

Minutes from a meeting of the Farnley Tyas Community Group

Wednesday, 5th January 2022

Present:

NC (Chair), JW (Treasurer), PH, CE, KH, CB, LH, RB, MB, JW, RW, MH, PH, JL, RK, SK, NS, BHW, NWH, FH.

Welcome and Apologies:

The Chair welcomed everybody and wished everyone a very happy New Year. Apologies were received from: SA, RF, JF, CL, LR, RH, CH, TH, BA, NH, JH, DG.

The Chair gave special thanks to our Ward Councillors and Parish Councillors Bill Armer, Richard Smith and Robert Barraclough for succeeding in getting the village our Christmas tree.

She also thanked all those who had created an Advent window during December. The Advent Window Trail has been an enormous success. All the windows can now be seen on the FTCG website at <https://www.farnleytyas.com/advent-windows-2021>.

The FTCG Christmas Social was also a success and enjoyed by many, and thanks were given to all who provided food and the quiz.

Minutes of November meeting and matters arising:

- **Tidy Tyas:** the next litter picking day is **Saturday, 8th January. Meet 10.30 outside New Lane Terrace** for high-vis jackets and litter pickers.
- **Update on Farnley Bank footpath:** FH is in touch with Deborah Stephenson, newly appointed Assistant Definitive Map Officer, for regular updates on the progress of our application for this footpath to be added to the definitive map. This process is ongoing.
- **Footpaths and footpath signs:** KH has made a detailed study with photographs of footpaths and signs around the village, noting where they are and which ones are damaged or missing. In general they are in very poor repair and diminish the appearance of our village. There was a suggestion new signs could show destination and distance. Councillor Andrew Cooper says there is a money to be had from **Place Partnership Funding** (all relevant information to be found in Kirklees Sign Section) and we could apply for a grant linked to Kirklees Active Travel. KH to liaise with Ch, NWH, LH and LR to link this to the new village noticeboard, in conversation with Cllr BA. The Chair thanked KH for her excellent work.

The minutes were proposed by NWH and seconded by RW.

Financial statement:

At the end of December the balance held was £2,891.47.

The Treasurer listed payments in, which included a Covid grant from KPC and 96 Farnley Flutter payments for this year. Payments out included stationery, Flutter payments,

newsletter printing, the new nature signs in the Rec, and also new bank charges from HSBC. There is now a charge made for every direct debit or online payment made for the Farnley Flutter.

Total to hold is approximately £1940, which leaves £900 available to spend for the community.

There was some discussion about whether the Flutter payment of £12pa should be raised. It was pointed out that this would cause an admin headache for FH and the Treasurer in making changes and trying to collect these monies. The Chair suggested this should be left for a decision in time for next year's Flutter.

Regarding the £900 for spending in the Community, the Chair suggested this is put out to the village residents for suggestions.

Kirklees Council: No matters arising.

Kirkburton Parish Council:

RW reminded people the Fruit Tree Pruning Workshop is running again in January/February. Details on their website: <http://www.kbpc.co.uk>.

Also that various grants are still available: a **Platinum Jubilee grant** for £300, **deadline** for applications **February 4th**; and the **Village Improvement Fund** can make available up to £1000, **deadline 4th February**. Final details of any bids will be shared at FTCTG meeting on February 2nd.

Recreation Ground Roadside Parking:

JL made a suggestion that the road beside the recreation ground should have gravel or hardstanding put down instead of the grass verges, as it is a mud bath with the numbers of cars which park there, particularly for football at the weekend.

Another suggestion was gates for the two open entrances onto the road at the top end of the Rec, for safety and peace of mind of parents and dog owners.

The Chair will contact MS at Kirklees Highways to request an onsite meeting.

St. Lucius Church:

CB reported that the Christingle service had to be cancelled due to Covid, although a service was held online.

The Church Treasurer has requested help from FTCTG in applying for funding for upkeep of the churchyard which is designated Urban Greenspace. They have a long list of "green" improvements they would like to carry out, and the church cannot apply for this itself as it doesn't have a constitution. **The deadline for the grant application is February 4th**. The Chair has agreed to sign this application, and FTCTG Treasurer JW will liaise with Church Treasurer BM before 17th January.

Queen's Platinum Jubilee, June 2022

The Chair asked for any ideas about how the village could celebrate the Queen's Jubilee during the long weekend of Thursday 2nd - Sunday 5th June. Thursday is the official

pageantry on TV, so it was suggested Friday should be the day, if anything takes place. LH and RW will liaise with the pub, to see what they might be doing. The Chair suggested the Rec might not be suitable for an event, as there are no public toilets.

FH suggested a Garden Safari (similar to the one in 2018) could take place, finishing up at the pub.

RW suggested a fete in the recreation ground. He will form a committee to investigate this possibility, BHW has offered to be on a committee.

Farnley Tyas WI, through their Secretary, has offered to be involved in whatever the Community Group decides to do. St. Lucius Church also volunteered to be open and available for any event.

A tree to commemorate the Jubilee was discussed, possibly Myrtle or Rowan. Final decision to be made at February meeting.

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- RW reported there had been some **vandalism to trees** in the Community Garden.
- The **Community Cafe is open again** every Tuesday in St. Lucius Church, 9-11.30.
- The **new Craft Group** will meet every Thursday, starting 6th January, 7-9pm, in the Golden Cock upstairs room.
- RK spoke to the meeting about **an application for a farm shop at Ivy Farm**. His objection is regarding the new track the applicant has built off Thurstonland Road. This has been done without any planning permission, across Green Belt land and removing mature trees (again without permission). This road is derestricted, with no footpath, and traffic is doing up to 60 mph (and often more, as dog-walkers, cyclists and joggers will testify). A new access point to a farm shop here would be dangerous when there are other access points. **If people want to comment on this application, it can be found on Kirklees Planning portal, application number 2021/62/94724/E. Public consultation end date 27th January 2022.**

Farnley Flutter:

Flutter number 67 was drawn, and the lucky winner receives £50 from the January draw.

Next meeting:

Wednesday, February 2nd, 2022 at 7.15pm.

Minutes accepted:

Proposed by.....

Seconded by.....

Date.....