

**FARNDALE PARISH COUNCIL**  
**DRAFT MINUTES OF MEETING**

<b>DATE/TIME</b>	<b>21 Sept. 2020 19:30</b>	<b>VENUE</b>	<b>VIRTUAL ZOOM MEETING (under COVID-19 Rules)</b>
Councillors Present			
Rowan Humphreys (Clerk) (RH)	Pete Dowsland (Chair) (PD)	Jason Ferdinando (Vice- Chair) (JF)	Emma Smith (ES)
Susan Mumford (SM)	Mark Little (ML)	Phil Collier (PC)	

Item	Subject	Comments	Action
<b>Under the COVID regulations which prohibit public gatherings, the meeting was held by videoconference as a virtual meeting permitted under SI 2020/392.</b>			
1	Welcome	Meeting opened by PD at 19:30	
2	Apologies	Apologies received from James Thurtell, Dennis Wilson, Dave Bentley, and Bernard Moss	
3	Main Business		
3.1	Parish Clerk	PD reported that he had approached RH to act as clerk. RH has since been acting clerk. SM proposed RH continues role as clerk, ES seconded, passed unanimously. Confirmed that RH has started ILCA training. Questions raised over the pay mechanism for the clerk. 23 <sup>rd</sup> Feb minutes show that a parish precept has been suggested for funding clerk.	Need to work out what the pay mechanism for the clerk is. Follow up by email and RH to contact Kirkbymoorside Clerk Lisa for advice.
3.2	Low Mill Signs	PD and ML commended Barry Sunley (BS) on the quality of his work. JT is to pay BS upon Parish Council agreeing. Council Unanimously agrees to pay BS.	JT to pay BS
3.3	Roads	SM reports complaints from delivery drivers concerning overhanging hedges. ML reports further complaints about Church Houses hedges. Residents particularly concerned cars may be scratched. ES says cattle grid at thunder head rocking gate is "on a scheme" meaning the whole grid will be replaced next financial year (April). PD and ES commented that verge and hedge maintenance is Highways, property owners (including farmers), and Tenants.	ML suggests finding out timescale from the hedge contactors so that residents can be informed. ML to establish whose hedges need to be cut.

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		They make the choice (at their own expense) how often maintenance is carried out subject to health & safety reasons, the availability of contractors, what environmental schemes they are in, and seasonal restrictions. Any concerns regarding maintenance should be taken up with Highways, property owners, and farmers/tenants.	
3.4	Planning	Concern raised by councilors (notably PC) regarding the use of modern concrete coping stones and new tiles instead of traditional materials that are in keeping with the local buildings. Concern that FPC had not had any response regarding their concerns.	RH to Query why no response has been given regarding Council concerns.
3.5	Emergency Service Mast	PC is concerned about the proposed structures visibility, preference for a "mono-pole" structure as it blends in more.	Council to find out if the response window is closed.
3.6	Accounts	JT presented a brief financial statement showing that the VAT reclaim had been received and payments have been made. Payment to BS is pending. Further funds are available to pay Darren Sunley once the work has been completed for the third Low Mill sign.	
3.7	Precept	PD Precept needs to be sent off in January.	Precept amount needs to be agreed ready for submitting in January.
3.8	Notice Board	JF reports that the notice board is up and looks good.	Parish council information needs to be put up.
3.9	Parish Plan	RH reports that a draft version the parish plan survey has been produced.	Draft parish plan to be circulated with councilors. JF to establish whether village hall open day is going ahead.
3.10	Super Council	PD hopes the level of services provided by RDC and Highways are maintained if a larger council is formed. JF concerned that there may be less accountability. ES reports that a new counter proposal is for "splitting into 2 lots of 4 districts".	RH to keep council updated regarding future super council updates.
3.11	Defibrillators update	ES states that the pads will expire on the 28-03-22. ML suggests that the Church Houses may expire 28-10-21.	ML to confirm expiration dates
3.12	Outside Bodies	I. John Stockton Trust	SM to contact JT to establish when the newsletter is going out.

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		<p>SM reports that meetings in June and September had not gone ahead. Nothing further to report.</p> <p>II. National Park PD has contacted National Park regarding parking at Low Mill and will report back once Nation Park has been contacted again.</p> <p>III. Farndale Estate PC reports that residents are concerned about what precautions are being taken during shooting season. Concern about beaters from quarantined zones coming to Farndale. RH and various councilors report on the precautions undertaken.</p> <p>IV. Defra PD Nothing to report</p>	<p>PD to investigate contacting national parks about signs.</p>
3.13	Forum/Daffodils	<p>JF states that there is nothing to report apart from high volume of cyber spam. Daffodils have not progressed.</p>	<p>JF to investigate alternatives. JF to investigate having a daffodil Zoom meeting</p>
3.14	Car Parking in Farndale	See 3.12 II	

4	AOB		
4.1	Height Restriction by a Branch at Shotten Hill	<p>Mike Sunley has contacted Highways regarding the Low Branch at Shotten Hill and FPC hopes the issue can be resolved amicably.</p>	<p>SM to contact the Lemmons (SP)</p>
4.2	Telephone boxes	<p>Broad consensus that standard of Farndale's telephone boxes needs to be improved. BS requests that phone boxes kept active at least until the new ESM becomes active. ML suggests that the council could paint the phone boxes if BT will not maintain them.</p>	<p>ML to contact BT to establish a maintenance schedule and to determine whether they are going to be kept running. RH to draft request to BT with ML.</p>
4.3	Frequency of meetings	<p>PD suggests meeting frequencies could be increased. JF agrees with this proposition and suggests 6. SM requests that meetings are not conducted on a set schedule. JF expresses concern regarding the legality of decisions being made over email, he further suggests that more can be done in meetings. PD and SM propose that additional meetings are only called when explicitly needed, seconded by JF. Passed unanimously. RH expresses concern about meetings being conducted during term time.</p>	<p>Posters to be put up in notice board. Required 4 meetings to continue, Chair still has the right to call additional meetings. Information about how to contact council to be put in newsletter regarding. JF to look at the forum as a portal for residents to log issues on for council to address.</p>

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		Council raised concerns with the way they are contacted and how issues are dealt with and the need for a procedure.	
4.4	Thanking Stuart Nelson (SN)	SM suggests that the council officially thank SN for his work. Council agrees.	Council to follow up via emails and thank SN.
Meeting closed at 21:30. Next meeting 7 <sup>th</sup> December 2020, Village Hall, Church Houses (CV-19 regulations permitting).			



Rowan Humphreys (Parish Clerk)



Peter Dowsland (Chair)