

Kirkby Fleetham with Fencotes Parish Council

Minutes of meeting – 20th October 2016 at 7.30pm.

Present : Mrs Booth, Mrs Herbert, Mr Dick, Mr Tubby, Mr Mitton, Cllr Barker, Cllr Phillips, Police Representative and 3 residents.

Mrs Booth welcomed the new Parish Councillor, Mr Mitton.

1. Apologies: There were no apologies.

2. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 15th September 2016 were accepted and signed. This was proposed by Cllr Dick and seconded by Cllr Booth.

3. Matters for Report

Item 15b – request for 30mph sign for Little Fencote. This was refused because the length involved fell below the Department of Transport Guidelines of 600m. Cllr Dick pointed out that there are a number of examples locally that do not meet that criteria and asked that the clerk write requesting NYCC to reconsider the decision.

Item 15c – Butchers Bank. Mr Stubbs has agreed to cut it.

4. Burial Ground

Cllr Booth reported that Mr Stubbs will cut the hedge from Mr Dick's field and be mindful of the trees within the hedge.

Notices reminding visitors to the Burial Ground that dogs should be on leads are in place.

An application for a memorial for 'Tommy' Wilson has been approved.

St Mary's Churchyard - Cllr Herbert reported that Mr Garner has cut the grass and a working party to clear the grass has been organized for Saturday morning, October 22nd at 10am.

5. Correspondence

HDC - Hambleton Parish Liaison Meeting, to take place on Thursday 17th November 2016 at Civic Centre, Stone Cross, beginning at 7pm. Cllr Tubby to attend. (0110/16); YLCA - Hambleton Branch Meeting, to take place on Wednesday 26th October 2016 at Northallerton Town Hall, beginning at 7pm. Cllr Booth to attend. (0210/16); YLCA - Council Tax Referendum Principles Consultation - noted (0310/16); RAF Leeming - Notification of increased aircraft movement, October 7th –21st 2016 (0410/16); Greenfingers Landscape Ltd – Ground Maintenance (0510/16).

6. Finance

a) It was resolved to pay the following and cheques were signed accordingly:

C.A. Mitton £73.95 for wages (chq 160).

C.E. and C.M. Walker £200.00 for grasscutting the greens in September, Inv.338 (chq 161)

A. Booth £35 for audit costs (chq 162)

Z.T. Dick £25.00 for grasscutting the Burial Ground and hedge trimming (B A chq 023)

Income: £90 had been received from Dales of Thirsk for a memorial.

Furniture Insurance: The clerk reported that Aon Insurance had quoted £269.91 for a total of 9 months.

Cllrs agreed that this seemed a large amount for the small number of items involved and would like to investigate further before making a decision.

b) Precept 2017/8

Following discussion it was agreed that whilst the current situation is very healthy, annual expenditure matches the precept figure very closely. There are a number of expenses still to pay this financial year which will decrease the balance by the end of the year but there will still be a significant figure to carry forward.

Cllr Dick proposed that the precept remain the same ie £6,500 for the next financial year, this was seconded by Cllr Herbert and agreed unanimously.

7. a) Applications

16/01964/FUL: Proposal: Proposed 2 storey extension to rear of property
Location: 21 Forge Lane Kirkby Fleetham North Yorks
Applicant: Ms Kate Smith

Councillors had no objections to this proposal but pointed out that a drain in the back yard is shared and should not be built over.

b) Outcomes

16/01387/FUL: Proposal: Change of use of annex to dwelling house
Location: Annex at Glebe Farm Low Street
Applicant: Mrs Lynn Ryder

This application was refused.

8. Village Hall

Village Hall representatives thanked Cllr Barker for his help with a £500 grant towards the car park and Cllr Phillips confirmed that the £5000 grant had been approved by HDC. It was explained that these grants, together with Village Hall funds left a shortfall of £2000. Cllrs discussed how the Parish Council could help and Cllr Dick proposed that materials up to that amount could be purchased by the Parish Council. This was seconded by Cllr Tubby and agreed unanimously.

The Village Hall Committee had received a letter of support from Hon. Rishi Sunak MP who had read about the new community cinema.

Scorton Surgery Survey for Patients – a letter is displayed in the shop and on the noticeboards.

Network Scruton – it was explained that this was a means of communicating with the community through email.

Mrs Morley asked if the Parish Council thought this could be of use in the parish and it was agreed that she should mention it in the next newsletter to see whether there was any interest.

Cllr Barker left the meeting having reported that the latest Minerals and Waste Consultation document will be issued within the next 2 weeks.

9. Community Emergency Plan

Cllr Herbert reported that the plan is progressing.

10. Seats

The bases have now been completed and the seats will be installed once these are dry.

11. Yellow Lines, Kirkby Fleetham

A notice proposing the changes to these was placed in the Darlington and Stockton Times on 30th September. There is then a 30 day period for objections so the position should be clearer by the November meeting.

12. Trees

Cllr Booth reported that she is meeting with Mr Braithwaite next week to discuss the 3 dead trees. Cllr Tubby pointed out that the oak on the green in Kirkby Fleetham is leaning so Cllr Booth will also ask for advice on that.

13. Litter Bins

It was agreed to leave this item until more information is available.

14. Football Posts

Cllr Booth reported that the Parish Council could apply for grants towards the costs. It was agreed that further information from the group involved would help councillors to make a decision as to whether to go ahead. Cllrs Booth and Dick offered to meet with the group before the next meeting and report back.

15. Request for new access across Common Land, Little Fencote

This is a complex process and councillors have sought advice from YLCA and established that the Common Land is owned by the Parish Council. Should the access be agreed it needs to go through a legal process and could attract considerable costs. Councillors asked the clerk to write to the applicant to ask if she is prepared to pay all costs. Until this is confirmed they they will not make any decision.

16. Village Newsletter – funding

Councillors resolved to donate £15 per month for the next 6 months towards the cost of paper and printing. This was proposed by Cllr Dick and seconded by Cllr Tubby. The possibility of including advertising on a quarterly basis, which would require additional paper, is to be considered.

17. Any Other Business

Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator – the Police Representative to ask Heather MacPherson (Community Police Officer) to look into this and contact the clerk.

Cllr Phillips informed councillors that the Preferred Sites Consultation starts at the end of October.

Fly Tipping – Cllr Herbert reported that she had noticed refuse being left close to Langton Bridge. The clerk to report this to HDC.

Aircraft Noise – it was noted that the recent exercises at RAF Leeming had been particularly noisy.

Bridleway beside the A1 – a request had been received from the contractors for walkers and riders to avoid this as it is not yet complete.

Marquee – the Feast Committee had requested permission to put a marquee on Kirkby Fleetham green on November 6th.

Walking Race – This will take place on 18th December and is a much smaller event than the previous one. It will be monitored closely by councillors following the previous problems. However, any repeat of the event that caused these problems would need further discussion with the group to resolve the various issues before it could be supported.

Meeting closed 8.55 pm

Date of Next Meeting : Thursday, 17th November 2016.