

Kirkby Fleetham with Fencotes Parish Council

Minutes of meeting –17th February 2022 at 6.30 pm.

Present: Parish Councillors: Mrs Herbert, Mr Jones, Mr Walker, Mrs Booth and County Councillor Wilkinson. 1 Resident.

There were no issues from residents

1. **Apologies:** Cllr Coop and District Councillor Phillips
2. **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday, 20th January 2021** were accepted and signature agreed.

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

3. **Matters to Report**

Continuity Plan: The Clerk has started to complete the plan. Once the Clerk has finished, the Clerk will forward the draft to the Councillors.

Road Markings: Highways informed the Parish Council when the Parish Council requested for the zig-zag lines to be removed and replaced with double yellow lines, it was processed and implemented. This involved an amendment to the Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) and as such Highways will not be amending the TRO again to accommodate such a reversal.

Cllr Wilkinson has spoken to the Road Safety Department and asked for some guidance on other measures the Parish Council could use to reduce the speed of traffic around the Village School.

4. **Burial Ground**

a) **Fencote**

The four graves that require levelling have not been levelled. The Clerk will contact the undertakers and chase to request an update.

There is a mole infestation at the Parish Cemetery, Cllr Booth will investigate the commissioning of a pest controller to try and resolve the problem.

b) **St Mary's Churchyard**

The Clerk has contacted the Churchwarden to arrange a date to meet the Parish Council to discuss the plan to erect a post and wire fence along the 20-metre gap in the churchyard wall alongside the Hall to stop any dog from entering the grounds. Cllr Herbert has spoken to the churchwarden who is to attend an area church meeting and will discuss our proposal to determine what permissions will be needed and how long this could take. Currently the dog fouling has reduced but not stopped.

Cllr Herbert will contact the contractor to start maintenance of the churchyard.

c) St Andrew Churchyard

The Parish Council has not received any report on progress in the sale of the church and surrounding churchyard

Workmen have recently crowned the conifers around St Andrew's. There is a mole infestation at the churchyard. The Clerk has contacted Hambleton District Council to notify them of the issue.

5. Correspondence

Grant Offer Letter (0102/22), The Rural Bulletins (0202/22), NYCC bulletins (0302/22), Draft structural order for the North Yorkshire Council (0402/22), White Rose Updates (0502/22), YLCA Training Programmes February (0602/22), HarBus statement for Bus Service Improvement Plan (0702/22), Increased flying RAF Leeming (0802/22), Planting a Tree for the Jubilee (0902/22), Training E-Bulletins (1002/22), New financial advice bulletins from The Parkinson Partnership (1102/22), Advertising the New Anne Robson Trust Pre-bereavement Helpline (1202/22), Civility and Respect Project (1302/22), Parish/Town Council Elections - Thursday 5 May 2022 (1402/21), Hambleton Local Plan - Inspectors' Report (1502/22).

These were all circulated via email.

Smelt Charity: The Leonard Smelt and Thomas Tennant Charities have confirmed they have updated the trustees to include Cllr Booth.

Grass Cutting: The Clerk has received a quote for grass cutting services for the upcoming season from CE & CM Walker Limited. The Councillors resolved to accept the quotation of £114 per cut (14-15 cuts) for the village greens and £48.00 (2-3 cuts) for the Parish Cemetery.

This was proposed by Cllr Booth and seconded by Cllr Jones

6. Finance

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

N. Lowe wages for February to date (chq 341)

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

b) Income:

There has been no income.

7. Planning

a) Application

No planning applications

b) Outcomes

No planning outcomes

8. Solar Farm Grants

The Clerk has sent a grant application form to each of the previous applicants. It was agreed for the Clerk to draft an article for InfoNet and the local notice boards to notify the local community that the Parish Council has received the Community Benefit Fund and would like help to identify projects that the money could be used for. The Parish Council has strong aspirations to build a play area with the Community Benefit Fund and is again appealing for offers of any appropriate piece of land.

Electric Point: The installation has been completed, is fully operational and presumably income producing. The Parish Council agreed that this application has found alternative funding and therefore requires no further monies.

Stiles: The Parish Council unanimously agreed to decline the application as Stile maintenance is the responsibility of the owner of the land.

Lychgate: Five tenders have been received. Cllr Walker and Cllr Booth have drawn together a comparison between the tenders and circulated to the Councillors before the meeting. The Councillors agreed to arrange a site meeting with a preferred tender to clarify certain questions.

The Parish Council agreed to proceed with the development of the Lychgate. They agreed to apply for a grant from the Landfill Community Fund, available via Hambleton District Council and confirmed that the Parish Council (Burial Authority) would be contributing £3,000 to the Lychgate and £8,000 would be funded from the Solar Farm Community Fund. The Parish Council confirmed it would take responsibility for the ongoing upkeep of the structure.

9. Community Speedwatch/Vehicle Activated Speed Signs

It was agreed for the Clerk to contact Highways to ask why there is continuation of the 30mph limit between Morton and Swale and Ainderby, and Leeming and Leeming Bar; therefore can it be possible between Kirkby Fleetham and Great Fencote. The Clerk will copy Cllr Wilkinson into the email..

Cllr Walker has produced an article for the local newsletter to update the community on the speed watch programme and asking for volunteers. The article will be with the Community shortly. The plan is to start speed watching as soon as the weather improves.

A representative of Highways met the Parish Council to identify suitable locations for a Vehicle Activated Speed sign. Highways did not think there was enough traffic in the village to warrant a Vehicle Activated Speed sign but recommended organising a speed survey in 3 locations to monitor traffic for one week. The Councillors agreed to set up the speed surveys at a cost of £110 plus VAT per survey to establish whether there is a speeding issue to address. The Clerk will contact Highways to arrange the surveys.

The Councillors have agreed for the Clerk to contact Highways and request the 30 mile an hour sign on Fleetham Lane (South) to be moved further towards the Great Fencote boundary to accommodate the 2 new property developments in Great Fencote.

There is still flooding on Fleetham Lane outside Little Fencote. It was agreed for the Clerk to write to Yorkshire Water again to inform them of the issue.

10. Village Hall Car Park

There has been no update from the Kirkby Fleetham Village Hall Trustees on the Village Hall Car Park ownership.

Cllr Booth will contact the Land Registry for an up to date ownership plan of the area.

11. Queen's Platinum Jubilee

It was agreed for Cllr Herbert to organise a plan on how the Parish Council will celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. The plan will be shared with community stakeholders and an article created for social news.

12. Jubilee Tree Planting

The Parish Council agreed to be involved in the Queen's Green Canopy project. The Queen's Green Canopy is a unique tree planting initiative created to mark Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee in 2022.

It was proposed by Cllr Jones and seconded by Cllr Walker for the Clerk to order an A4 Canopy Plaque with stakes from the Royal British Legion at a cost of £154.99 and for Cllr Herbert to source an Oak tree for under £80.00.

13. Any Other Business

Council Elections: The Parish Council have been informed that as a consequence of the establishment of a North Yorkshire unitary authority, council elections are to be brought forward by one year, to 05 May 2022. Parish Councillors who are elected will then hold office until May 2027 (5 year tenure).

The Parish Council are making all necessary preparations to facilitate the elections process.

The meeting closed at 9:15 pm.

Date of Next Meeting: Thursday, 17th March 2022 at 7:30 pm.