

Fearby, Healey and District Parish Council

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Minutes from the Parish Council Meeting held on 26 September 2024 at 7.30pm in Fearby Village Hall

Present: Chair - K Marshall: Vice Chair: J Thompson;

Cllrs:- J Gregg; S Searle; G Verity; J Marsden:

App:- C Iveson; M Hope; J Hayman; N Bromhead

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

Dog Bin Update. Cllr Marshall is to get in touch with Dan Leworthy, operations manager of street cleansing in Harrogate to move this forward as it still seem to be a problem in Healey.

Defibrillator checks. The defibrillator in Fearby is checked every month by Jack Burk and he is in contact with the emergency services directly.

The defibrillator in Ellingstring is checked by Cllr Verity as it is at his gate and is checked monthly.

The defibrillator in Healey is checked by Cllr Marshall monthly as it is at the entrance to St Pauls Church which he passes regularly. It was agreed that a signing sheet would be placed in each defibrillator to be signed when checked so there is a reminder when the pads and batteries need to be replaced.

Planning

Hammergill Outbarn second application has been rejected and the reasons quoted were similar to the council's response to them. Cllr Thomson was commended for giving a well formed reason on behalf of the council.

Finance

The bank statements were given to the chairman and allocation spreadsheet distributed round the councillors. The details were agreed and thus the statements were signed by the chair.

The clerk's expenses were presented which was for milage only of £24.30 and were agreed.

Highways –

Grit concerns in Ilton. A member of the public has contacted Cllr Iveson of Ilton regarding the grit heaps in Ilton on the hill. Last year they were not replenished until late winter and, as they have a business which minibuses as well as visitors frequent, it is important that the grit heaps should be fully maintained. They understand that grit wagons would not be prioritised but if grit was available then the local public be able to maintain the road in icy conditions. The clerk will notify highways of their concern.

Highway issues previously reported have been address by highways, The give way sign at Haregill Bank junction with Cote Lane is not applicable, There has never been a sign there and the Highways Officer has been and inspected and ,due to the clear vision and road markings, there is no need for a give way sign. He also inspected the Crook Land Haregill Bank junction and came to the same conclusion that no give way sign was needed

The footbridge on Crook Lane has been purchased by highways and will be put in place this autumn.

The No Parking sign at Ilton was illegally placed and has now been removed.

The gullies in Fearby are on a cyclical clean every 2 years and were last cleaned in September 2023 and so are due September 2025. The ones in Healey are also on a cyclical clean and are due to be cleaned in September this year. These are currently blocked so the councillors will review this at the next meeting.

The gutter at the junction of Rigg Bank and Swinton Road has not been logged with them so they have logged it again and will report back to the council. No information has been received since.

There were no new highway issues reported.

Other Business.

Ellingstring Book Swap. This is an initiative by a member of the public in Ellingstring to provide a free library in Ellingstring. The cost of a special cabinet from the Little Free Library charity would be between £200 and £400 so she purchased a second hand small cabinet which could be adapted. The member of the public was at the meeting and explained what she was doing and just wanted council permission and support. The council would not be responsible for it in any way but the councillors were supportive of the initiative. The next hurdle for the project was siting the cabinet which she was in the process of contacting Ellingstring residents to find the best solution.

Ilton Noticeboard. Fearby and Ellingstring noticeboards have recently been refurbished. Healey and Colsterdale ones are in good condition however, the board in Ilton is in very poor condition and falling apart. Cllr Marshall who has refurbished the woodwork on previous noticeboards was willing to do the same in Ilton. While discussing the signage Cllr Searle said her daughter may be willing to help by painting the sign on the refurbished noticeboard. The clerk will send a photo of the old noticeboard to Cllr Searle and she will ask her daughter if she would be willing to undertake the project.

Help with digital technology. The chairman explained the Masham Community Office have received funding to employ someone to help with digital technology. This is to help anyone in the area who find computers, tablets or smartphones difficult and is available to help understanding. Councillors were asked to let the wider community know.

The Housing Needs Survey has now been sent to every home and notices posted on the noticeboards.

North Yorkshire Councillor Felicity Cunliffe-Lister was not present but had sent her report to the council. The chairman went through the relevant parts. There was a discussion regarding the Long Course Weekend which has been recently in Masham advising many businesses were unhappy with the outcome. The town was effectively closed but very few people were around as Masham was just the start and finish of the races. Masham Parish Council are in discussion about this and the parish await the results as there are others planned in the next two years.

Clr Verity expressed thanks to Clr Bromhead who had been notified of a tree over the bench in Ellingstring. He immediately went and cleared the bench so it could be enjoyed by the public. The council agreed to express their thanks for the prompt action.

AOB for next meeting

None were raised

The meeting closed at 8.55pm

The next meeting will be held on 28th November at 7.30 in Fearby Village Hall