Kirkby Fleetham with Fencotes Parish Council

Minutes of meeting –18th February 2021 at 7.30pm held as a "Virtual' meeting via Zoom

Present: Parish Councillors: Mrs Herbert, Mrs Booth, Mr Coop, Mr Jones, Mr Walker, District Councillor Phillips, County Councillor Wilkinson and 1 resident.

Issues raised in the 10 minute session:

Planning: Concerns were raised against the recent planning application to change the use from Agricultural use to Agricultural and Equestrian use and for the construction/installation of a 25m x 45m equestrian riding arena at Lumley Lane. The concerns raised were light and noise pollution following the installation of the riding arena, the plan to use silica sand, which is reported to carry serious and very dangerous health risks if the dust is inhaled and the possibility of dust blowing into neighbouring gardens.

1. **Apologies:** There were no apologies.

2. **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday, 19th November 2020** were accepted and signature agreed.

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

3. **Matters to Report**

   Leeming Solar Farm: Lightrock Power contacted the Clerk regarding the Parish Council letter objecting to the Leeming Solar Farm. Lightrock Power thanked the Parish for it's feedback. They have received a number of feedback which they are taking on board to improve their plans. They have asked if they can forward future plans onto the Parish when they have finalised them.

   Parish Portal: NYCC customer support have issued the Clerk a case reference to resolve the Parish's inability to log into the Parish Portal but there has been no contact. Cllr Wilkinson will chase NYCC customer support.

4. **Burial Ground**

   Update: There has been a recent burial at the Todd Lane burial ground.

   Grass Verges: The grass verges leading into the Burial Ground are being damaged from traffic. Cllr Jones proposed to erect either wooden posts or stone bollards either side of the hard standing entrance in an attempt to minimise this damage. The Councillors agreed to re-assess this proposal after the installation of the Lychgate.

   St Andrew's Church: Cllr Jones has reported that there has been no update from Hambleton District Council about the damage to the boundary wall at St Andrew's Church due to the weather conditions.

   Grass Cutting: The Councillors agreed to open the next area of 30 burial plots (31-60) for 'short' grass cutting. The clerk will arrange.

6. Correspondence

YLCA The right to regenerate (0102/21), The Rural Bulletins (0202/20), NYCC bulletins (0302/21), Grass Cutting Services 2021 Season Quotation (0402/21), White Rose Updates (0502/21), Leeming Solar Farm /Scruton Solar Farm (0502/21), Members Weekly Briefing (0602/21), Solar Farm (0702/21), YLCA Planning Enforcement and Appeals (0802/21), Training E-Bulletins (0902/21), YLCA Remote Conference (1002/21), Yorkshire Water Works, Low Street (1102/21), YLCA Grants - Policies, Procedures and Powers (1202/21), YLCA - Allotments (1302/21), YLCA Website Accessibility Regulations 2018 (1402/21), YLCA - Roles and Responsibilities of a Councillor (1502/21).

These were all circulated via email.

Swiss Air Force:	The Media and Communications Officer at RAF Leeming responded to the recent letter from the Parish Council notifying them of the residents unhappiness of the Swiss Air Force carrying out their night time training. They have received the letter and will ensure it is raised at initial planning meetings for any further detachments by the Swiss Air Force.
NYCC Youth Worker:	There has been no responses following the Parish Council's article for the local Newsletter informing the local Parishes to set up and sustain voluntary youth projects in the local area.

6. Finance

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

N. Lowe wages for February to date (chq 312)

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

Planning Portal £143.00 for Lych Gate planning application (chq 313)
Hambleton District Council £40 for Burial Ground green bin (chq 314)

This was proposed by Cllr Booth and seconded by Cllr Jones.

b) Income:

There has been no income in the period.

7. Planning

a. Application

Proposal:	**21/00283/FUL:** Change Of Use From Agricultural Use To Agricultural/Equestrian Use for the Construction/Installation Of A 25m x 45m Equestrian Riding Arena. **Location:** 26 Lumley Lane Kirkby Fleetham North Yorkshire DL7 0SJ **Applicant:** Mrs S Hymas The Councillors are in agreement with the planning proposal with the conditions that the use is in daylight hours only, it is solely for private use, the surface materials are verified by the Environmental Health officer. It is stated that drainage of the site will use an existing drain. As localised flooding occurs in the vicinity of this drain, as a prerequisite of any approval, the efficiency of this drain should be inspected.

b. Outcomes

There were no outcomes.

8. Progress Report re Solar Farm Grant

Construction:	Quarry aggregate lorry deliveries have almost finished and are expected to end in February. Large lorry deliveries of the frames will continue until the end of March. The solar panels will start to arrive from the beginning of March through to the end of April. The month of March will see a large number of daily large vehicle transits and many of them will be preceded by an escort car with flashing yellow light. The site construction is at the phase of erection of the frames which will later hold the panels. This process involves piling which creates the incessant banging which you have no doubt heard. This will probably go on until the end of March.
Lychgate:	The planning application has been completed and the planning portal are waiting for the planning fee. Once this has been completed it will be forwarded to Hambleton District Council.
Play Area:	Councillors agreed to produce another article in the local newsletter to inform the area that the Parish is looking for land to build a recreation area. The Clerk has not received a response from the Black Horse regarding the land.
Traffic:	A proportion of the Solar Farm traffic are ignoring the signs around the villages and are travelling through Little Fencote and Great Fencote to and from the Solar Farm. The Clerk will write to Lightsource to inform them of these issues.

9. Community Emergency Plan

Cllr Booth has updated the Parish's Community Emergency Plan. Once the amendments are made the plan will be re-issued. GDPR consent forms will be forwarded to the Councillors for completion.

10. Any Other Business

Vintage Sign:	The vintage cast iron road sign in Great Fencote was in an article in the Darlington and Stockton Times in January.
Roles and Responsibilities of a Councillor:	Cllr Walker attended the Roles and Responsibilities of a Councillor webinar by Yorkshire Local Councils Associations. The webinar will be available shortly and Cllr Walker will distribute to the other Councillors.
RAF Leeming:	There will be increased aircraft movement for an exercise taking place from RAF Leeming from 23 February to 19 March 2021. The Councillors agreed to publicise the exercise on Kirkby Fleetham with Fencotes Infonet. Cllr Herbert volunteered to draft an article.

Meeting closed at 8.35pm.

Date of Next Meeting: Thursday, 18th March 2021.