

# **Fearby, Healey and District Parish Council**

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**Clerk: Alan Greensit 01677 424221**

**Minutes from the Parish Council Meeting held on 27 November 2025 at 7.30pm in Fearby Village Hall**

**Present: Cllrs:- K Marshall; J Thompson; J Hayman; J Gregg; S Searle; N Bromhead - G Verity: J Marsden.**

**Cllrs:- Cllr Felicity Cunliffe Lister**

**App:- C Iveson: M Hope.**

**1 member of the public also attended**

Councillor Iveson expressed her apologies for her absence and understands that this is her third time of missing a council meeting. She is willing to continue as a councillor for Ilton however, if the council requires her to step aside she would understand. The council understands her circumstances and the work commitments she has and is willing for her to continue in the roll.

**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:* This project is still ongoing as councillor Searle's daughter is busy with schoolwork, however, she passed photos round of the progress so far which was met with enthusiasm by the councillors, Cllr Marshall asked how long would it take to finish and Cllr Searle said it could be in the spring due to GCSE pressures. This was accepted by the council.

*Healey Noticeboard* The clerk contacted David Teece asking for an update and estimated costs. The project is still ongoing and due for second firing of the glass. The estimated cost would be between £380 and £420 when completed next year.

## **Planning**

25/03641/FUL Fern Cottage Fearby Cross 2 Storey rear extension with catslide roof. The councillors discussed this with the aid of the plans and found no objection to the application. The clerk will inform planning.

2025/00557/FUL Angram Cote Farm. New road access. This application is not in our area however, the entrance is in the village of Ellingstring in our area. We do not need to comment on this but we have been informed of an objection from a member of the public. There has always been an entrance here but it has not been used. With large lorries entering and exiting the farm there is need for a better access as the original one is onto a narrow road up a steep hill. Both Ellingstring councillors were aware of the application and had no objection as it would add a safe entrance for large vehicles. No action is needed as this is a Richmondshire Area application.

25/04019/FUL Foxglove House Fearby Cross. Single Storey extension. This application was not on the original agenda but has just been received. The clerk opened the plan online and passed them round the councillors most of whom know the property. After some discussion it was agreed that there would be no objection to the application. The clerk will inform planning.

The query was raised about the Cottage in Fearby which seems to be undergoing more work than the planning permission allowed. Planning enforcement was notified about this but no information has been received. There is much concern about the development from the villagers as it seems that quarrying is taking place. The clerk will pass on the concerns to planning.

## **Finance**

The bank statements and spreadsheet allocation was passed round and verified by the council.

The clerk's expenses were confirmed at £24.30 for mileage and £257.16 for the website charges which the clerk pays.

*Parish Precept* The clerk passed round a spreadsheet of budget and actuals for the past 3 years showing how the money has been spent. The budget this year was estimated at £3930 which included a rise of 3% for the clerk's salary. The clerk recommended a precept of £3900 however the council agreed to request £4000 due to increased insurance and extra maintenance costs. The clerk will request this from North Yorkshire Council.

**Cllr Cunliffe Lister** arrived in this discussion so the chair gave her permission to present her report to the council which the clerk will put on the website. Before her report she wanted to update the council with the Kell Bank School progress. She and others are in the process of setting up a Community Housing Trust to purchase the property from the Diocese for community housing. The current plans for two dwellings have been put on hold until 4 April 2026 pending a feasibility study to be made and a bid to be put in. Cllr Thompson stated that if the bid is unsuccessful there should be a sum of money given to the community from the development for community use such as the village hall.

Cllr Cunliffe Lister then continued with her report in brief. On the subject of connectivity, the council raised the question of Ox Close Mast which has still not progressed. Another buyer is interested in the site and so this should be able to be moved forward which would help the rural area with mobile and internet connectivity.

Concerns were raised over the Long Course Weekend and the damage it has done to the community, the activity has been cancelled but Masham and the general rural community feel they have had a raw deal and are out of pocket.. The organisers wanted to make it bigger however, the local community were not consulted which caused much ill feeling.

Cllr Cunliffe Lister was thanked by the chair and then left the meeting.

## **Highways –**

Various issues were brought to the council's attention:

A gutter at the side of Kel Bank between Cote Lane and the Colsterdale junction is higher than the road and therefore the water is coming onto the road causing the road to subside. Cllr Thompson will send the clerk the what3words location.

The gutter opposite Low Healey Cote Farm is blocked but the BT phone line cable is lying in the bottom so it cannot be cleaned out. The clerk will inform highways to contact BT so they can secure the phone line cable.

There is a pothole near the phone box in Colsterdale which is causing problems. Cllr Hayman will send the clerk the what3words location to inform highways.

Various councillors stated that the grit piles are very low so the clerk will inform highways.

There is a deteriorated road surface opposite Moor View in Healey where the road edging is breaking away. Cllr Marshall will send the clerk the what3words location and details.

The ford on Sutton Lane is still in disrepair so the clerk will send a reminder to Highways as it had previously been notified.

### **Other Business.**

The meeting dates were confirmed for 2026 as 29 January, 26<sup>th</sup> March, 28<sup>th</sup> May, 30<sup>th</sup> July, 24<sup>th</sup> September and 26<sup>th</sup> November. These have been confirmed with the Village Hall. The clerk has hard copies of the dates for anyone who requires them.

An email has been received from Lisa Sleightholme who requested permission for a tree or a bench to be placed in the village or by the duck pond in memory of her mother who died recently. After some discussion it was agreed that a tree by the duck pond would be appropriate. Cllr Bromhead will contact Ms Sleightholme directly to advise and liaise with the council.

The new duck house is low in the water so requires additional floats, Cllr Marshall will see to that.

Mr Howard Mountain who is the co-Ordinator of the Masham Neighbourhood plan sent a policy intension letter to the council for their comments, no comments had been received so he ask if there were any queries, Cllr Thompson stressed the there should be facilities for affordable housing in the plans as the developers are wanting to reduce the numbers.

The telephone box purchased by the council is still awaiting the shelving for a community library. It was also noted that the light is still on in the box which will enable the use of the library in the winter. Cllr Marshall has promised to make a start on the shelving.

### **AOB for next meeting**

There is still a dispute on the Fearby Allotments so that discussion will be put on next month's agenda.

### **The meeting closed at 9.00pm**

**The next meeting will be held on 29<sup>th</sup> January 2026 at 7.30 in Fearby Village Hall**