

Fearby, Healey and District Parish Council

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Minutes from the Parish Council Meeting held on 26 March 2026 at 7.30pm in Fearby Village Hall

Present: Chair Cll K Marshall;

Cllrs:- J Gregg; S Searle; J Marsden: J Hayman:

App:- C Iveson: N Bromhead - G Verity: J Thompson: M Hope:

2 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

The chair wanted to add the telephone box to the matters arising as he has measured up the space and wanted to ask what is required to go on the shelves.. Cll Searle who initiated the suggestion of a community library suggested various sizes of books and maybe other helpful items but they may evolve later. Cll Marshall will put some shelves in and a larger shelf at the bottom for larger books and other items.

Fearby Allotment Update Cll Gregg has consistently requested Swinton Estate to review the decision to find another site for the allotments. He sent a reminder to them and their Rural Estates Manager replied saying he had not forgotten but no decision had been made. The Chair said he would send an official letter to them to speed up the decision.

Healey Noticeboard. This was still in good repair and the new glass had been received so Cll Marshall was in the process of constructing a new one.

Ilton Noticeboard This was still being painted. The clerk confirmed that the present one was in a serious state of disrepair and needed renewing.

Planning

The Chair wanted to discuss the planning application we considered last meeting which was the chalet and wild life pond at The Cottage Fearby. The decision was made that we neither supported or objected to the application, however, the chair stated that he objected to the process as it had to be flagged up to the planning by a local resident when they were already checking the cottage alterations.

Fair View Healey 26/01182/FUL Replacement of faux garage doors and erection of external lean-to Cll Searle and Cll Marshall knows the property and explained the situation. The doors would greatly improve the look and the lean-to would be small and quite well hidden. Cll Thompson, who was absent, sent a message to say he supports the application. It was agreed to support it. The clerk will notify planning.

Finance

The bank statements and allocation spreadsheets were distributed round the councillors and agreed.

The clerk's expenses of £24.30 were agreed as this was just milage allowance.

The clerk distributed a report on the expenditure for the year together with a budget for 2026. There was no objection and the extra precept requested would be needed to meet the financial commitments. Cll Marsden mentioned the insurance which is 60% motor for the lawn mower. Cll Marshall will contact the grass cutting committee again and suggest a proposal of maybe £250 towards the motor part of the insurance. It was suggested that the grass was cut on Fearby village green however, the council comprises of 5 parishes some of whom do not even pass through Fearby to appreciate the neat village green. This will be taken into consideration

Highways –

Then clerk read out the previous requests to Highways regarding outstanding issues. Cll Iveson who was absent sent an email confirming none of the items she mentioned had been dealt with. None of other items had been addressed so the clerk will send another request to highways.

A large pothole was reported between Ilton and Grewelthorpe junction, Cllr Marshall will provide what3words location. The gutters are blocked between the Black Swan and Gouthwaite House in Fearby, Cll Gregg has tried to clear them but it was only a temporary measure. The question was asked, who is responsible for road side gutters as there are a number of issues with this problem, The clerk will ask this question of highways.

Other Business.

North Yorkshire Cll Felicity Cunliffe Lister was not present and she had not sent a report.

The clerk informed the council that he would like to retire from the post, He has served for seven years and would like to pass it on to someone else. He mentioned someone who may be interested so Cll Gregg will speak to that person. The clerk said he would continue for up to a year but would like to leave earlier.

The clerk spoke to Cll Hope who has missed 4 meetings, Cll Hope has started a new business and is very busy so asked if he could step down from being a councillor. He represents Ilton and Cll Iveson may have someone in mind to take his place. Cll Hope was not there but thanks were expressed for his contribution to the council.

AOB for next meeting

No Items were suggested for the next meeting. The chair sometimes attends Masham Parish Meeting and they have a lot of extra items so asked if we were missing something. No one had any further suggestions.

The meeting closed at 8.35pm

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