

Minutes of a Meeting of Council held on Wednesday 26th February 2025 at on the rising of the Planning Committee at Greenacre Hall

Present Cllrs Hunt, A Carr, J Carr, Collins, Gantschuk, Taylor & Warrior

FC/2024/107 Public Participation

15 members of the public in attendance. Concerns were raised about the proposed new mast on Cold Harbour Farm. The Chairman explained that the Parish Council's role is as a consultee only and that a response to the consultation would be submitted by the Parish Council. Should a planning application arise later then the Parish Council intends to comment on it as a statutory consultee.

FC/2024/108 Apologies for absence submitted to the Clerk and consideration of the reasons for absence

It was **resolved** to note apologies and accept the reasons for absence from Cllr Gable

FC/2024/109 Declarations of interests

NIL

FC/2024/110 Minutes of the previous meeting

It was resolved to accept the minutes as a true record of what transpired at the meeting

FC/2024/111 Information arising from the minutes not specified elsewhere on the agenda

The Parish Clerk for Burley had confirmed that they did not receive a grant from the airport for Christmas Lights

FC/2024/112 Residents' concerns about graffiti in the Parish

The residents' concerns were noted and Council was advised that the Town St SID unit had graffiti on it. The Clerk to inspect and arrange for removal.

FC/2024/113 Consultation on a proposed new mast - Cold Harbour Farm Bayton Lane

Members reviewed the consultation and considered comments from residents and it was **resolved** to respond as follows:

The Parish Council has received representations from residents; predominantly objecting to, but

some supportive of the proposal.

The Parish Council acknowledges the need for improved cellular services in Rawdon however the proposed location is of considerable concern.

Our work developing the adopted Neighbourhood Plan evidenced the very high value residents place on the Billing (Cold Harbour Farm area) and the views of it and from it. It is the iconic visual focal point of the village. There is great affection for it as a defining and iconic feature of Rawdon. This was re-enforced, at every consultation, throughout the development of the Neighbourhood Plan. As part of the process we asked children from Rawdon to design the covers. The Billing appeared in the vast majority of their designs, one of which forms the rear cover. This serves to further underline the significance of the location to local residents.

The area is a protected green space within the Neighbourhood Plan (see appendix 1 of attached adopted Neighbourhood Plan for the parameters of the protected green space).

The siting of a mast needs to take into account more than just the technological suitability of a site. The site chosen appears to impact negatively on both the view of the billing and the view from at least one of the principal vantage points.

The Parish Council would therefore strongly suggest and request that you review your proposals and identify a site that is in alignment with the Neighbourhood Plan and the importance attached to the billing by local residents.

FC/2024/114 Options for storage of the Council's equipment

Members reviewed the available information and it was **resolved** that the Chairman investigate options on Kirkstall Road

FC/2024/115 Grant application from Rawdon In Bloom

Members reviewed the two applications from Rawdon In Bloom and the request for support to provide an event linked to the national judging. It was **resolved** to award a grant of £500 for the tools and to confirm that the Parish Council will only consider one grant per calendar year from any community group. It was further **resolved** that the Parish Council did not have the capacity to support a further event in the summer.

FC/2024/116 Arrangements for upcoming events

Summer Gala – members reviewed the entertainment options and it **resolved** to have the following entertainment

Dangerous Steve Climbing wall Local dancers Cheerleaders Children's Choir Joy Choir Funfair as 2024 Stalls Fire Engine (subject to operational availability) Schools Fancy Dress Competition

Signed..... Date.....

Annual Parish Meeting – it was **resolved** to hold this on Wednesday 2nd April at 7pm before the Planning Committee

FC/2024/117 Year to date finance report

Members reviewed the report and it was **resolved** to accept the report

FC/2024/118 Approval of payments in accordance with the schedule of payments

It was **resolved** to make the following payments

Payroll	£ 1,795.86
Room Hire	£ 50.00
Event fee	£ 50.00
In Bloom Core funding	£ 500.00
First Aid Course	£ 1,080.00
Total	£ 3,475.86

FC/2024/119 Reports of matters that members and the Clerk would like to draw to the attention of Council. Such matters to be noted on appropriate agenda.