

FARNDALE PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES OF MEETING

DATE/TIME	09 Mar 2020 19:30	VENUE	The Village Hall, Church Houses, Farndale
Present			
Stuart Nelson (Chair – P/T) - (SGN)	Dave Bentley (DB)	Jason Ferdinando (JF)	Bernard Moss (BM)
Dennis Wilson (DW)	Pete Dowsland (PD)	Phil Collier (PC)	

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	None received	
3	Minutes of Meeting of 16 Dec 2019	Minutes had been circulated and approved.	
4	Matters arising		
4.1	Resignation of Chairman / Election of Chairman	<p>SGN, who will be leaving the dale in the near future, officially resigned as Chair of the Farndale Parish Council. SGN advised that he will continue as a Councillor for the time being, and also act as Parish Clerk until either a replacement is appointed or SGN leaves.</p> <p>SGN then asked for nominations for the position of Chair. The sole candidate was Peter Dowsland (PD). PD was proposed by SGN and seconded by PC. A vote was held and PD was unanimously elected to the role of Chair.</p> <p>SGN to inform RDC and NYMNPA</p>	SGN to inform RDC and NYMNPA
4.2	Resignation of Vice-Chairman / Election of Vice-Chairman	Tony Stevenson had through emails officially resigned as Vice-Chair of the Farndale Parish Council and as a Councillor. RDC had been informed	

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		<p>officially and the official notice had been posted.</p> <p>SGN, acting as Parish Clerk, then asked for nominations for the position of Vice-Chair. The sole candidate was Jason Ferdinando (JF). JF was proposed by SGN and seconded by PC. A vote was taken held and JF was unanimously elected to the role of Vice-Chair.</p>	<p>and NYMNPA</p>
4.3	Vacancy on the Council	<p>The resignation of Tony Stevenson leaves a vacancy on the Council. Following the period during which those eligible residents may request a by-election, the Council may appoint a replacement Councillor by co-option. SGN will send out the necessary advice to RDC who must be informed of all changes in to the Council, and also post on the noticeboards and by email to those residents with email addresses available to the Clerk (Note – this includes the majority of residents).</p>	SGN to inform RDC
4.4	Status of accounts	<p>SGN commented on the current account balances. Both the Community and the Money Management accounts are in balance, and ready for official presentation following this meeting. March meeting of the Parish Council. SGN asked for permission to send the accounts for Internal Audit, and to the Local Government External Auditors. This was agreed. The External Audit will require a minute reference at a later meeting.</p>	SGN to approach Barry Sunley to perform the internal audit.

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		<p>There were a number of expenditures made by the Chair on behalf of the Council in the financial year 2019-2020. There were insufficient approved bank account signatories present to sign the cheques currently available. The total owed was £ 273.00. SGN asked for approval to perform a BACS transfer to his account for this value - under the survey of the Chair and the Internal Auditor. This was approved unanimously.</p> <p>SGN also called on the Council to appoint four signatories to the accounts so that cheque signature would not have to be deferred in the future. PD will step in as a signatory.</p>	<p>SGN to perform BACS transfer under survey of PD and Barry Sunley.</p>
4.4	Replacement road signs for Low Mill	<p>TS gave an update. The purchase order for the new signs had been given to Leander. Delivery was due 23 March 2020, including glass studs. The invoice would be received for payment before end-March.</p> <p>SGN asked about who would be fixing the signs and if any specialist experience was required in order to make them theft-proof. Barry Sunley and DB both had experience of the fixing of such signs and offered to liaise to ensure the signs would be installed in the near future</p>	<p>Barry Sunley and Dave Bentley to liaise on retrieving and installing the signs.</p>
4.5	Planning Applications	<p>SGN had distributed the one Planning Application received. (Mill House, Low Mill). No objections, and NYMNPA had been informed.</p>	
4.6	Roads	<p>DB commented once again on the deterioration of the roads near to Thunderheads and the cattle grid and horse gate there.</p> <p>SGN had tried to discuss both of these issues with NYCC (Richard Marr). No response had been forthcoming.</p> <p>In view of the forthcoming departure of SGN, BM offered to take on the role of liaison with Highways.</p>	<p>BM to continue to get meaningful discussions with Highways.</p>

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4.7	Trees in need	<p>PD and BM commented on the survey of trees. There are a list of trees in need of assistance. This survey is being reviewed by Farndale Estates. BM to advise on that outcome at next meeting.</p>	
4.7	Coordination with Outside Bodies	<p>In view of the resignation from the Council of Tony Stevenson, it was agreed that a new coordinator would be needed. The next meeting would take place on 14 April 2020. Sue Mumford agreed to act as the coordinator.</p> <p>PD advised regarding the trials of E.L.M.S. Over 500 responses from the area had been received and those were being collated and analysed.</p> <p>This raised questions from Councillors regarding issues such as improving organic matter in the soil to assist water retention, and the questions regarding Nitrates. Concern was raised regarding the depletion of the Farndale daffodil stock. Is it a result of Nitrates? Is it a problem of light exclusion under the tree canopy? Is it poor husbandry? BM agreed to try to find a student capable of taking on the necessary research.</p> <p>PD agreed to ask questions of both the NFU and the MP (Kevin Hollinrake) when he attends a meeting later in April with these people.</p>	<p>SM to represent FPC on the John Stockton Trust.</p> <p>PD to collate any comments from the residents and Council.</p> <p>BM to try to find a student capable.</p> <p>PD to ask questions of both the NFU and Kevin Hollinrake.</p>
4.8	Website Update	<p>JF noted there had been 80 'hits' so far this year. He will be including pages on the Village Hall and also the Farndale Show on the website.</p> <p>He again asked if the 'Standing Orders' should be uploaded and information on GDPR.</p> <p>The Council had previously agreed to inclusion of the Standing Orders to be displayed.</p> <p>JF also agreed to waive any site hosting fees for the forthcoming year.</p> <p>JF had also included a section on the Council Standing Orders on the website.</p>	

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5.	Community Energy Project	JF expressed interest in this issue and will continue to follow it and update the Council.	
6	Parish Plan	PD expressed a wish that the 2014 Parish Plan be updated. RDC had made a Parish Plan for Pickering. Staff are available to talk to residents and collate that info within RD, for return to the Parish for assessment. James Thurtell, who produced the original Parish Plan, agreed to supervise this.	James Thurtell to request participation of RDC.
7	Any Other Business		
7.1	Defibrillator in Church Houses	As Tony Stevenson has resigned, someone to look after the Church Houses defibrillator is required. ML offered to perform the duty.	ML to look after CCH defibrillator.
7.2	Road signs	A number of people had noted that the road signs in the dale were very dirty. These are the responsibility of Highways. Request to be made to Highways.	BM (Highways coordinator).
7.3	Duck Ponds – source water	Concern was expressed over the quality of the supply of water to – and the drainage from – the Duck Ponds.	
7.4	Resignation of the Chair	Tony Stevenson made a gift of a special notebook to SGN for his work as Chairman.	

Meeting closed at 21:05.

Next meeting TBA

Farndale Village Hall, Church Houses.

Minutes prepared



Stuart Nelson (Acting Parish Clerk)

Approved



Peter Dowsland (Chair)