

FAIRBURN PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF FAIRBURN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDS.17 JULY 2019 AT 18:30 IN FAIRBURN COMMUNITY CENTRE

Present: Cllrs. A Pound; R Stephenson; J Lucock; J Edwards; R Halls; D Slater.
Clerk – M Farman. Assistant Clerk – R Farman. NYCC Cllr. C Pearson. 3 residents.
PCSO J Hudson; PCSO D Wood (18:45)

071901. Welcome:

The Chairman welcomed all present to the meeting.

071902. Public Forum.

Comments on agenda items and matters of concern/interest from electors present.

- Materials have been bought to clean the roundabout; the resident apologised for the delay in cleaning
- Concerns re Tythe House – to be dealt with later in the meeting
Council to receive any written/e-mailed letters sent to the clerk.
- Concern re canopy at youth shelter – ‘phone call from resident; dealt with.
- E-mails re HGVs using Silver Street – dealt with.
- Thanks from resident re strimming of grass verge at Rawfield Lane.

071903. Apologies:

Council received apologies and reasons for absence from Cllr SH and **resolved** to accept the reason given

Council received apologies from SDC Cllr E Jordan along with an e-mailed report

071904. Minutes of 17 July 2019 Meeting of the Council:

Council discussed and **resolved** to accept **the** minutes of 17 July as an accurate record.

071905. Signing of minutes:

The Chairman **signed** the accepted minutes.

071906. Reports:

Council received reports from:

Chairman

- Parish lights – asked members to check the parish owned lights and come to the next meeting with any money saving ideas.
- Youth shelter at the skate park –dealt with
- North Road closure – this will have a serious impact on residents accessing their homes
- Benches – almost all the new ones are in place; reminded everyone that the money for these has not come out of the parish precept but from separate funding

- Benches at War Memorial – need repairing, cleaning and treating
- Thought needs to be given as to how to deal with the ginnel and celebration garden
- Newsletter – amendments/additions please; chairman to deal with printing; RS to sort for delivery

County Councillor – contacted Police & Crime Commissioner re problems at Tythe House.

District Councillor – e-mail re Crag; problems with ownership. Clerk to check council's position if the land

Is, in fact, common land

Other Officers – no reports

Police – residents explained the on-going problems with the current occupant at Tythe House. There has been an escalation of verbal abuse, physical harm to a nearby house holder and deliberate damage to the neighbour's car. The police have taken action over 6 incidents that have been reported but it is actually a West Yorkshire Social Services problem. PCSO DW is to ask his Sergeant what action N Yorks can take and who is ultimately responsible for the occupant's action. The PCSOs left after a 20 minute discussion with questions asked and, as far as possible, answered.

Lorry Watch – the latest incident was dealt with by Head Office and the offending driver lost his job
CEF – grants have been allocated with £980 granted to the cricket club.

Other representatives – Ferrybridge. Cooling Tower no 6 is due to be taken down on Sunday 28th July.

Thus will take place between 09:30 and 14:30

071907. RFO's report on closing balances; recent payments and payments to be made

a) Current balances

Community Account balance as at: 26 June 2019, statement no. 89: £21,419.91

b) Payment requests received at agenda preparation

Cheque

no.

£1,019.42 – Footway lighting maintenance 2018-19. VAT £169.90; actual cost £849.52 100395

£ 235.74 – SDC grounds maintenance, June. VAT 39.29; actual cost £196.45 100396

c) Payment requests received after agenda distribution – council received and **resolved** payment:

i. £100.00 – Ginnel shrubs & hedge clearance
100397

ii. £ 84.00 – Gardening –celebration garden
100398

iii. £ 13.98 – Tree stump killer
100399

iv. £389.56 – Clerking – July
100400

v. £3,552.00 – Benches S106 money. VAT £592.00; actual cost £2,960.00 100401

d) Payments received – none received

e) Audit report – not yet received.

071908. Council **resolved** to accept the report and make the payments as listed above.

067909. Planning

Planning applications received – Council discussed application for new dwelling at Caudle Hill and **resolved** comments.

Planning decisions received – none received

Update on current planning issues – none received

071910. Policies

Council discussed and **resolved** to make no amendments to: the Complaints procedure; Financial Risk Assessment & FoI Publication Scheme.

071911. Newsletter

Council discussed proposals, **agreed** information to go in newsletter and **resolved** that the Chairman deal with the printing and Cllr RS sort in readiness for distribution

Volunteer litter pick planned for Sunday 8th September; meet at community centre @10:00

071912. Housing Needs

No further information received from L McQuade

071913. Gardening.

Council discussed gardening needs and **resolved** that low growing ground covering shrubs should be planted in the autumn at the ginnel

Cllrs to look at celebration garden and put forward ideas for re-planting/dealing with hedge.

071914. Green Gym.

Council discussed current state of green gym surroundings and **resolved** that the clerk ask for all the residue of the pavilion extension to be removed

Council discussed request re erection of a fence to stop cricket balls going outside the cricket field and **resolved** to ask that temporary fence/nets be put up when matches are in progress.

071915. Benches.

All except two benches are now in place.

071916. Correspondence received since last meeting:

YLCA – emails forwarded to Cllrs

SDC – e-mails forwarded to Cllrs

Clerks and Councils Direct – for circulation

NYCC – light at ginnel obscured by vegetation – dealt with

Highways – contacted re state of footways

071917. Action taken since last meeting.

Turners contacted re HGVs using Silver Street

Damaged footways reported

Faulty street lights reported

Planning comments submitted

Policies e-mailed to Cllrs

Provision and placing of benches organised

Laurels at the ginnel dealt with

L McQuade e-mailed re housing needs

Letter sent to resident re dumping of garden refuse on recreation ground – no reply at agenda distribution

Broken glass panels in 'bus shelter reported

071918. a) Councillors' Forum - to take and note any points of immediate interest from councillors.

- The broken glass panels at the 'bus shelter have still not been repaired
- HGVs still going through the village

- b) **Items for the next agenda**
- Cllr JE to give talk on safeguarding etc (talk & Q?A to last no longer than 20 mins)
- Parish Lights
- Any further information re the Crag

071919. Further comments from public present.

- No further comments

071920. Date, time and place of next meeting

- Wednesday 18th September; starting at 18:30 in Fairburn Community centre

071921. Closure of meeting

- The meeting closed at 19:55

Signed Chairman. Date

Action points from the meeting

- Chairman – finalise, print newsletter and take to Cllr RS for bundling
- Clerk – Submit planning observations
- Clerk – re-contact NYCC re damage to ‘bus shelter
- Clerk – Check legal position re common land
- Clerk – Contact cricket club re proposed fence and removal of debris
- Clerk – Contact Highways re residents’ access during closure of North Road
- Clerk – Contact SDC re 2nd tranche of S106 money
- Clerk – Check work to do with gardener