

Kirkby Fleetham with Fencotes Parish Council

Minutes of meeting – Monday 15 January 2024 at 7.30 pm.

Present: Parish Councillors: Mr Jones, Mr Walker, Mrs Herbert, Mrs Edwards-Heathcote, Mr Lamperd, and 1 resident.

Residents raised no matters of concern.

1. Apologies

North Yorkshire Councillor Wilkinson.

2. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday, 16 November 2023 were accepted as an accurate record of the meeting proceedings and signature agreed upon.

Acceptance was proposed by Cllr Jones and seconded by Cllr Lamperd.

3. Matters to Report

The Close

The area Property Surveyor, Broadacres has determined that The Close, Kirkby Fleetham does fall under Broadacres' responsibility. Maintenance of the road edging is awaited. The Clerk is to hasten a positive outcome with Broadacres.

Precept

The Clerk has notified North Yorkshire Council of the Council's decision to increase the Parish Precept to £8,200.

Trees on Kirkby Lane

Highways believe that any trees overhanging the highway are boundary trees so they will not cut them back. Cllr Wilkinson has asked one of the Highway Officers to drive the road and if any trees are deemed to be an obstruction for the highway to write to the adjacent landowners and ask them to arrange cutting back.

Vehicle Activated Speed Sign (VAS)

The Clerk will download a new cache of data for analysis and archive.

Lumley Lane

A Highway Officer inspected the covers causing concern on Lumley Lane on 20 November 2023. They advised that only one manhole was damaged to a point where it met Highways intervention criteria and they carried out a repair to the cover whilst on site. The remaining covers did not meet Highways intervention levels for attention but they will now be monitored when Officers are in the area and should they deteriorate to actionable levels in future they will be attended to at that point.

Village Green Repairs, Kirkby Fleetham

The Village Green has been levelled and reseeded.

Community Emergency Plan

The Clerk now has all the information to complete the Community Emergency Plan. Once complete, the Clerk will circulate the plan to the Councillors and print a hard copy for storage at the Village Hall. The Clerk is to email a copy of the Community Emergency Plan to the Emergency Department at North Yorkshire Council.

Urban Grass Cutting 2023/24

The Council has received the payment for Urban Grass Cutting 2023/24.

4. Burial Grounds

a) Parish Cemetery

The pest controller caught two moles and removed his traps. Existing mole hills are now to be levelled in order to determine any new indication of further mole infestations.

The Clerk has contacted the undertakers to rectify the grave that had dropped below ground level and asked for it to be re-levelled and seeded at their earliest opportunity.

The internal hedgerows have now been cut and strimmed, excess cuttings are to be burnt on site at a future date.

The paved area for hosting the waste bins has been provisionally constructed, but is requiring of some remedial works to raise the level of the paving stones. Securing and levelling of the paving under the bench remain works in progress. The posts for the 'Parish Cemetery' sign have been installed. Cllr Walker will instate the sign once replacement brackets are collected.

b) St Mary's Churchyard

Cllr Herbert is to provide quotes to the Clerk for the repair of the 'loose' headstone in St Mary's churchyard.

c) St Andrew's Churchyard

After a recent visit to the Parish Cemetery, it was noted there is an adjacent mole infestation in St Andrew's Churchyard. The Clerk is to inform pest control.

5. Correspondence

NALC Chief Executives Bulletins (0101/24), Lumley Lane, Kirkby Fleetham (0201/24), The Rural Bulletins (0301/24), NYC bulletins (0401/24), White Rose Updates (0501/24), Training E-Bulletins (0601/24), North Kirkby Fleetham PC update/meeting dates (0701/24), Household Waste Recycling Centre (HWRC) Consultation (0801/24), YLCA Information Bulletin (0901/24), New council services - parish council consultation - Sent on Behalf of T&C (1001/24), YLCA Law and Governance Bulletin (1101/24), The Rural Bulletins (1201/24), A684 Morton on Swale Bridge - OPEN (1301/24), D Day 80- letter and information from the Pageantmaster, Bruno Peek (1401/24), Kirkby Fleetham PC request Highways (1501/24).

Flagpole Maintenance

The Clerk has received notification that the flagpole is scheduled for an annual service. The cost of the service would be £342. Councillors unanimously agreed that a service is not needed at this time.

6. Finance

a) Parish Council Insurance Renewal

It was proposed by Cllr Jones and unanimously agreed that the Council accept the renewal notice for a Local Council Insurance Policy with Clear Insurance Management for 12 months, commencing with effect from 1st January 2024.

b) It was resolved to pay the following and the payments were signed accordingly:

Chq	Amount	Payee	Service
BACS		N.Lowe	Wages (incorporating back pay)
BACS	£50.00	Imprint Business Services	A5 Flyers - Inspiring Memories for Garden Space Project - Inv SI-36862
BACS	£155.00	AW Dick	Burial ground - hedgerow cut and strimmed
BACS	£132.00	HMRC	Income tax (Oct, Nov and Dec 2023)
BACS	£96.70	North Yorkshire Council	Printing of archival material
BACS	£1063.80	V.Arrowsmith	Heritage consultant fees - Inv 2023-24 021
BACS	£115.00	Kirkby Fleetham Village Hall	Hire of the Village Hall - Invoice KFBVH 246.
BACS	£619.63	Clear Insurance Management	Local Councils Insurance Renewal - Inv LCO02411
BACS	£3,000	KF History Group	Solar Farm Grant - Install history room at the Village Hall
BACS	£12,000	Harland Builders	Lychgate interim payment - Inv 1051

This was proposed by Cllr Jones and seconded by Cllr Walker.

c) Income:

There has been £377.50 income for this month.

7. Planning

a) Applications

ZB23/02621/FUL: Construction of stable buildings for the accommodation of 20 horses including track room and feed store, portal-framed tractor shed and store, horse walker, sand pen, associated hardstanding's, equestrian workers dwelling and the associated change of use of agricultural land to equestrian.

Location: OS Field 8754 Lumley Lane Kirkby Fleetham North Yorkshire

Applicant: Mr Andrew Mullen

The Parish Council has no objections to the plans in principle, and agree with the idea and concept of the application. However, there are elements of the business that we would like more information on to allow for a more informed decision to be made. Therefore, the Council would like a time extension and further information to allow for a conclusive decision on the planning application. The Council would like to know if there is a 'Design and Access Statement' and any further information on the planned animal waste management.

b) Outcomes

ZB23/02621/FUL: Modification of condition 2 (Drawings) from previously approved application 20/02536/MRC- Variation of Conditions attached to Application Reference Number 19/01882/FUL-Installation and operation of a solar farm and associated infrastructure

Location: Landguard Forestry and Wood Fuel South Lowfields Farm, Lowfield Lane Kirkby Fleetham

Applicant: N/A

The decision on this proposal was: Granted.

ZB23/02621/FUL: Agricultural building for livestock

Location: Green Gate Farm Lumley Lane Kirkby Fleetham Northallerton

Applicant: PE and JH Heathcote

The decision on this proposal was: Granted.

8. Lychgate - National Lottery Heritage Grant

The progress on the oral history project is deemed good, with five successful interviews conducted to date.

A community event, showcasing the project and local history, is scheduled for 20 January 2024, at the Village Hall. Preparations for the event are well advanced.

The stone base of the Lychgate is completed, along with paving between support walls. Final pointing of the stone infill will be delayed until a frost-free period is confirmed due to the use of a lime-based material, which is susceptible to frost damage. The frame erection is set to commence on 15 January, weather permitting. Although slightly delayed from the previous plan, the prefabricated nature of the frame is expected to ensure rapid progress.

The Heritage Consultant has suggested four potential organisations for project evaluation services. While only three have specific contact details to date, early exploratory emails have faced challenges. The

Heritage Consultant will assist in securing a contact by requesting them to initiate contact with the sub-committee.

9. Highways Bridge Closures

Chairman and Vice Chairman of the effected parishes of Kirkby Fleetham with Fencotes, Morton-on-Swale, Scruton, Great Langton, Ainderby Steeple, Thrintoff & Aiskew and Leeming have been invited to a meeting hosted by Highways at County Hall to discuss the closure of bridges over the River Swale and associated closure of the A684. The meeting is scheduled for 24 January 2024.

Cllr Jones discussed the outline issues/concern that he will hope to raise at the meeting. These issues will cover, but not limited to, improving real time communication, deployment of digital notice boards, serviceability of local road networks, directional road signs for Langton Bridge and possible compensation / funding streams.

10. Community Transport and Social Care

An InfoNet appeal for more Hambleton Community Action (HCA) volunteers has been published.

A team of three senior members of HCA attended the Village Christmas Fayre, gathering details of villagers interested in further discussions.

The inaugural Villagers Minibus trip took place on 5 December, visiting Whitegates Garden Centre and Cafe for Christmas Afternoon Teas. Despite a last-minute reduction in participants due to health reasons, those who attended expressed satisfaction, and Cllr Jones volunteered as the driver. It was proposed to hold outings every two months, with a potential review for monthly outings, especially during the summer. The group was officially named "The Fleetham & Fencotes Outings Group" with a dedicated email address.

The next outing is scheduled for 20 February, with a full complement of 13 passengers and the Minibus booked for a visit to Kiplin Hall.

A bulletin announcing the formation and activities was published on the Village InfoNet service. Within the first hour, three positive responses were received, resulting in six new members.

11. Solar Farm Grants

A new application was received from the Kirkby Fleetham Primary School. The proposal is to upgrade the outdated playground surface and equipment located in the rear outdoor area Primary School.

The Parish Council have been asked to support the project with a £3000 grant. The Kirkby Fleetham Primary School has also raised other funds from fundraising activities organised by the Friends Committee.

The Council discussed the application and the Councillors agreed to support the application and award the Kirkby Fleetham Primary School with £3,000.

12. Any Other Business

Bus Shelter

Cllr Jones has received and is waiting for a second quote to repair the Parish Council-owned bus shelter roof in Kirkby Fleetham. Once quotes have been received a Solar Farm grant application will be collated and submitted for approval to the Council.

Noticeboard

The top lock on the Great Fencote noticeboard is not secured, which opens the display documents to the weather elements. The Clerk will seek to repair the lock.

Defibrillator funding from the Department of Health and Social Care

Organisations across England are being invited to bid for a share of £1 million of government funding to buy life-saving defibrillators for community spaces like town halls, local parks or post offices.

Cllr Herbert will look at securing funding for the Parish Council to install a new Defibrillator in the Parish.

D-Day 80th Anniversary Celebrations

The Parish Council shared the possible outline programme for the D-Day 80th Anniversary Celebrations, with community stakeholders. Cllr Herbert and Cllr Jones will seek to coordinate programme with other parish groups.

The meeting closed at 10:17 p.m.

Date of Next Meeting: 15 February 2024.