Kirkby Fleetham with Fencotes Parish Council

Minutes of meeting – 17th October 2019 at 7.30pm.

Present: Parish Councillors Booth, Herbert, Bradley, Coop and Jones, District Councillor Phillips, County Councillor Wilkinson and 4 residents.

Issues raised in the 10 minute session:

Road Condition – residents again complained about the state of the road along the green leading to the Village Hall. As there is no footpath visitors to the Hall walk along this stretch of road, which is very uneven and could cause a fall, especially during the dark evenings. Cllr Wilkinson agreed to take this up again with NYCC Highways Dept.

Solar Farm – concerns were expressed about the amount of traffic which would pass through Kirkby Fleetham if this project goes ahead.

St Andrew's Church Closure – It was reported that the decluttering process was almost completed. A list of those items currently remaining would be provided for the Parish Council.

Cllr Booth reported that she had attended a meeting with Cllr Wilkinson and other interested parties to look at signage around the roundabouts at Coneygarth.

Visit to Allerton Waste, 9th October – This had been very interesting. Cllr Booth suggested that HDC recycling department can provide further information about the recycling process in the district. A Saturday morning, as part of the Hub activities, was suggested and she will approach the Hub to arrange it.

Coneygarth Lorry Parking – a resident reported observing a number of lorries parked on the roads around Coneygarth, causing obstruction. It was suggested that this was an issue for the police and Cllr Jones agreed to contact the local Community Officer.

1.Apologies: There were no apologies.

2. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday, 12th September 2019 were accepted and signed. This was proposed by Cllr Jones and seconded by Cllr Herbert.

Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting held on Thursday 26th September 2019 were accepted and signed. This was proposed by Cllr Bradley and seconded by Cllr Coop.

3. Matters for Report

There were no matters for report.

7. Planning

a) Applications

There were no applications to consider.

b) Outcomes

19/01252/FUL: Proposal: Removal of internal walls: Installation of rooflights, fenestration and French doors; Lowering of cills;
Location: The Manor House 16 The Green Kirkby Fleetham North Yorks
Applicant: Mrs Charlotte Denny

This application was granted

19/01253/LBC: Proposal: Installation of rooflights, fenestration and French doors; Lowering of cills; Felling of Elm within Kirkby Fleetham Conservation Area

Location: The Manor House 16 The Green Kikrby Fleetham North Yorks
Applicant: Mrs Charlotte Denny

This application was granted. Cllr Booth commented that there had been no arborist report provided as requested and Cllr Phillips agreed to follow up on this.

4. Burial Ground

The hedges have still not been trimmed along the boundary so it was agreed to place the Working Party on the November agenda.

Lych Gate – An architect had been approached to provide drawings for this and councillors met with him on site. Various proposals were discussed and the architect will provide drawings for consideration.

St Mary's Church –

Working Party- It was agreed that there is still some work required but as the weather has deteriorated it would be best to arrange this during a dry spell. Cllr Herbert offered to co-ordinate this and it was agreed that she would contact people with a suitable date.

Headstones - A representative of Dales of Thirsk had assessed the two stones causing concern and a quotation had been received. The clerk was asked to confirm that councillors would like the work to go ahead and place an item under 'Finance' to agree payment.

Cllrs Wilkinson and Phillips left the meeting.

Yew Trees – A quotation of £100 had been received for work on these and the clerk was asked to write to the PCC to ask if they would be prepared to share the cost.
The farmer and arborist are working together to solve the problem with the tree on Kirkby Lane that is causing concern.

5. Correspondence

The Pensions Regulator – re-enrolment procedures for April 2020 (0110/19); Citizen's Advice – Request for donation (0210/19); NHS Hambleton, Richmond and Whitby Clinical Commissioning Group – Friarage Hospital Consultation, placed on website (0310/19); Church Commissioners – Church of St Andrew, Great Fencote – it was agreed to forward a copy to Mr Thornton at HDC as they have responsibility for the maintenance of the graveyard (0410/19); HDC – Precept Request (0610/19); HDC – The Rural Housing Enabler offered to visit and talk about possible uses of Closed Churches; it was agreed to ask her to attend the November meeting (0710/10).

Also circulated: YLCA – 'White Rose' September Edition (0510/19)

6. Finance

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

C.A. Mitton for wages for September (chq 268).
C. E. and C. M. Walker £254.40 for grass cutting the village greens Inv 19301 (chq 269).

b) Income

The second instalment of the precept had been received - £3250.

c) Precept for 2020/21

Following discussion it was agreed that councillors would consider this further and make a decision at the next meeting.

8. Community Police Report

In the absence of the PCSO due to sickness Cllr Jones summarised the report. He was asked to contact the police to confirm that a copy could be placed on the website. The next visit from an officer is scheduled for January 2020.

9. Speeding – Speed Concern Form

Initial responses from the police had not been very helpful. It was agreed that, though the speed of traffic between villages was of concern, it was unlikely that vehicles were travelling above the limit of 60 mph and therefore these areas would not provide evidence of speeding. Councillors agreed to concentrate initially within the villages, where the limit of 30 mph was also an issue. Three areas were identified, one in each village and the clerk was asked to complete forms for these. As only one location can be monitored at a time, Great Fencote was identified as the first priority. It was hoped that once the process was set in motion conversations could take place about possibly reducing the speed limit between villages but evidence needed to be gathered first.

10. Trees – Kirkby Fleetham Green, and Todd Lane

Cllr Booth reported that she had enquired about a lime tree and the cost has now risen to between £35 and £37, above the budget agreed at the last meeting. Councillors resolved that she should purchase one and raised the maximum amount to £40.
Cllr Herbert had been investigating the cost of cherry and rowan trees to replace the ones on Kirkby Fleetham Green but would look further into this.

11. Bus Shelter

Councillors agreed that the roof on the bus shelter in Kirkby Fleetham is in need of repair. The clerk was asked to organise quotations for the next meeting.

12. Policy and Procedures

Cllr Jones circulated the action plan and proposed that, with minor adjustments, it should be adopted. Cllr Booth seconded this and it was resolved to do so.

13. Any Other Business

November Agenda Items –Policy and Procedures, Uses of Closed Churches.

Meeting closed: 9.15 pm.

Date of Next Meeting: Thursday, 21st November 2019.