

Kirkby Fleetham with Fencotes Parish Council

Minutes of meeting – 12th September 2019 at 7.30pm.

Present: Parish Councillors Booth, Herbert, Coop and Jones, District Councillor Phillips and 3 residents.

Issues raised in the 10 minute session:

Newsletter contents – A request for an advert to be placed in the newsletter had been received. Councillors suggested that the website would be a better option. The Village Hall Committee will also be consulted for their views.

Village Hall – Councillors were informed that the transfer to CIO is continuing with a transfer of assets into the new status. The committee is working with the Charity Commission to ensure a smooth merger.

Visit to Allerton Waste, 9th October – 15 people have signed up and there is a waiting list of a further 8.

1. Apologies: County Councillor Wilkinson who hoped to arrive later, and Parish Councillor Bradley.

2. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday, 18th July 2019 were accepted and signed. This was proposed by Cllr Jones and seconded by Cllr Herbert.

3. Matters for Report

Item 9 - Minerals and Waste – Killerby Quarry Extension. Councillors had visited the quarry during August when they were given a guided tour of the site and shown some of the archaeological finds which was very interesting. Councillors again expressed their concerns about the corner on Low Street and the representative agreed to raise the possibility of more chevrons with NYCC Highways Dept in the next report. A one-way bridleway should be opened up in the near future.

4. Burial Ground

There had been 2 burials since the last meeting and councillors trimmed the hedge at the entrance prior to the first one as it was becoming overgrown.

There had been a query about positioning a headstone between 2 adjacent graves. Councillors agreed that, as the headstone marked the position of the grave, this would cause confusion as it would leave individual graves unmarked. It would also block the pathway between individual graves making grasscutting more difficult.

Working Party Date – It was agreed to wait until the boundary hedge had been cut.

Lych Gate – An architect had been approached to provide drawings for this. Cllr Booth will try to arrange a site meeting with the architect in the near future and notify councillors of the date.

St Mary's Church –

Working Party Update – Councillors expressed their disappointment that, once again, there had been no help from residents. The grass had been raked and the headstones checked. Two were judged to have moved further since the last inspection. The clerk was asked to contact Dales of Thirsk to see if they could deal with them and the cost for this. Cllr Booth and a member of the PCC will liaise on the mapping of the stones in case it proves impossible to effect a repair.

Cllrs had received a verbal report from the arborist with regard to the yew trees, stating that one or two overhead branches should be removed. He had also looked at the tree on Kirkby Lane which was causing concern and quoted a total cost of £150 for the work. It was resolved to contact the PCC and the landowner with regard to this.

County Councillor Wilkinson entered the meeting.

5. Correspondence

HDC – Hambleton Parish Liaison Meeting, Thursday, 18th July 2019 – Minutes of the Meeting (0109/19); YLCA – NALC Policy Consultation e-briefing (0209/19); YLCA – Consultation on Proposed Reforms to Permitted Development Rights to Support the Development of 5G and Extended Mobile Coverage (0309/19); Correspondence from resident re Hazardous Junction (0409/19); HDC – Notification of planning applications determined by Planning Committee – notification changes to Parish/Town Councils (0509/19); YLCA – White Rose August Edition (0609/19); HDC – Hambleton Local Development Plan Draft Consultation (0709/19) YLCA – NALC Model Financial Regulations (0809/19); NYCC Highways – hedgecutting response. Cllr Booth to speak to the landowner. (0909/19).

Also circulated: ‘Clerks and Councils Direct September 2019 Issue 125(1009/19).

6. Finance

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

C.A. Mitton for wages for July and August, plus an additional 4 hours administration for 2 burials. (chq 262).

C. E. and C. M. Walker £508.80 for grass cutting the village greens Inv 19191 and 19246 (chq 263 and 266).

HDC £288 for dog bin at Brewery Corner (chq 264)

Mr T Duffield £300 for tree work on Great Fencote greens (chq 265)

HMRC £82.40 for 2nd Quarter Income Tax (chq 267)

Mrs A Booth £15.22 for telephone costs relating to loan information (Chq BA 035)

b) Financial Statement

The clerk provided an interim statement with the Parish Council account standing at £7772, allowing for the September cheques. The forecast for the end of the financial year, allowing for known expenditure, is currently showing an overspend of £743 on the annual income. Whilst balances can cover this it for a short while councillors were advised to use this information when considering the Precept for 2020/2021.

The Burial Ground account currently stands at £8694 with anticipated of expenditure to 31st March 2020 of £150. The remaining funds will be used towards the proposed Lych Gate.

c) Income –VAT refund of £347.97 and from burials and plaques £790.

7. Planning

a) Applications

19/01252/FUL: Proposal: Installation of rooflights, fenestration and French doors; Lowering of eaves; Felling of Elm within Kirkby Fleetham Conservation Area

Location: The Manor House 16 The Green Kirkby Fleetham North Yorks

Applicant: Mrs Charlotte Denny

Councillors considered this proposal and concluded that there were no objections to the first 2 proposals but asked that HDC consulted with the arborist about the elm as it had an impact on the street scene within the conservation area.

Solar Panels Application 19/01882/FUL.

This had been posted on the portal the day before this meeting but there had been no official contact from HDC as yet.

Following long discussion councillors resolved to ask HDC for an extension of the response time to allow consultation with both the residents and Lightsource, especially about the ‘Construction, Decommissioning and Traffic Management Report’ submitted as part of the planning application.

b) Outcomes

There were no outcomes.

8. Local Development Plan – response to Hambleton

Following discussion councillors agreed that the soundness of the plan met local needs and the clerk was asked to

respond accordingly. They commented that they were aware of the burden placed upon Leeming Bar but didn't think that it was appropriate for them to comment on that on behalf of the Parish, this was an issue for individuals if they wished to do so.

9. Grass Cutting Contract 2020-21

Councillors examined the current contract and the areas identified within it. They will consider it further when it is due for renewal.

10. Trees – Kirkby Fleetham Green, Great Fencote Green and Todd Lane

The advice received from the tree surgeon with regard to Kirkby Fleetham is that the leaves need to fall before an accurate assessment can be made. This item to be placed on the appropriate agenda once a quotation is received.

The work to trees on Great Fencote green has been completed.

Cllr Booth reported that one of the Memorial Trees on Todd Lane has died due to being eaten by deer. She will research the cost of a replacement and councillors resolved that she should purchase one provided the cost did not exceed £30.

11. Course Feed-back

It was agreed by both councillors who attended that the course had been both interesting and informative. It brought up a number of issues which councillors discussed. Cllr Jones asked that 'Policy and Procedures' be placed on the next agenda.

12. Hergill Lane/Low Street Junction

Cllr Wilkinson reported that most of the missing signs have now been installed and the remainder were on order.

Concerns about speeding in the Parish had been expressed and councillors are looking into the possibility of asking for a police speed survey and for representatives of both NYCC Highways Dept and the police to attend a meeting to give advice.

There has still been no response from NYCC Highways Dept about the safety issues at the Hergill Lane/Low Street Junction.

13. Any Other Business

October Agenda Items – Speeding, Bus Shelter Kirkby Fleetham, PCSO report, Policy and Procedures.

Meeting closed: 9.55 pm.

Date of Next Meeting: Thursday, 17th October 2019.