

**FARNDALE PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING**

DATE/TIME	14 Dec. 2020 19:30	VENUE	VIRTUAL ZOOM MEETING (under COVID-19 Rules)
Councillors Present			
Rowan Humphreys (Clerk) (RH)	Pete Dowsland (Chair) (PD)	Jason Ferdinando (Vice- Chair) (JF)	Emma Smith (ES)
James Thurtell (JT)	Mark Little (ML)	Bernard Moss (BM)	
Parishioners Present			
Sally Potter (SP)	Andrew Potter (AP)	Janet Campling (JC)	Chris Pern (CP)
Janet Bell (JB)	Steve Nash (SN)	Val Arnold (VA)	

Item	Subject	Comments	Action
Under the COVID regulations which prohibit public gatherings, the meeting was held by videoconference as a virtual meeting permitted under SI 2020/392.			
1	Welcome	Meeting opened by PD at 19:30	
2	Minutes silence	Those present observed one-minute silence for Howard Featherstone.	
2	Apologies	Apologies received from Sue Mumford, Phil Collier, Dave Bentley and Dennis Wilson	
3	Main Business		
3.1	Clerk Contract	JT gave a summary of the progress made drawing up the Clerks contact. JT outlined the steps required to finalise this process. JT reported that the Clerk is entitled to 11.5hrs per quarter holiday.	JT and PD to progress with contact preparations including registering with HMRC immediately before or after contract is signed.
3.2	Accounts	JT delivered a summary of current finances. ES proposed £1200 budget, an increase of £450 on the precept, JF seconded. Carried unanimously.	JT to action VAT reclaim.
3.3	Roads	VA reports that road survey information comes out in January and that Cross Lane was not considered a priority (in relative terms) according to most recent accessible survey. VA reports that first stage of work has been done at Blakey Bank.	RH to find out when the second stage of work at Blakey is to be started. RH and PD to supply VA with a list of roads with water related issues. List should contain road name and rough section description – photos optional.

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		<p>Several members present expressed concern regarding water on the roads and verges.</p> <p>PD reported concerns regarding speeding in Farndale</p>	<p>Low Mill sign to be fitted to existing millstone as a cost saving solution.</p> <p>VA to investigate speed limits in Church Houses & Low Mill.</p>
3.4	Planning	<p>JF gave a report on Methodist Chapel development. Council expressed broad support for the work.</p> <p>Council discussed the Hollins Lodge development. Council expressed no concerns and is pleased to see the materials from the existing building that is to be taken down will be re-used on the site.</p> <p>Horn End Farm application for planning permission has been received by the council.</p>	<p>RH to draft a letter of support for the Chapel before to 22nd of December.</p> <p>RH to draft a letter of support for Hollins before to 23rd of December.</p> <p>Councillors to comment by the 18th of January 2021. RH to remind councillors.</p>
3.5	Defibrillators	<p>ML reports that defibrillators are working and have at least six months left to the expiry dates. ES expressed similar comments.</p>	
3.6	Phone Boxes	<p>PD thanked ML for his work on phone boxes. ML reports that the boxes are on the 2021 BT repainting schedule. PD thanked ML for the report.</p>	
3.7	Outside Bodies	<p>John Stockton: Sue Mumford not present. She stated via email prior to the meeting that no meeting had been organized and that one resident in Farndale had received the grant.</p> <p>National Parks: JF reported that the NYMNP is supplying free infield and hedgerow tree saplings to Landowners and Land Managers with maintenance provided for 2 to 3 years. PD looking into it.</p> <p>Defra – Agricultural Bill, Brexit, and Challenges for farming: No substantial comments.</p> <p>Farndale Estate – Report: Councillors received a report from the Estate outlining their plans and objectives, this was greatly appreciated. The FPC welcomes the level of investment, planning and commitment demonstrated by the Farndale Estate. The FPC were all in agreeance that it will be good to see the empty Buildings put to good use and an end to their deterioration.</p>	<p>PD to contact Andrew Muir at the National Park Office regarding Low Mill car park.</p>

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3.8	Parish Plan	Council reached a consensus that survey is to be released by the end of January.	RH to send out Parish Plan survey to council for opinions.
3.9	Community Website Forum	JF reports that the forum is up and running.	

4	AOB		
4.1	Daffodil Car Park at Low Mill	Andrew and Sally Potter expresses concern regarding the manner in which people have communicated their anxieties over the car park before lockdown at Daffy time in 2020. BM suggests that a risk mitigation policy is adopted as opposed to stopping people coming all together.	PD proposed that depending on the Covid 19 situation at the end of January/Mid-February that if necessary an extraordinary meeting be arranged to discuss the Car Park at Low Mill with all necessary parties concerned if possible. Contingent on the length of the current lockdown.
4.2	Litter	Several members voiced concern regarding litter.	Information about litter to be included in newsletter.
4.3	Branch at Shotten Hill	SN and PD reported that the issue has been resolved.	
4.4	Hedges	Dowsons have returned and completed the Hedge JF and PD report that punctures have been caused by thorns that are left on road after hedges are cut.	
4.5	Next Meeting	Next ordinary meeting is set to be held on March 15 th .	

Meeting closed at 21:15. Next meeting 15th March 2021, Village Hall, Church Houses (CV-19 regulations permitting).



Rowan Humphreys (Parish Clerk)



Peter Dowsland (Chair)