**Fearby, Healey and District Parish Council**

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**Minutes from the Parish Council Meeting held on 26 September 2019, at 7.30pm in Fearby Village Hall**

**Present: Chair – B Gregg, Vice Chair - G Verity**

**Cllrs:- J Marsden: S Searle; M Hope; J Brearley; C Stead; K Marshall;**

**Cllrs:- N Simms**

**7 member of the public also attended**

**The minutes of the previous meeting were declared a true record and signed by the Chair**

**Matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting**

Fearby Cross to Swinton, Mossra Lane. The response by highways states a safety inspection had been made and the damage does not meet the criteria for repair. Councillor Verity stated this was unacceptable as the potholes were a safety issue and a cyclist had recently had an accident due to the state of the road. The clerk was asked to write to highways requesting what the criteria was. Councillor Searle suggested posting photos of the damage which Councillor Marshall agreed to take and forward to the clerk. It was also suggested that it be posted on the “fix my street.com” website. Clerk to do this.

**Planning**

Planning had been received to remove the telephone boxes from Ilton and Ellingstring. It was unanimously agreed that this would be rejected on the grounds that there is very poor to no mobile phone receptions in both places and the telephone box is the first resort in an emergency. It was also agreed that should any further planning request for removal of telephone boxes be received the same reply would be issued as the same criteria would exist.

A planning application was received for a two storey extension to Springwood Farm Healey. Councillor Marshall explained the application to the council as it just involved the demolition of a single storey extension. There were a number of objections from the members of the public so the chairman asked them to explain their grievances. One member of the public advised that it would look over their patio however this would not be the case as the windows were to the rear and not to the side. Another member of the public advised that the cellar in the property was a party wall with theirs. There was no party agreement in place and this was not taken into account in the plans. Excavation of the extension was also an issued as it would encroach on adjoining property. Other objections by the public were drainage and access. After a long discussion in which Councillor Simms advised on planning laws, the chairman suggested a site visit by him and other councillors as no consensus could be met. The chairman will report to the clerk on their response.

**Finance** – The monthly accounts were presented and were approved and signed by the chair.

**Highways** –

A response by highways to the blocked drain in Ellingstring states they will undertake a repair within 90 days.

An email was received stating a street light was off in Healey. Further information was requested so an accurate report could be issued.

**A.O.B.** – The chairman advised the council that the fire appliance in Masham is to be changed to a Tactical Response Vehicle. This only requires 3 fire crew unlike the 5 required for the current appliance. Masham had problems during the day to raise plenty of officers to send out its current appliance but will be able to send this out quicker. This will not be able to tackle large house fires as it has no ladders or breathing equipment. However, it could deal with Road Traffic Accidents and small incidents. The chairman thought the council should be aware of the changes.

Councillor Marsden advised that there may be a candidate for the vacant seat for Colsterdale. As the prospective candidate has not moved in yet the clerk was asked to enquire how long they had to be resident before they became eligible.

Speeding traffic. Nothing was reported however the chairman asked the members of the public if they would consider a community speed watch initiative.

**The meeting closed at 9pm**

**The next meeting will be held on 28th November at 7.30 in Fearby Village Hall**