



Farnley Tyas Community Group Minutes

Wednesday 1st May, 2024

	ITEM
1	<p>Welcome and Apologies</p> <p>Present: BH-W (minutes), KH, LR, TH, JH, JWd, RW, MH, PH, BA, NH (Vice Chair), LH, JWt (Treasurer), NS, NC, MB, BM, CM, JD, PB</p> <p>Apologies: CL, SK, RB, NH-W, JF, RF, CB, DG, SR, TR</p>
2	<p>Declaration of Interest:</p>
3	<p>Accuracy of Previous Minutes / Adoption:</p> <p>Proposed: FH</p> <p>Seconded: JH</p>
4	<p>Matters Arising (not covered in agenda)</p> <p>Bollards have been repainted. BA thanked for support with this. Raised that only those near the Golden Cock have been painted, BA to chase progress on those next to the Church.</p> <p>Traffic calming discuss in committee meeting. NW to use contacts provided by BA to understand what (if anything) is possible and if there are any schemes that the village could fund raise for. Raised that traffic calming has been introduced in Almondbury on approach to Castle Hill (not the scheme near King James School). BA to find out how this had been achieved.</p> <p>Rochester Bridge Trust has been written to, making them aware of agricultural vehicle damage to verges and products used to treat fields adjacent to Thurstonland Road. Concerns have been forwarded to Savills who have discussed with tenants.</p> <p>NW has written to planning re: Yew Tree conditions not being met. This has been acknowledged and is with Kirklees Planning who are looking into this. A</p>

	<p>summary update was provided on behalf of the working group who have been looking into the issues. It was acknowledged that it is a time-consuming exercise to interrogate planning documents, especially with no prior detailed knowledge of the planning process :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chair has sent the final draft of the email to Katie Chew (Planning Officer), with amendments suggested by working group, on behalf of the Committee • Residents have also emailed separately to register dissatisfaction with some of the submitted information in support of discharging Condition 29 of Application No. 2021/93x006. This information relates to the existing dry stone boundary wall at the north-east corner of the site, which has been identified as a heritage asset. View is that 'It is unacceptable to replace this wall with new stone'. Dissatisfaction expressed around inconsistent and missing information and a lack of clarity on the plans about boundary walls in general and materials used for them. View expressed that boundaries should be built in old stone. • Little detail available around phasing of the development. Issue around Public Right of Way, impact on St Lucius Church, not marking out tree preservation orders. • Suggestion provided as to specific planning conditions (list provided to Chair). • Access to the south of the site from Farnley Road is prohibited under the planning conditions but this appears to have been the sole point of access to date. Some demolition work has taken place but nothing significant for a few weeks. Some site activity noticed in recent days. • Unclear whether planning enforcement has been undertaken to date. <p>Discussion held about FTCTG's previous approach / stance to large planning developments in the past. Specific agenda items had been put on the meeting agenda and residents notified, particularly when consultation periods were live. Presentations given by working group members and would typically generate high attendance including from those who were not regular meeting attendees. Summary updates have been emailed to FTCTG circulation list and on social media. Stance of the FTCTG Committee in terms of wider resident participation and awareness raising was to encourage residents to make their views known, whatever the views might be. Situation now is slightly different in that planning permission has been granted, albeit some conditions appear not to be adhered to.</p> <p>Agreed to make the template emails available to residents to send on their own behalf, on request. Please contact farnleytyascommunitygroup@gmail.com</p> <p>Request from Councillor Bill Armer that any residents contacting the Planning Officer (katie.chew@kirklees.gov.uk) also copy in himself (bill.armer@kirklees.gov.uk).</p>
5	Open Forum

	<p>Key themes discussed:</p> <p>Condition of roads through centre of the village are still a concern although some of the larger potholes have been filled. Resurfacing of Thurstonland Road is currently underway.</p> <p>Concerns expressed about the general condition of the infrastructure and environment in and around the village – large amounts of litter, crumbling walls, weeds growing out of pavements. Tidy Tyas is tackling the litter and other residents also collect litter independently. The issue of the walls is difficult because there are multiple landowners, some of whom are no longer actively farming the land. BA confirmed that Kirklees Highways are only responsible for walls which are supporting the highway, otherwise it is the landowner's responsibility. If a wall has fallen and is obstructing the highway, the council will clear the obstruction and invoice the landowner (but not rebuild the wall). Trees which cause an obstruction are the responsibility of Kirklees Forestry department. Concerns expressed about trees on Woodsome Road (which is a fast road with sharp bends). Residents to email BA about tree issues.</p> <p>Concerns raised about the condition of the Golden Cock building as a community asset, window frames seem to be in poor condition, same for toilets. Landlord is Punch Taverns and run by managers. Current managers have done a great job in running the place. Previous had meeting between FTCCG and Punch Taverns many years ago, discussion about whether to contact them again to raise concerns. Agreed in first instance to speak to managers to see if they have any suggestions.</p>
6	<p>Financial Statement</p> <p>The details are:-</p> <p>Current Cheque book account balance end of April - £1,742.00. The value at the end of March was - £1,491.00.</p> <p>TOTAL in the Savings Account - £1,427.02</p> <p>TOTAL FUNDS - £3,169.02</p> <p>Movements since the last meeting in April are :-</p> <p>PAYMENTS IN</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £300.00 - Annual Grant from Kirkburton Parish Council <p>TOTAL PAYMENTS IN - £300.00</p>

	<p>PAYMENTS OUT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £44.00 - DK Print for FTCTG News Letter • £5.00 - HSBC Monthly Bank Charge <p>TOTAL PAYMENTS OUT - £49.00</p> <p>The current bank balance now includes at the moment - held in reserve as follows:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £450 - We have held for future Flutter winners • £900 - We should still hold approx £900 towards our future funds/buffer and running costs. • £22 - from the Annual Grant from Kirkburton Parish Council - from the 2023 Grant towards our running costs. <p>TOTAL to hold in the FTCTG Current Account - £1,372</p> <p>This still leaves approx £827 held in the FTCTG Savings Account we could still use towards a good cause and benefit for the Village Community. Plus the £600 in reserve from the last Christmas Carol Event.</p> <p>We have now received the Annual Grant for 2024 from Kirkburton Parish Council (KPC) for £300. Many thanks to KPC once again.</p> <p>Planter tubs around the village have been replaced at a cost of £300.</p>
7	<p>Summary of Committee Mtg Held 16/4/24</p> <p><u>Secretary replacement</u></p> <p>Discussed current situation. Some names were suggested and will be pursued at the earliest opportunity. In the meantime, NW has asked for help from committee members in FTCTG meetings to take notes, as it is difficult to concentrate on chairing and note taking at the same time.</p> <p><u>Feedback survey</u></p> <p>Response of 24 (please see update at item 17) so far with a broad range of comments. Only one volunteer to get more involved in the committee but not immediately. Agreed that we'd plug again on facebook and email with a deadline of the end of the month and leave it at that. We'll present on the findings in the June FTCTG meeting.</p> <p><u>Response to traffic issues from FTCTG meeting</u></p>

NH-W has received some contacts in the council via BA and will pursue.

Response to Yew Trees development and condition breaches

NH-W has drafted a letter following as agreed in the last FTCTG meeting. Things are changing quite rapidly so will pick this up with the sub-group that has formed and amend as required. JD will be the conduit between the sub-group and the committee and will recommend further actions to FTCTG as required.

Plan to replace tubs

All in hand. LR to coordinate (6 to be replaced in total, will require soil). Is proposing Friday 26th April in the evening and is looking for volunteers. LR will email with further information once she has it.

Social media management

Checked in the BH-W to see if he was managing or whether we need to rotate. BH-W okay at the moment and will monitor the situation.

Website development update

BH-W, NH and NS have met and NS gave a demonstration of the new template. Looks great. Plan required to migrate existing material onto the new template and to coordinate getting new material onto the website. NS will present at the next FTCTG meeting.

Running costs

NH-W is confident that local business will contribute to FTCTG running costs following tentative conversations. Wants to be able to offer minimum of 4 x Newsletters per year and for website to be completed before this is pursued.

Garden Safari

All in hand. FH just needs committee members to support by turning up on the day.

Garden Gang

The gang continue to do great work on the rec. Concerns remain that the 'gang' may still not communicating with one another or acting in a coordinated way. To be raised in the next FTCTG meeting.

Newsletter

Discussed timescales for next Newsletter. FH would like to produce prior to the garden safari. Call for ideas for articles and the next newsletter will need

	<p>to be ready for publication mid -June. Could do a 'you said, we did' article following the survey. NS happy to sort printing.</p> <p><u>D Day at 80</u></p> <p>NW pursuing. As a minimum we need to organise readings at the memorial and light the lantern of peace (ordered), bells will ring. NH-W has approached Field re: Fish and Chips supper. Could do with a band at the memorial. NH-W will approach GC re: brass band.</p> <p><u>Coach trip day out</u></p> <p>Due to lukewarm response, and financial risk if not fully supported, decision made to shelve the idea for now.</p> <p><u>Constitution</u></p> <p>Group worked through the doc. and made decisions required to get this completed. BH-W will amend, circulate to the committee for fine tooth-combing and will then present in June FT CG meeting.</p> <p><u>Farnley Arts</u></p> <p>RW shared the opportunity for the church to be a venue in next year's Holmfirth Arts Festival.</p> <p><u>Welcome Packs</u></p> <p>FH and NH-W to review current content and will coordinate (offer of support from JD). Will also link in the website team and make sure welcome info. is also available on the website.</p> <p><u>AOB</u></p> <p>SK updated on Ivy Farm re: putting right the track. Owner has been notified that he has one month to address before prosecution.</p> <p>SK has been in touch with Rochester BT re: concerns about how tenant farmers are operating on the land. No response. NW will nudge if required.</p>
8	<p>Council Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kirklees Council Currently in pre-election period (election is 2nd May) so little activity to report. BA urged residents to use their vote in the election and to take ID with them. Kirkburton Parish Council Cllr RB sent apologies.

9	<p>St Lucius Church</p> <p><u>Foraging walks</u>: two have been organised by Eco-church group this spring Monday 20th May at 7pm and Wednesday 5th June 7pm from church (the church apologises for clash with FTCTG but limited by availability of walk leader) The walk is around Farnley Tyas and being lead by Sue Solomon who is a medical herbalist. Places are limited and booking is essential by contacting Gillian on 01484 603999.</p> <p>The Eco-group is also organising a <u>Jumble Sale</u> (old style!) on Saturday morning 4th May in keeping with ethos of recycling. If any FTCTG members have any jumble they wish to donate please bring to church on Tuesday, Saturday or Sunday mornings.</p> <p>Planning applications to be submitted to instal solar panels on church roof on the south-facing roof (unseen from the road). Hopeful that if passed, energy generated could remove need for current gas heaters which are energy inefficient and a new solution is needed.</p> <p>Thanks expressed to everyone who has provided help with Eco-Church, particularly work in the churchyard. A lot of residents had provided plants for the borders. Further plant donations very welcome, can be left inside the church porch.</p> <p>Kath Hinchliff is taking over the overall co-ordination of the Community Café rota to avoid duplication. Anyone who is able to volunteer time on a Tuesday morning please speak to KH.</p>
10	<p>Tidy Tyas</p> <p>Usual time, 10 am, meet at 4 New Lane Terrace on Saturday (4th May)</p>
11	<p>D-Day 80, Thursday 6th June</p> <p>Church bells will “ring for peace” at 6.30pm and there will be a reading / lighting of the lantern of peace at 9.15pm at the memorial. Request for volunteers to do the reading which is the “International Tribute”. (7 x short stanzas -it would be good if we could have a diverse mix of readers, maybe 1 per verse) Request for speakers. BH-W and possibly KH.</p> <p>Treasurer has ordered and received the lantern. This will be donated to the Church following the commemorations.</p> <p>To commemorate (and as encouraged by the national campaign), Field is doing a ‘fish and chip’ evening -we’re all encouraged to have a fish n’ chip tea! Details to be confirmed but Field are proposing options of a sit down fish and chip supper, fish butties, and takeaway. Vegetarian options will be available. Villagers are encourage to support.</p>

	NW has approached DC and GC re: getting a brass band (Slaithwaite) to play war time tunes (possibly 2 slots, one at Field and one at the memorial prior to the reading).
12	<p>Garden Gang</p> <p>The gang met on Saturday to replace village tubs and then headed to the park to tackle brambles. Huge thanks to all involved.</p> <p>Next Garden Gang will be Saturday 1st June.</p> <p>Next dry stone walling session planned for 19th June from 6pm. It is hoped that a weekday evening may attract more avid volunteers. Villagers are encouraged to attend.</p> <p>Request for the gang to coordinate their efforts with one another, communicate effectively and try and reach a consensus. Any spend will need to be agreed by the committee in advance, and spend will only be considered if there is consensus with the gang. The committee (chair) does not expect to manage or arbitrate garden gang matters.</p>
13	<p>Tubs Update</p> <p>New tubs were replaced Saturday 27th. Thanks expressed to LR for coordinating, all of the volunteers who helped out and the villagers who look after their respective tubs throughout there year.</p>
14	<p>New Website Demo</p> <p>NS provided a demo of our 'new look' website. Still a work in progress and content will continue to be added. Will also be tweaked so it can also be viewed on a mobile phone. Request for keen photographers to share any snaps around the village. Option to give logins to allow individuals to create photo galleries. Live feed from new Instagram account! Will have links to facebook and potential sponsor organisations.</p> <p>Please can anyone who is involved in any local groups (e.g. WI, Knit and Natter, Readers Group, Bowling Club, St Lucius) please share dates with us at farnleytyascommunitygroup@gmail.com so we can include these. Likewise if anyone wants to submit any photos.</p> <p>Very positive feedback about the new website and thanks expressed to NS for his work on this.</p>
15	<p>Garden Safari</p> <p>Date agreed 6th July, 2024 Not for the general public (villagers and their families, WI members, church members and Bowling Club members)</p>

	<p>Newsletter will go out by the end of June so that residents are aware of the arrangements.</p> <p>1pm – 6pm Each garden will open for an hour (as a minimum), some offering refreshments for a donation</p> <p>£5.00 per person, accompanied children free, no dogs. To make clear in publicity that this is cash-only.</p> <p>Buffet supper at Field from 7pm, this will need to be pre-ordered and paid in advance. FH to take orders at the June meeting.</p> <p>If anybody wishes to participate (i.e. volunteering their garden), please get in touch.</p>
16	<p>Farnley Readers</p> <p>Inaugural book club meeting was a success and there is clearly an appetite to run a book club in the village.</p> <p>The next book will be “Remarkably Bright Creatures” by Shelby Van Pelt. 7pm, Wednesday 15th May, Golden Cock Function Rm. All welcome.</p>
17	<p>Feedback Survey</p> <p>31 responses to date, 80% expressed satisfaction with the community group. Survey will close end of April. All encouraged to participate if they haven't already. Findings will be analysed and shared at the next meeting. Thanks to JD for taking on this project.</p>
18	<p>Flutter</p> <p>Winning number for May 24 is 31. The lucky winner has been notified.</p>
19	<p>AOB</p> <p>Replacement Bench – Request for a replacement bench for one in the recreation ground which is in a poor condition. Agreed need for a durable replacement which would last longer than the current one, given weather conditions. Treasurer to identify a suitable model, funding was agreed in principle.</p> <p>Farnley Bank footpath. Kirklees had made order to add the path as a Public Right of Way. There has been one objection, which now means the matter is referred to the Secretary of State to decide, there is no timescale for this. The footpath extending from Moor Lane past the former brewery to connect with Manor Road has received no objections.</p> <p>Nyte Beat – Band have offered again to play for the FTCTG as they have in previous years. Committee to consider.</p>

	Date and Time of Next Meeting: Wednesday 5 th June, 7.15pm, Farnley Tyas, Bowling Club

Signed (proposer): _____

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