Kirkby Fleetham with Fencotes Parish Council

Minutes of meeting – Thursday, 20 March 2025 at 7:00 pm.

Present: Parish Councillors: Mr Walker, Mr Lamperd, Mr Wall, Mrs Edwards-Heathcote and one resident.

Residents raised the following issues before the meeting:

Kirkby Fleetham Village Sign, Lowfield Lane
The Kirkby Fleetham Village Sign on Lowfield Lane is wonky after being hit by a tractor. The Clerk will contact Cllr Wilkinson to ask where to raise the issue.

Community Policing

Cllr Walker welcomed PCSO Lees to the meeting.

PCSO Lees discussed the Parish Council Report. No crime was reported in the area in January and February 2025. PCSO Lees will forward a copy of the report to the Councillors.

PCSO Lees encouraged residents to report any incidents and sign up for North Yorkshire Community Messaging (www.northyorkshirecommunitymessaging.co.uk). This free email messaging service, provided by North Yorkshire Police and the York and North Yorkshire Office for Policing, Fire, Crime and Commissioning, provides news and updates on policing matters relevant to the local community.

Local residents enquired about setting up a community farmers' watch. PCSO Lees confirmed that the rural task force coordinates the rights around farmers; updates are communicated in local Whatsapp groups. PCSO Lees recommended creating a community farmers' watch WhatsApp group. An InfoNet notice will be created to gauge interest.

1. **Apologies**

   Cllr Henderson and North Yorkshire Councillor Wilkinson. The Council accepted these apologies.

2. **The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday, February 20, 2025,** were accepted as an accurate record of the meeting proceedings and signed.

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

3. **Matters to Report**

   Defibrillator
   The Clerk registered an account with Northern Powergrid and contacted them to inform them that the defibrillator's electricity is supplied from an unmetered supply.

   Signatories
   A new authorisation has not been sent to Cllr Lamperd; the Clerk will chase it.

4. **Burial Grounds**

   a) **Parish Cemetery**

   The maintenance of the Parish Cemetery has started, and the grass has been cut. The Clerk will update the maintenance rota and distribute it to the Councillors.

   b) **St Mary's Churchyard**

   The contractor has not fully cut the hedge. The Council will contact the contractor.

   c) **St Andrew's Churchyard**

   The owner has received the keys from the Church.

5. **Correspondence**

YLCA Training (0103/25), YLCA Weekly News and Notifications (0203/25), Proposal to close Kirkby Fleetham School (0303/25), Proposed email to Dales Trust (0403/25), Parish Portal - New Account (0503/25).

6. **Finance**

a) **It was resolved to pay the following, and the payments will be raised accordingly:**

Chq	Amount	Payee	Service
BACS		N.Lowe	Clerks wages for March + £62.50 for defib pads
BACS	£600.00	V.Arrowsmith	Heritage consultant fees - Inv 2024-25 001
BACS	£180.00	R.Richards	Mowing and strimming St Mary's
BACS	£50.00	A.Dick	Full grass cut Parish Cemetery

This was proposed by Cllr Walker and seconded by Cllr Wall.

b) **Income:**

This month's income was £265.00 for the Burial Authority.

c) **Asset Register**

The Clerk updated the register of assets and circulated it at the meeting.

The Councillors agreed to the revised version.

7. **Planning**

a) **Applications**

ZB25/00409/FUL: Application for removal of single storey lean to and construction of new two storey extension to rear of existing dwelling
Location: Ingleside 13 Kirkby Lane Kirkby Fleetham Northallerton

Applicant: Sturdy

The Councillor had no comments or objections to this planning application.

b) **Outcomes**

None

8. **Community Transport and Social Care**

Community Transport

A joint meeting of Harbus, representing Hambleton and Richmondshire bus users, and the Hambleton & Richmondshire Rural Transport & Access Partnership was held on 27th February 2025 via Zoom. The meeting, chaired by Liz Lockey, CEO of Hambleton Community Action, focused on rural bus operations across the region.

Discussions covered current challenges in rural transport, and attendees were presented with an action plan titled "Hambleton & Richmondshire Bus Services – A Vision for the Future." This plan, developed over time by members and the team at Hambleton Community Action, outlines proposals for improving bus services and enhancing interconnectivity across North Yorkshire.

The document has been submitted to both the North Yorkshire Council and the newly formed Mayoral Authority for York and North Yorkshire to influence future transport plans for the region. A key change includes restructuring the current 54 bus service into the new 164 route. This service will run every two hours between Richmond, Kirby Fleetham, and Northallerton as part of the newly named "Hambleton Diamond" service.

Social Care

The Fleetham & Fencotes Outings Group successfully organised a trip to Kiplin Hall on 18th February, where members enjoyed Afternoon Tea. The group was the first to use the newly built dining facilities within the old Coach House, which also features a tourist shop adjacent to the main hall.

The next outing is scheduled for 22nd April and will include a visit to Preston Park Museum.

9. **VE Day**

   The Parish Council continues to discuss the VE-Day 80th Anniversary Celebrations programme with community stakeholders.

   Cllr Walker will produce an advert for April's social news with the Council's plans to celebrate VE Day on Sunday, May 11, 2025.

10. **Any Other Business**

    There was no other business raised.

The meeting closed at 8:30 p.m.
Date of Next Meeting: 17 April 2025.