



## Farnley Tyas Community Group Minutes

Wednesday 3 September 2025, 7.15pm.

### Farnley Tyas Bowling Club

| Agenda Number | Item                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Action                                                                             |
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| 1             | <p>Welcome and Introductions<br/>NW welcomed everyone to the meeting.<br/>In attendance: NW, BH, SM, RW, JW, FH, JH, JH, NS, MS, JL, SB, JW, JF, ML, NH, DG, KH, LR, CE, BA, MB, RB, NR</p> <p>NW noted that PSO Amanda Morelli had been invited but was unable to attend. However Bev Wilson from Neighbourhood Watch was present and would be able to give an update.</p> <p>NW also introduced Councillor John Taylor to the meeting.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                    |
| 2             | <p>Apologies<br/>C&amp;DH, JD, RF, CL, B&amp;CM, JL, S-A&amp;TR, NC, PSO Amanda Morelli</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                    |
| 3             | <p>Minutes of the last meeting (2 July 2025) were approved and seconded.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                    |
| 4             | <p>Matters Arising (not on the Agenda) There were none.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                    |
| 5             | <p><b>Represent the interests and concerns of village residents to the local authorities and other stakeholders</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                    |
|               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Council updates</li> </ul> <p>BA said that August had not been a busy time because of holidays. KMBC continued to be cautious about spending although there were some signs that there was a relaxation on recruitment. It continued to be difficult to get things done and the legal requirements took priority.</p> <p>BA said that KMBC had condemned all concrete lamp posts because of safety issues and would not allow hanging baskets. However alternative lamps could be identified and these would be used in future. NW asked the Garden Gang to pick up this action.</p> <p>JT said that more money was being put into cleaning up in Kirklees including overgrown vegetation, footpaths, damaged signs etc. Also an additional £100k had been made available for the team who managed fly tipping. Three areas where footpaths have disappeared are being restored. So progress was happening albeit slowly.</p> <p>There was a discussion on fly tipping which was felt to be on the increase. It was suggested this may be because waste tips had more restricted opening times.</p> <p>RB gave an update on Kirkburton Parish Council. Again this was a quiet time. There had been an audit at the council's request. Applications for small grants (up to £300) were now open for community groups.</p> | <p><b>Garden gang members to suggest alternative posts for hanging baskets</b></p> |

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|  | <p><b>Place Standards</b></p> <p>JT gave an overview on this initiative which is a way of gathering views about local areas and capturing the thoughts of residents and converting them into actions. It involves asking residents about 12 aspects of life including moving around, public transport, traffic and parking, streets and spaces, natural space, play and recreation, facilities and amenities, work and local economy, social contact, identity and belonging, feeling safe, care and maintenance and influence and sense of control.</p> <p>The scores show how well each area is performing and translates to an action plan to make improvements. It also captures what people say and the council staff will work in the village for 3 weeks or so with the support of the community group. KBMC will take the outcomes into account when making decisions. JT noted that the next Kirklees local plan was about to be drafted.</p> <p>The next steps would be to involve local officers, produce posters, deliver leaflets to households etc. BW confirmed her positive experience of Place Standards and encouraged participation. There were links with Neighbourhood Watch.</p> <p>FH said that a similar exercise had been undertaken around 19 years ago and a local community plan produced. It was felt that this would be a useful comparison for current issues.</p> <p>NW said he was supportive for various reasons including the opportunity to get a more representative view. JT said the process included going to places to meet people rather than asking them to attend meetings. This would allow us to reframe our objectives and underpin decisions. JT confirmed that a sensitive and well planned approach would be used particularly when communicating with vulnerable people.</p> |  |
|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Traffic Calming</li> </ul> <p>NW gave a review of the position. Following a visit from staff from the Highways department where some recommendations were made a local group was formed but very little progress has been made. JT was now involved and had walked around the village. The local MP, Jade Botterill, had met with the group. She had been very receptive to concerns and will lobby on our behalf. NW said we need to generate as much evidence as possible to support our case.</p> <p>JA said the criteria for KMBC action had been relaxed. JT said that several videos of traffic speeding in the village had been shared with police. Videos also showed that only 1 side of Butts Lane is being gritted. It was reported that both sides should be gritted and awareness has been raised.</p> <p>One suggestion that the FTCTG has been trying to action is entrance markers to the village. It has now been confirmed that planning permission for these is not required providing Highways staff do the work. The group would pay for this to be done. JT said he would ask the Highways department to work at our expense. There was also a discussion about changing speed limits. Previously the FTCTG had been informed that this was not possible but that seems to be not the case.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |  |

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|          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Neighbourhood watch.</li> </ul> <p>BW provided the meeting with an overview of her role within the Neighbourhood Watch. She and a PCSO had been invited following a number of break ins and concerns in the village. She was able to confirm that a suspect had been arrested. BW asked anyone who sees any suspicious activity to report this online or through 111.</p> <p>BW provided data on recent reports and said that anyone wishing to be included in neighbourhood watch alerts should ask for their name to be added to the list. NW asked for details to be put on the FTCTG website.</p> <p>BW said that the crime reports included descriptions of what had happened so people can be more alert and aware of what to look out for. For example she had noticed an increase in thefts from car-top boxes this month. Further details are on the Neighbourhood Watch website. Some equipment such as window vibrator alarms are also available and new neighbourhood watch posters were distributed.</p> <p>NW thanked BW for attending and for her valuable contribution to the discussion.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                      | <p><b>Link to be put on FTCTG website</b></p> |
| <b>6</b> | <p><b>Organize and support various initiatives and projects that benefit the village and its residents</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                               |
|          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Church updates</li> </ul> <p>KH gave the following update on events:</p> <p><b>Tai Chi</b> sessions would recommence in the church on Wednesday mornings from 10 September 11.30 am 2025.</p> <p><b>Community Café</b> open every Tuesday morning 9- 12<br/> <b>Chair Pilates</b> with Lynne on Monday at 2.30 – 3.15 £7 per session</p> <p>Sunday 14 <b>Bishop of Huddersfield Rt Rev Smitha</b> A special all parish service in celebration of Creation tide at <b>9.30</b></p> <p>Sunday 28 September at 6.30 pm <b>Sung Evensong</b> followed by themed supper.</p> <p>Tuesday 16 September 7pm <b>Mikron Theatre Company</b> present <b>‘Hush Hush’ A Bletchley Story.</b></p> <p><b>Film night</b> returns: -<br/> Friday September 26 <b>at 7.30</b> showing <b>‘Bridget Jones Mad About the Boy.</b><br/> Friday 17 October at 7.30 <b>‘Salt Path’</b></p> <p>Saturday 29 November <b>‘Jazz night</b> 7.30 pm– featuring John Helliwell former Supertramp member</p> <p><b>Eco churchyard village working parties:</b> Saturday 20 September and Saturday 8 November at 10.30- 12.30 followed by lunch.</p> <p>KH said that the restoration of the Wardroper grave is due to start in September.</p> <p>Compost and leaf mulch is again available to be purchased from the churchyard.</p> |                                               |
|          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Knit and Natter</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                               |

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|          | This group continues to thrive, attendance is increasing. Meeting are on Thursday evenings at the Golden Cock between 7.00 and 9.00pm.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |  |
|          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• WI</li> </ul> The next meeting will include a talk by local wildlife photographer Ray Brown.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |  |
|          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Garden Gang</li> </ul> Dry stone walling will take place on 19 September at 10.00am. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Farnley in Bloom</li> </ul> RW reported that Farnley Tyas had been awarded a rating but at present we do not know what that is.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |  |
|          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Farnley Readers</li> </ul> The book this month is <b>Tomorrow and Tomorrow and Tomorrow</b> which will be discussed on 17 September 7.00pm in the Golden Cock function room.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |  |
|          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Farnley Flutter</li> </ul> The draw for September was made, the winner will be informed.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |  |
|          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Farnley Festival</li> </ul> DC confirmed that the date for the next Festival is 16 May 2026. The initial planning meeting will take place on 26 September 2025.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |  |
|          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Farnley Tyas Arts and Cinema Club</li> </ul> Details of screening for the next 3 months were shared, the first screening is 26 September.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |  |
| <b>7</b> | <b>Provide a platform for dialogue, cooperation, and mutual assistance among the residents</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |  |
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| <b>8</b> | <b>Encourage the participation and involvement of all residents in the group's activities and decision-making</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |  |
|          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Finance Update</li> </ul> The Treasurer gave a financial update with very little change in the last month. <p>TOTAL in the savings Account - £2,655. This is boosted by the addition of £1,500 donated by the Farnley Festival - which is held in reserve for potential costs for the Farnley Festival 2026.</p> <p>TOTAL FUNDS - £3,991.24</p> <p>Movements since the last meeting held in July are:-</p> <p>TOTAL PAYMENTS IN - £0:00</p> <p>PAYMENTS OUT</p> <p>- Flutter winner August - £50:00</p> <p>- Yorkshire in Bloom Plaque - £18:00</p> |  |

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|           | <p>TOTAL PAYMENTS OUT - £68:00</p> <p>From the TOTAL funds ( Current and Savings Accounts ) now includes at the moment held in reserve for potential future costs are:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- £200 - For future Flutter winners</li> <li>- £900 - We should hold for potential future running costs.</li> <li>- £22 - Left from the £300 annual Grant from KBPC</li> <li>- £1,500 - Fund for the Farnley Festival 2026</li> <li>- £600 - Held for potential costs of another Production event - similar to the Christmas Carol Event</li> </ul> <p>TOTAL - £3,222.</p> <p>From the TOTAL funds (Current and Savings Accounts) of £3,991 - this leaves approximately £770 that we could spend on an approved Village improvement or event.</p> <p>HSBC have now also confirmed no further monthly charges for account fees - which was £5 per month, Charges will still apply for any over the counter transactions or for issuing of cheques etc. All online bank transfers are free of charge.</p> |  |
|           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community Fundraising Scheme</li> </ul> <p>Conversations around the proposed Petanque court are planned for mid-September.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |  |
|           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Newsletter</li> </ul> <p>The Autumn newsletter was distributed.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |  |
|           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Supporting local business</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |  |
| <b>9</b>  | <b>Preserve and celebrate the cultural, historical, and natural heritage of the village</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |  |
|           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Field Lane</li> </ul> <p>No further issues raised</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |  |
|           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Yew Trees Farm</li> </ul> <p>There was a discussion on concerns about the Grade 2 wall being demolished and the boundary not aligning to the plan and encroaching on green belt land.</p> <p>NW said he had personally submitted a Freedom of Information request to Kirklees planning department asking for details of every concern received by them about the Yew Tree development and the subsequent action taken since planning was agreed.</p> <p>BA and JT said the enforcement office had only 3 staff to cover the whole of Kirklees and was very under resourced.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |  |
|           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tidy Tyas</li> </ul> <p>The next Tidy will take place on 6 September at the earlier time of 9.00am.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |  |
| <b>10</b> | <b>AOB</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |  |

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|  | <p>NW said the Big Autumn Quiz night had been scheduled for 30 October in the Bowling Club. Details to follow but likely to be similar to 2024.</p> <p>NW said the October meeting was the Annual General Meeting. This would normally be when he, as outgoing Chair, would hand over to the new Chair. No one had come forward to take over at present. NW said that the committee had agreed that the group would continue for a short time with a rotating chair but that this could not be sustained.</p> <p>A Christmas Concert is being planned by the Bowling Club (Nite Beat are performing) and everyone is welcome.</p> |           |
|  | <p><b>Date and Time of next meeting</b><br/> <b>ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING</b><br/> <b>Wednesday 1 October 2025, 7.15pm. Farnley Tyas Bowling Club</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | <b>SM</b> |

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