

# Kirkby Fleetham with Fencotes Parish Council

Minutes of meeting – 21 April 2022 at 7.30 pm.

**Present:** Parish Councillors: Mrs Herbert, Mr Jones, Mrs Booth, Mr Coop, Mr Walker, District Councillor Phillips and County Councillor Wilkinson. 2 residents.

Issues raised in the 10-minute session:

**Community Farm Project:** As a way of improving the environmental footprint of our food as well as increasing the availability and supply of fresh food can be achieved by community farming.

There are several examples of this being done successfully in various places and involves forming a group of people willing to dedicate some time to help grow foods in a designated plot of land that can then be distributed to the local area, and perhaps even local businesses such as pubs.

To gauge interest in the project the Parish Council recommended the resident create an article for InfoNet and the local Newsletter.

If there is enough interest, an outline plan can be created and a meeting set up to discuss with those who are interested.

- 1. Apologies:** There were no apologies.
- 2. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday, 17 March 2022** were accepted and signature agreed upon.

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

### 3. Matters to Report

**Flooding:** Yorkshire Water has confirmed they have no water assets where at the 2 reported sites. They have also tested the water and there is no chlorine. The Councillors agreed for the Clerk to contact Highways and report the flooding.

**Fencote Chapel:** The Clerk has contacted the owner of Fencote Chapel but hasn't received a response.

**Memorial:** If the family provide the bench as a memorial for their later father the Parish Council will happily site it in Parish.

### 4. Burial Ground

#### a) Parish Cemetery

The green bin licenses have arrived and have now been applied to the Parish Cemetery green bins.

The short grass cutting for the year has now commenced.

Cllr Booth will organise a pest controller to resolve the mole infestation.

#### b) St Mary's Churchyard

The Local Church Council feel that they are now in a position to agree to the Parish Council's request to erect a fence alongside the churchyard.

The Local Church Council are keen for the owner of the Kirkby Fleetham Hall to be informed of the plans, and why the Parish Council have taken this decision. It was agreed for the Clerk to

arrange a meeting with the Kirkby Fleetham Hall, Parish Councillors and the Churchwarden to discuss the plans.

**c) St Andrew's Churchyard**

The pest controller working on behalf of Hambleton has confirmed that they have finished at St Andrew's.

The Diocese has confirmed that they have prospective purchasers who have now submitted their planning applications. The Parish Council should be receiving a consultation request from the LPA soon. It is the Church Commissioners who carry out the formal consultation on behalf of the Church of England, rather than the Diocese. The Parish Council will be a consultee.

The Mission and Pastoral Measure dictates what happens to the net proceeds of the sale. One third is used to help fund the Churches Conservation Trust and two-thirds are returned to the Diocesan Pastoral Account. There are strict rules on what the money in the Pastoral Account can be used for, and this is a matter for the DBF to regulate.

A tree has fallen down on the boundary of the churchyard. Cllr Jones will take photos of the tree and forward them to Hambleton District Council.

**5. Correspondence**

Government response to the report on Local Government Ethical Standards (0104/22), The Rural Bulletins (0204/22), NYCC bulletins (0304/22), Local Council Powers: S137 and General Power of Competence (0404/22), White Rose Updates (0504/22), YLCA Webinar Training information (0604/22), North Yorkshire Independent Advisory Group (0704/22), Speed Matters: 20 is Plenty Campaign (0804/22), Community Farm Project (0904/22), Training E-Bulletins (1004/22), Will your parish Step out for Yorkshire this May? (1104/22).

These were all circulated via email.

**Highways:**

Cllr Wilkinson has requested a meeting with Highways, Kirkby Fleetham Village School, Safety Team & Travel Awareness, Highways and Transportation and the Parish Council to discuss the Parish's traffic issues.

**6. Finance**

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

Chq	Amount	Payee	Service
349		N.Lowe	Wages for April to date
41	£ 80.00	Hambleton District Council	2 green bin licences
350	£219.00	Yorkshire Local Councils Associations	YLCA 2022/23 Membership
351	£396.00	North Yorkshire County Council	Speed surveys

This was proposed by Cllr Coop and seconded by Cllr Herbert.

**b) Income:**

There has been £230.00 of income for the Burial Authority

**End of Financial Year Matters**

The completed annual accounts for 2021/22 were circulated prior to the meeting. The Councillors agreed to sign off the accounts in preparation for the internal audit.

As a consequence of the Parish Cemetery accounts being sufficiently robust it was proposed by Cllr Jones and seconded by Cllr Herbert for the Parish Cemetery account to repay the Parish Cemetery real estate loan of £680.71 every 6 months. This will also reduce the levels of expenditure of income from the Parish Council account.

## 7. Planning

### a) Application

**Proposal:** 21/00582/OUT: Outline Planning Permission for the construction of 1.no Dwelling (Use Class C3) with all matters reserved except access.

**Location:** Kenton 15 Lumley Lane Kirkby Fleetham Northallerton

**Applicant:** Mr Knaggs / Richard Roberts Ltd

By the vote of 3 to 1 with 1 abstain. The Councillors had no objections to the construction of one dwelling with the condition that it is only one dwelling only and it should be a bungalow to fit in with the existing streetscape on that side of Lumley Lane and that the boundary hedge is retained.

### b) Outcomes

No planning outcomes

## 8. Speed Survey Results

The results of the speed surveys were sent to the Clerk. Cllr Walker summarised the results and circulated them prior to the meeting.

2.6% of the flow of traffic at Kirkby Fleetham was over the speed limit of 30mph, 7.6% on Lumley Lan, Kirkby Fleetham and 32.3% in Great Fencote.

As a result of the speed surveys, Cllr Jones proposed and seconded by Cllr Herbert that the Parish Council accept Cllr Wilkinson's Locality Budget recommendation of £2,000 towards the purchase of a Vehicle Activated Sign to enable the Council to erect a Vehicle Activated Sign in Great Fencote. The Clerk will complete the letter of acceptance and return it to North Yorkshire County Council and get additional quotes for a Vehicle Activated Sign.

## 9. Flagpole Maintenance

The flagpole outside the Kirkby Fleetham Village Hall requires maintenance. The Councillors agreed for the Clerk to contact the company who installed the flagpole to conduct some general maintenance.

## 10. Proposed Diversion of Public Footpath

The County Council has received an application for the diversion of the Public Footpath No. 10.84-3, Lumley Lane. The proposed diversion is intended to divert the public footpath. The proposed route will be approximately 2 metres wide.

The Councillors had no objection to the proposed diversion.

## 11. Playground

The Parish Council recently met with landowners about the possibility of leasing around a ¼ of an acre of land to build a playground. The Councillors agreed for the Clerk to write to the owners to thank them for their time, confirm the area the Parish Council are interested in, the preferred lease term and the expected rental costs of the chosen area. Cllr Booth will draft the letter.

## 12. Solar Farm Grants

The Parish Council received a number of Community Fund Grant applications before the deadline. The Councillors discussed each application at length.

A list of projects has been selected by the Parish Council for further development. The Clerk will respond to each applicant with the Council's decision.

### **13. Village Hall Car Park**

The Clerk has written to Land Registry to clarify what evidence was used to register the land in 2005, but there has not been a response.

### **14. Queen's Platinum Jubilee**

The Wi has kindly agreed to make quiches for the Jubilee Beacon Event. The Feast has agreed to organise the drinks and a resident will organise the BBQ with help from Friends of the School.

It was agreed for the Clerk to research the possibility of closing part of Lowfield Lane for the Jubilee Beacon Event and Jubilee picnic.

### **15. Any Other Business**

**Election:**

Cllr Booth wished the fellow councillors success in their next term of office and she had enjoyed serving the community for near on 20 years

**The meeting closed at 10:10 pm.**

**Date of Next Meeting: To be confirmed.**

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