

FARNDALE PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES OF MEETING

DATE/TIME	16 Dec 2019 19:30	VENUE	The Band Room, Low Mill, Farndale
Present			
Stuart Nelson (Chair) - (SGN)	Tony Stevenson (Vice- Chair) – (TS)	Jason Ferdinando (JF)	Bernard Moss (BM)
Dennis Wilson (DW)	Pete Dowsland (PD)	Phil Collier (PC)	Dave Bentley (DB)

Item	Subject	Comments	Action
1	Welcome	Meeting opened by SGN at 19:35 SGN welcomed the members of the Parish Council and the residents in attendance	
2	Apologies	Sue Mumford and Mark Little	
3	Minutes of Meeting of 16 Sept 2019	Minutes had been circulated and approved.	
4	Matters arising		
4.1	Appointment of Parish Clerk	SGN is currently acting as both Chair and Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer. SGN stated that this is not a position that should be maintained, however in the absence of a Parish Clerk, the need to fulfill the duties had to be undertaken by someone competent in administration. No one had come forward to the requests made to Farndale residents to perform the task. PC had spoken with Ryedale District Council who had advised him that the current position was not viable. SGN said that he would willingly step down from the Parish Clerk position if anyone was willing to undertake the work. PC had spoken with a possible candidate in Kirkbymoorside, but who was unwilling to take on Farndale.	



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	<p>JF had met with one potential candidate (who was known to SGN and who had originally rejected the position). In response to a question from PC, SGN stated that a request had been made through the Parish Forum coordinator (Judith Seaton) in NYMNPA. This had produced a few responses of interest, but of those, none had accepted to perform the role for Farndale.</p> <p>One reason for this was perhaps the low amount of money being offered initially by the Parish Council.</p> <p>It was agreed that the figure offered for the Parish Clerk should be increased and this would be included in the Parish Precept.</p> <p>At the end of the discussion, there being no offer to perform the role, it was accepted that SGN continue in the interim.</p>	
4.2 Status of accounts	<p>SGN commented on the current account balances. The both accounts are in balance, and ready for presentation at the March meeting of the Parish Council, <i>when presentations will be made ahead of both internal and external financial audit.</i></p> <p>There are a number of expenditures made by the Chair on behalf of the Council. There were insufficient approved bank account signatories present to sign the cheques. These cheques will be presented again at the March 2020 meeting.</p>	



