

Fearby, Healey and District Parish Council

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Minutes from the Parish Council Meeting held on 24 November 2022 at 7.30pm in Fearby Village Hall

Present: Chair - G Verity

Cllrs:- J Marsden; K Marshall; S Searle; J Thompson; J Hayman;

App:- C Iveson; M Hope; J Brearley;

3 member of the public also attended

The chairman opened the meeting with some reflections of Councillor Brian Gregg who has recently passed away. Brian was a one-off character. No one had his local knowledge or knowledge of the history of the village. He had been a councillor for over 20 years and was chairman for many years only stepping down in 2021, he said, to let younger members lead the council. He will be sadly missed by all the councillors but his legacy lives on in the village.

Councillor Verity also advised of the death of Councillor Margaret Atkinson, county councillor for our area. Margaret regularly attended the meeting and had much support for the projects being discussed. She also will be greatly missed

The chairman then asked everybody to stand and observe a minute's silence in memory of Brian and Margaret.

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

Defibrillator update. The chairman stated he was still awaiting a reply from Harrogate Borough Council regarding planning permission to site the Ellingstring one in the telephone box. He had received verbal permission stating that because it was a community project planning permission would not be necessary. He will wait a little longer. The clerk advised that he had received various prices for defibrillators and it would cost in the region of £1200. Funding was available from various sources but would still need the council to find about £800 per defibrillator. Councillor Margaret Atkinson had replied to an email stating that there was funding from the local budget fund but most funding was from charity sources such as Lions and Rotary clubs. The clerk was asked to send an email to these clubs asking if there was any way for them to help in this matter.

Memorial Bench Update. Councillor Marshall had done diagrams of a bench and table in memory of Bob Holmes requested by Ripon Rotary Club. It was decided to just concentrate on the bench for his memory to be placed at the end of Low Moor Lane which was on the Ripon Rowel Way. This was adjacent Brian Greggs land and his son James was at the meeting who said he had no objection as long as it was kept tidy. Councillor Marshall proposed that it would be placed on concrete plinths and he would ensure it was kept tidy for a few years. The clerk will let Ripon Rotary know the decision.

Noticeboard Update David Teece who is making the glass pictures for the noticeboard in Fearby is having trouble getting some of the colours due to delivery problems. The clerk gave pictures of the new noticeboard design as it was at present and was favourable received. Mr Teece will keep the council informed of the progress but was hopeful to have it completed by the end of December. Councillor Marshall is to make a new noticeboard to site the glass when it has been completed.

Finance

The clerk had received the application for the new parish precept for next year. A spreadsheet of budget and actual figures was handed round with the estimated budget for 2023. This included a £25 increase for the clerk's salary. As the clerk's salary was the largest expenditure, they asked the clerk to vacate the room while they discussed his salary. The clerk returned to be advised they wanted to increase his salary by £100 for the year so the new precept would increase to £3300 for the year. This was agreed by the whole council.

The clerk's expenses of £27.29 was agreed plus £141.00 paid by the clerk for the website.

Other Business

The dates for next year's meeting were agreed as the last Thursday in the month. So are 26th January, 30th March, 25th May, 27th July, 28th September and 30th November. These were printed out and passed round the councillors and will be emailed to the absent ones.

Electoral registration were informed of Brian's death so notices were posted dated 25th November in the parishes to advise that 10 people of the parish had to request an election for there to be one. If this was not met then a councillor would be co-opted. The chairman asked, if that was the case, would Brian's son James be willing to stand. He said he would think about it as no decision could be made at this point.

The clerk had received an email from Masham Young Farmer Club asking if they could purchase a handmade bench and place it on the village green in memory of Brian as he was their president. The council would also like to do something in his memory. Councillor Searle suggested a wild flower plot on the green as Brian had previously tried to create one. Brian's son James added that wild flowers were a passion of his dad and it would be a very fitting tribute to him. It was agreed that there would be a plot allocated on the green near his farm to sow with wild flower seeds and roped off. A bench supplied by Masham Young Farmers would be placed near this overlooking the village in remembrance of Brian.

AOB for next meeting

Councillor Searle asked if we had received anything regarding the bulbs received from Harrogate Borough Council Parks department. The clerk will email and ask if any were available.

The meeting closed at 8.35pm

The next meeting will be held on 26th January 2023 at 7.30 in Fearby Village Hall