



Farnley Tyas Community Group Minutes

Wednesday 7 May 2025, 7.15pm.

Farnley Tyas Bowling Club

| Agenda Number | Item | Action |
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| 1 | Welcome and Introductions | |
| 2 | Apologies FG, JH, NS, JD, NH | |
| 3 | Minutes of the last meeting (2 April 2025) were approved and seconded. | |
| 4 | Matters Arising (not on the Agenda) There were none. | |
| 5 | Represent the interests and concerns of village residents to the local authorities and other stakeholders | |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council updates <p>RB said that a new clerk was now in post which should help with progress. He reported that a new small grants scheme was now open until all money had been taken up.</p> | |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Traffic Calming <p>NW showed the group a video of reckless driving on the corner near the recreation ground. He said this showed the need for action on this issue. The inaugural meeting of the Traffic Calming sub group met recently. As some of the advice we have been given previously appears to be inaccurate some independent advice has been sourced. Gary Mallon is helpfully brokering this.</p> <p>NW said the response from Kirklees highways has been disappointing and he is now trying to put them under pressure to respond by saying he will escalate through appropriate channels. We will be inviting a local community police officer to a future meeting.</p> <p>KH asked whether we could find other evidence of irresponsible driving as this would strengthen our case. It was reported that now the potholes on Field Lane had been filled the traffic was much faster.</p> <p>It was suggested that we should consider escalating the issue to our local MP, Jade Botterill.</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">NW to invite community police officer to future meeting.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">NW to consider how we can legally use video evidence etc.</p> |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Neighbourhood watch | NW to invite neighbourhood watch to a future meeting. |
| 6 | Organize and support various initiatives and projects that benefit the village and its residents | |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Church updates <p>KH gave the following update on events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 9 June. A Medical Herbalist will give a talk on the use of | |

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| | <p>herbs for wellbeing. This will be followed by a supper featuring local produce, organic food etc. The event is free and donations will be welcome.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 12 June. In conjunction with Knit and Natter a fundraising craft fare will be held with the aim of raising money to buy 3 sewing machines for women in a village in Tanzania. This will provide them with the resources to make a living. ○ 16 July. The Kings Men from Cambridge will perform. Tickets are £20. ○ 29 June. The induction of the new vicar, Rob savage, will take place at All Hallows Almondbury. ○ 14 June. The next Eco Church working party will take place. Anyone willing to help should bring their lunch and any plants they may be able to spare. There is a lot of good quality soil in the churchyard if anyone would like to collect a barrowload. ○ 16 September. The Mikron Theatre Group will perform "Hush Hush" which is about the code breakers at Bletchley Park. | |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Knit and Natter <p>This group continues to meet on Thursdays at the Golden Cock. Some new members have recently started attending.</p> | |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WI <p>The WI will be having a stall at the Farnley Festival. The next meeting is 28 May. This is a general meeting and new members are always welcome.</p> | |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Garden Gang <p>Mulch and bark will be delivered on Saturday 9th around 10.30am. Help to weed the ground on Friday and spread the mulch on Saturday is very much needed. It was agreed to redeploy some Tidy Tyas group to help on Saturday. LH informed the group that 2 more flower tubs have been sponsored and will be purchased and sited.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Farnley in Bloom <p>RW said that we now know that the assessment will take place during the first week of July. A discussion on how everyone can get involved took place. It was noted that there are lots of weeds in the village and people may need support and advice. It was agreed to put a message in the newsletter.</p> | |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Farnley Walkers <p>The next walk will be on 19 May, starting at 1.30pm</p> | |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Farnley Readers <p>The book this month is The Old Curiosity Shop which will be discussed on 18 June at 7.00pm in the Golden Cock function room.</p> | |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Farnley Flutter <p>The draw for May was made, the winner will be informed.</p> | |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Farnley Festival <p>DC confirmed that all tickets were now sold. The permitted number was 500 with 64 required for stall holders etc. One outstanding concern was the need for volunteers to come forward to help on the day. The schedule was being prepared and more help required. DC said if anyone could help for just an hour it would be greatly appreciated. This was required not only on the festival day but the day before to set up and afterwards to clear</p> | |

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| | <p>away. The group sent thanks to JD and NH for their work in support of the festival.</p> | |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Farnley Tyas Arts and Cinema Club <p>The next screening will be in September and the programme will be available by late July.</p> | RW |
| 7 | <p>Provide a platform for dialogue, cooperation, and mutual assistance among the residents</p> | |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Committee meeting update <p>A Committee meeting was held in early April and NW gave the meeting a summary of the discussions. Concern was expressed over the future membership of the committee with NW, BH, JD, NS all intending to step down in November. There are already vacancies and we need new people to come forward in good time.</p> <p>It had been noted that a village car park could be created and Rochester Bridge Trust they said that they would be supportive in principle to some of their land being used provided they were not involved in the management of this. One possible suggestion was land at the back of Yew Tree development creating an access via New Lane. It was agreed that there were many things to consider re: feasibility by whoever has proposed this idea.</p> | ALL |
| | <p>Encourage the participation and involvement of all residents in the group's activities and decision-making</p> | |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Finance Update <p>The Treasurer gave a financial update with very little change in the last month.</p> | |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community Fundraising Scheme <p>Village entry points have been agreed but this is contingent on engagement with Highways that has not been forthcoming.</p> | |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Newsletter <p>The next newsletter is due at the beginning of June. A number of articles have been prepared and others in the pipeline. DC asked for contributions before 23 May.</p> | All contributions to DC by 23 May. |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supporting local business <p>The owner of Spring Wood Flowers has been interviewed and an article will be in the next newsletter. Filed Café and The Golden Cock have also been contacted</p> | SM to chase |
| 8 | <p>Preserve and celebrate the cultural, historical, and natural heritage of the village</p> | |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Field Lane <p>Residents on Field Lane are very unhappy with the work done on the lane which is not to the expected standard. NW has written to Kirklees and had a reply saying that the developer had done all that had been asked. Field Lane is a bridle path and any long term solution would mean a change to this status so nothing more can be done at this time. Residents expressed their frustration with this especially as now the lane does not have potholes traffic speed has increased.</p> | |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yew Trees Farm <p>NW has again complained to the Council and Rochester because New Lane continues to be used to access the site. KB reported that no new applications to change conditions have been received.</p> | NW will consider options for escalating this issue. |

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| | <p>A further application under the Agricultural Rights Regulations has been made for a track at Ivy Farm for access to space to store hay bales. An issue is the size and possible impact. Comments close at the end of May.</p> <p>Clarification issued following circulation of the minutes: Please note it is NOT a track that permission is being sought for, it is a hard standing area for bales. The word track had to be used as a reference because Kirklees Council do not have a reference option for 'hard standing'.</p> <p>In the new location being applied for, it is anticipated that the bales will have less visual impact than they do currently as they will be behind woodland (Whinny Wood).</p> <p>Just to reiterate the word "track" is only being used as a reference for the council.</p> <p>Apologies if we have inadvertently misled and we sincerely hope this clarifies the position.</p> <p>KB also reported that Kirklees Council have now approved planning for 261 dwelling on the Storthes Hall Student accommodation site. The retirement village plans are still active with 300 dwellings already approved. This makes the issue of traffic calming / management all the more pertinent.</p> | |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tidy Tyas Will take place on 10 May and support the Garden Gang work as previously discussed. | |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Farnley in Bloom Previously discussed. | |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feedback from Rochester Bridge Trust visit At a recent visit by Rochester bridge Trust NW and SM were shown the field where over 4000 trees have been planted by RBT to offset the carbon impact of the Yew Tree development. NW said he was particularly impressed as the RBT were under no obligation to do this, not being involved in the development. NW read the RBT press release. Further details will be in the newsletter. | |
| 9 | <p>AOB RW mentioned that the next dry stone walling session is planned for 11 September.</p> | |
| | <p style="text-align: center;">Date and Time of next meeting Wednesday 4 June 2025, 7.15pm. Farnley Tyas Bowling Club</p> | SM |