go up next year.

The clerk's expenses of £33.28 were agreed and recorded.

Highways –

Change of use of Pott Moor Road from bridleway to permissive byway. This road is the bridleway from Scar House Reservoir to Ilton Moor. The letter was received by the clerk who know nothing about it. It stated that the council had not received any objections so it was passed to the planning inspectorate. Mark Cunliffe Lister from Swinton estate was at the meeting and was also unaware of the proposal as it crossed his land. The clerk received an email from a concerned resident about the situation which was a proposal from the Trail Riders Fellowship in 2005. The document specified it was for information only but they will be passed to Swinton Estate for their response to the North Yorkshire council directly.

The new “no footway” signage has been placed at Fearby Cross and initially Councillor Gregg received a verbal complaint about them but nothing has been heard since. New 30mph speed limit signage has also been erected.

The hidden dip signs on the Masham road which were removed early in the summer was also brought up. The clerk has not received any information after 2 emails to highways, however, Councillor Atkinson from NYCC speaks regularly with the highways department confirmed that the signs will be replaced shortly.

Other Business.

Memorial bench for Bob Holmes. Ripon Rotary club have sent an email asking if a memorial bench could be placed on Fearby Village Green in memory of Bob Holmes. The Rotary club would pay any outstanding costs. Bob was a former village occupant and well known in the village. The council discussed this at length stating that there were a number of benches on the green however, the picnic bench is in poor repair and could be replaced. Councillor Marshall suggested that a bench could be put at the end of Low Moor Lane as this is on the Ripon Rowel way. Councillor Gregg will approach some residents in Fearby for ideas and positioning.

Possible eviction in Healey. This was brought up by Councillor Marshall. 2 people have had eviction notices from Swinton Estate. Although the council are not in a position to do anything or comment Mark Cunliffe Lister was asked to say why and he explained that the properties were not up to the legal standard for letting and would possibly be sold. The tenants had been given notice to quit but have not responded so the difficult decision had been made to evict them for legal reasons. As there is no affordable houses in the local area rented properties are at a premium but having the eviction notice will support their chance of getting a council supported rented property. All that could be suggested was that they contact the Harrogate Borough Council housing department.

Possible Fearby Gala. Councillor Gregg who is on the village Hall committee said that due to the lack of children in the area the annual sports day could not go ahead. There are a number of new people now on the committee and a village Gala was seen as a replacement for the sports day.

Councillor Gregg wanted to let other councillors know and gauge the response and get any further ideas for the village. Current ideas include a produce show, craft fairs, art festivals, music festivals and a barbeque. If there are any other suggestions, please give them to Councillor Gregg or any other member of the village hall committee.

AOB for next meeting

Councillor Searle said the bus shelter in Healey is very overgrown and the children waiting for the bus have nowhere to shelter if it is raining. Councillor Marshall will go and tidy it up. Councillor Gregg is lead to believe that the bus shelter belongs to the council but there is no record of this as it was assumed it was maintained by NYCC.

Councillor Nigel Simms said that he has just been to an Nidderdale AONB meeting and when Harrogate Borough Council ceases to exist, they will be looking for representatives from the local parish councils to be members and offer local advice. We will be formally notified by the AONB.

Councillor Gregg proposed they look again at the Community Resilience Plan which was last reviewed in 2017. Councillor Thompson was interested in this so a copy will be sent to him and it will be discussed at the next meeting.

A letter has been received from Cornerstone developments with a proposal for a Radio Base Station at Ox Close Plantation. This was an initial consultation and will be discussed next time.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm

The next meeting will be held on 24th November at 7.30 in Fearby Village Hall