

# REETH FREMINGTON & HEALAUGH PARISH COUNCIL

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## MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE MEMORIAL HALL, REETH on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2024 at 7.00 pm

Present: Councillor M Bearpark (Chairman), Councillor B. Rutter (Vice-Chair), Councillor G. Frankland, Councillor C. Longstaff, Councillor K Longden, Councillor Y Peacock and L. Bridge (Clerk).

### 1. To receive apologise for absence

1.1. Councillor Dawson and Councillor Terry

### 2. To approve the reasons for absence.

Councillor Dawson did not give an explanation. Councillor Terry would not be able to return from work in time. The Chairman suggested that the clerk write a letter to Councillor Dawson about his attendance and confirming his current address.

### 3. Declarations of interest

3.1. Councillor Longden declared an interest in item 8.4.1

### 4. To confirm the Minutes of the previous Meeting

4.1. The Minutes of the last Meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> February 2024, having been circulated by email, were approved as a true and accurate record. Proposed by Councillor Rutter and Councillor Longden.

### 5. Public Session.

5.1. Nike Wear attended the meeting to explain what the group did and to ask for a donation towards this. As there was a lot on the agenda the Chairman asked that it be tabled for April which would give the Councillors time to think about it. Councillor Peacock voiced her support for this group.

### 6. North Yorkshire Police

6.1. PCSO Donald Watson attended the meeting. He had no news to pass on to the Councillors and they did not have any questions for him.

### 7. Aspirations of Expenditure for 2024/25:

7.1. It was noted that the clerk had requested a quote from the contractor. However, the clerk had received the quote of £1,920.00 incl. VAT (£1,600.00 nett), which the councillors considered and as it was within the remaining funds and they were happy with the work he had carried out before, they voted to proceed with the quote. Proposed by Councillor Longstaff and Councillor Rutter.

7.2. There were no further suggestions.

**8. To receive information on the following ongoing issues and decide on further action where necessary:**

**8.1. Playground**

8.1.1. It was noted that the quotes remain outstanding, but the clerk was chasing this.

**8.2. Memorial Benches.**

8.2.1. It was noted there was nothing to report.

**8.3. The Green and Market**

8.3.1. It was noted that the clerk will have to complete a SIM application form for Land Registry to get further information.

8.3.2. It was noted that the clerk had sent the letter and information to Henry Gray, Viscount Clanfield's agent.

**8.4. Green Agreements**

8.4.1. The various Green Agreements submitted and considered by the Councillors.

**8.5. British Telecom and Digital Voice.**

8.5.1. It was noted that we had received a reply from Rishi Sunak which was sent to the Councillors by email.

**9. D Day 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

9.1. This item was considered and it was decided that a wreath would be purchased and a small service would be held at the War Memorial on the 6<sup>th</sup> June 2024.

**10. To consider and decide upon the following planning application.**

10.1. The planning application for the Sundale R/07/250B was considered as this would be an improvement to the current garage all the Councillors supported this application.

10.2. The planning application for the Dales Bike Centre R/07/105F was considered and all the Councillors supported the continued improvement to this local business.

**11. To receive the following planning decisions/information**

11.1. No notifications

**12. Matters requested by Councillors**

12.1. It was considered whether to express support for the community pub in Muker in writing. The Councillors thought this was a very positive thing for the local community and mean an old building would continue to be beneficial. The clerk was instructed to write a letter of support.

**13. Matters requested by the clerk**

13.1. It was considered whether to sign the Overton solar lights grant offer, which was approved and the letter was signed by Councillor Bearpark and Councillor Rutter.

13.2. It was considered whether the Parish Council should have its own Facebook page rather than use the Clerk's personal page. In the interests of consistency and improving

communications with the residents, it was decided this was a good idea and the clerk should proceed.

- 13.3.** The renewal quote was not available for consideration and the item was tabled for April.

#### 14. Biodiversity

- 14.1.** It was considered whether to investigate owl and bird box locations with local wildlife group, there was concern expressed about interfering with nature but it was worth investigating.
- 14.2.** The Pound project was considered and the Councillors thought this was an interesting idea and as the first part did not have any cost associated with it that the clerk should proceed. There were suggestions to test the stream that entered the plot to see if that was the cause of the high lead levels. To be reviewed later.

#### 15. Financial Matters

- 15.1.** Refer to Item 13.1, duplicate entry
- 15.2.** It was noted that the dustbin for Healaugh had been ordered.
- 15.3. To resolve to make the following payments\***

Person	Purpose	Amount
L. Bridge	Salary March	£402.50
L Bridge	Expenses, The Pound key cutting	£9.00
Memorial Hall	Invoice for February meeting	£16.00
EDF	Electric Bill, DD	£65.70

**\*Note** – Councillor Rutter proposed and Councillor Frankland seconded the payments, and all voted to approve.

#### To note the following receipts

Market	February	£0.00
Honesty Box	February	£536.00

**Bank Account Balance as of 19<sup>th</sup> March 2024** **£11,619.99**

#### 16. Market Report and Honesty Boxes

- 16.1.** Councillor Frankland reported that £702.00 had been collected from the Honesty Boxes with £27.80 coming from Healaugh Box. To note that Healaugh Box will be down for repairs for a couple of days.
- 16.2.** No market contributions this month as Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March would be the first collection for 2024.

#### 17. Highways

- 17.1.** It was noted Highways will assess the potholes missed on Hard Stiles / Lower Reels Head, the Councillors were very disappointed that this was taking so long.
- 17.2.** It was noted that there will be ground investigation works at the Keld to Ravenseat junction on the 25<sup>th</sup> March.

**18. Streetlights**

- 18.1. It was noted that streetlight near Harker's garage had been reported.

**19. Correspondence**

- 19.1. The request from a resident was considered and it was pointed out that this was North Yorkshire Council land. However, Councillor Frankland had inspected it and the area was now clear.
- 19.2. YLCA's and NALC's emails about training and other matters, were noted.
- 19.3. The Dales Police Report for February 2024 was noted.
- 19.4. The delay in the playground inspection reports was noted.
- 19.5. The Flooding Community Event in Leyburn on the 26<sup>th</sup> April was noted. Councillor Peacock recommended attending this due to the information and advise that could be provided.
- 19.6. The Memorial Hall Accounts for 2023 were noted.
- 19.7. The Summery of Changes to the Subsidised bus routes from North Yorkshire Council were noted. Councillor Peacock stated that she would continue to try and get a better system as the current one was not working for parents at all. The clerk would submit a letter objecting to the current alterations.
- 19.8. It was noted that Highways stated the overgrown hedge on Langhorne Drive would be trimmed, but not when.
- 19.9. The Yorkshire Dales National Parks Spring Forums in April and May were noted.
- 19.10. The updated Mobile Waste Collection dates were noted.
- 19.11. The Housing Survey from the Yorkshire Dales National Park was noted.
- 19.12. It was noted that the Memorial Hall did not want to have a portrait of the King.
- 19.13. The North Yorkshire Let's Talk Food campaign and the updated Cost-of-Living campaign were noted.
- 19.14. The confirmation of route change for Footpath 44 was noted.

**20. North Yorkshire Council Report**

Councillor Peacock reported that the North Yorkshire Unitary Authority change over was complete now. She was going to continue to seek an improvement to the subsidised school bus situation. Finally, she encouraged everyone to participate in the Mayoral Elections on May 2<sup>nd</sup>. She had spent two days travelling around villages with Cllr Keane Duncan as he canvased the area.

**21. Future Meeting**

The next meeting will be on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April in the Memorial Hall at 7 pm, which is an Annual Meeting of the Parish followed by the normal meeting.

Meeting finished at 8.30 pm.