

Kirkby Fleetham with Fencotes Parish Council

Minutes of meeting – 18th July 2019 at 7.30pm.

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

Issues raised in the 10 minute session:

Trees, Kirkby Fleetham Green: A resident raised the issue of one of the trees on the green which had some dead branches. As this item was on the agenda councillors agreed to consider it then.

1. Apologies: District Councillor Phillips who hoped to arrive later.

2. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday, 20th June 2019 were accepted and signed. This was proposed by Cllr Herbert and seconded by Cllr Bradley .

3. Matters for Report

Item 14 (1) The Flagpole: Cllr Bradley had spoken to the window cleaner who had agreed to clean the flagpole. The clerk had found a key for when the capsule needs to be checked.

4. Burial Ground

A Burial Authority meeting was held prior to this meeting, minutes attached.

Councillors considered the recommendation from the Burial Authority that consultation on installing the Lych Gate should go ahead. Councillors resolved to take this forward and Cllr Booth suggested that they should look at other examples locally. Councillors also discussed the re-siting of the Memorial Plaque within the Lych Gate, in which case it would need solid sides. Cllr Wilkinson indicated that she may be able to help with funding.

St Mary's Church –

Cllr Herbert reported that the trees at St Mary's need pruning. A working party was arranged for September 9th at 4pm when a headstone check would take place and the trees would be considered.

5. Correspondence

HDC – Hambleton Parish Liaison Meeting, Thursday, 18th July 2019 - revised agenda (0107/19); HDC Electoral Register – Review of Districts and Polling Places for Parliamentary Elections. Councillors asked the clerk to respond that the Village Hall was the best site, being accessible and light and with easy parking (0207/19); Kirkby Fleetham & District Floral and Horticultural Society, letter re Feast arrangements. Clerk to respond that councillors in agreement with their requests (0307/19); Letter from resident re beech tree on Kirkby Fleetham Green. To be considered under Item 11 (0407/19).

Also circulated: 'Clerks and Councils Direct July 2019 Issue 124 (0507/19); Rural Services Network ' Rural Funding Digest' July 2019 via email (0607/19); YLCA 'White Rose Update' July edition via email (0707/19).

6. Finance

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

- C.A. Mitton for wages for June, additional 2 hours for Burial Authority work and stamps (chq 260).
- C. E. and C. M. Walker £302.40 for grass cutting the village greens (chq 261).
- R.A. Burton- White £125 for grass cutting the Burial Ground June/July (chq BG 034)

Newsletter costs: following discussion councillors resolved to increase the contribution towards the additional printing cost from £15 to £25 per month. This was proposed by Cllr Jones and seconded by Cllr Booth.

b) Burial Authority recommendations

Councillors resolved to approve the Burial Authority recommendations that repayment of the outstanding loan for the land and set-up of the Burial Ground with current reserves was not a viable option due to costs imposed for this. It was agreed that the reserves should be used to provide a Lych Gate. They further resolved to approve the recommendation that fees should rise by 25% to reflect the fact that there had been no increase for 10 years and to match inflation during that time. Fees would be reviewed every 4 years in the future. These resolutions were proposed by Cllr Jones and seconded by Cllr Booth.

c) Income – There was no income in the period.

Election costs –HDC have confirmed the arrangements for payment over 4 years and the first instalment will be taken immediately. A breakdown of the costs was received as requested.

7. Planning

a) Applications

There were no applications to consider.

b) Outcomes

19/01092/FUL: Proposal: Proposed rear/side conservatory

Location: Rosedene Cottage Great Fencote North Yorks

Applicant: Mr & Mrs Craig

This application was granted.

8. Adoption of Draft Standing Orders

Cllr Booth explained that she had adjusted the numbering and, following consultation with YLCA, made the changes with regard to timing. Cllrs had now received the revised copies and it was resolved to adopt them and place them on the website. This was proposed by Cllr Booth and seconded by Cllr Herbert.

9. Minerals and Waste – Killerby Quarry Extension

Councillors are still concerned about safety on the corner and the lack of a barrier. The clerk was asked to write to Tarmac to ask for clarification on this issue and to remind them of the offer for a site visit.

10. Grass cutting – Little Fencote

Cllr Booth asked councillors to consider adding the corner along Fencote Hall to the contract for next year. It was agreed to discuss the contract further at the September meeting with a review of all areas currently being cut.

11. Trees – Kirkby Fleetham Green, Great Fencote Green and St Andrew's Churchyard

Following concerns about two trees on Kirkby Fleetham Green it was agreed to seek advice from a tree surgeon. The clerk was asked to contact the tree surgeon to review all the trees on the green.

Councillors had received a quotation for work on the trees on Great Fencote Greens of £300. It was agreed to accept this as there were Health and Safety issues.

HDC have received the report on the trees causing concern at St Andrew's Church and are acting upon it.

Cllr Herbert raised safety concerns about 2 trees on Kirkby Lane. It is believed that they form part of the hedgerow so she will speak to the farmers concerned.

District Councillor Phillips entered the meeting.

12. Dog Bins

The clerk was asked to contact HDC to arrange a further bin at Brewery Corner.

13. Hergill Lane/Low Street Junction

Cllr Wilkinson reported that the engineer had been out to look and she would contact the clerk when she had a response. They hoped to have the situation resolved by August.

14. Any Other Business

Village Hall – A Cycling Club had been using the parking area without permission, making it impossible for Village Hall users to park. This is an issue for the Village Hall.

Solar Energy – Cllr Bradley wished to point out that historically the Parish Council had tried to ensure that heavy vehicles didn't disrupt village life, and she had concerns regarding the development of the solar farm. Her comments were noted pending any planning application.

Neighbourhood Watch – Cllr Jones reported that the PCSO had offered to provide a report quarterly for the parish Council, they would be attending the Feast and promoting a fraud and scam initiative at the Village Hall together with 'No Cold Calling' areas.

Allerton Waste – Cllr Booth suggested the 16th October as a date for the site visit and would contact those interested.

September Agenda Items – Grass cutting contract, working party Burial Ground date.

Meeting closed: 8.45 pm.

Date of Next Meeting: **Thursday, 19th September 2019.**

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Minutes of the Burial Authority Meeting 18:07:2019

Present: Mrs Booth, Mrs Herbert, Mrs Bradley, Mr Coop, Mr Jones, Mr Garner.

Apologies: Mr Peirson

Minutes of the meeting held on 20th August 2015 were agreed as a true record. This was proposed by Mrs Booth and seconded by Mrs Herbert.

Grass Contract:

The timing of the 'topping' had been too early this year as the wildflowers hadn't set their seeds. The clerk was asked to contact the contractors to see if this could be done in July in the future.

It was also agreed to ask Mr Burton-White to leave the snowdrops to die back.

Finance:

Bank Account:

The clerk provided a financial statement showing the income generated through burial costs, exclusive rights and cremations over the past 4 years. Allowing for repayment of the loan there is insufficient income generated to cover costs.

Burial Fees: Following discussion it was recommended that fees should rise to reflect inflation during the past 10 years. 25% was the figure proposed by Mr Jones, and this was seconded by Mr Garner, for consideration at the Parish Council meeting. It was also agreed to introduce a reservation fee for the Cremated Remains plots of £65. These prices to be reviewed every 4 years in the future.

Repayment of the loan: Following long discussion members of the authority concluded that the penalty for repaying all or part of the loan early was too high to make this a viable use of reserves. It was therefore recommended that the Parish Council go ahead with plans for a Lych Gate.

St Mary's – Headstone Check:

This was set for **Monday 9th September** beginning at 4.00pm. It was also agreed to use the time for a general tidying up session and reviewing the yew trees which are causing concern.

Monthly Rota

There was discussion about the rota and grave measuring. The clerk offered to let people know when there was next a burial and they could come and help with the organisation.

Any Other Business:

It was suggested that the Burial Ground entrance needs another layer of gravel and some weed killer applying. It was agreed to set a date for a working party at the September Parish Council Meeting when the hedge should have been cut.

Date of next meeting: To be arranged.

Meeting closed 7.30 p.m.