

# Kirkby Fleetham with Fencotes Parish Council

**Minutes of meeting –17<sup>th</sup> March 2022 at 7.30 pm.**

**Present:** Parish Councillors: Mrs Herbert, Mr Jones, Mrs Booth, Mr Coop and Mr Walker and District Councillor Phillips. 4 Residents.

Issues raised in the 10-minute session:

**Foot Path:** There is a proposed project to lay a hardcore footpath on the strip of land owned by the Parish Council between The Close and the Village Hall. The owner of Lime View requested consideration of the owner's privacy and how the work will be carried out. The wall surrounding the property has been damaged in the past.

**Parking:** 2 groups attending the Village Hall have been parking on the grass verges and Village Green. The Village Hall Trustees have contacted each group to ensure this stops. This will be monitored.

1. **Apologies:** County Councillor Wilkinson
2. **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> February 2022** were accepted and signature agreed.

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

### 3. **Matters to Report**

**Community Speedwatch:** The Clerk has contacted Highways about the continuation of the 30mph limit between Morton and Swale and Ainderby, and Leeming and Leeming Bar and request the 30-mile hour sign on Fleetham Lane (South) to be moved further towards the Great Fencote boundary and is waiting for a response.

The speed surveys have been organised and are currently in place.

**Flooding:** The Clerk contacted Yorkshire water regarding the flooding on Fleetham Lane outside Little Fencote and in Todd Lane, Yorkshire Water is going to organise an inspection of both sites again.

### 4. **Burial Ground**

#### a) **Fencote**

The Clerk contacted the undertakers and they are going to follow up the Parish Council's request to level the four graves identified.

The pest controller has not visited the Parish Cemetery, Cllr Booth will chase.

The first strim and cut has been completed.

#### b) **St Mary's Churchyard**

The first strim and cut of the short areas at St Mary's Churchyard has also been completed, establishing the walkways and border for the Wildflower Meadows.

The Church Warden is still investigating the Parish Council's request 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.

It was agreed to arrange a working party to clear up the excess greenage.

**c) St Andrew Churchyard**

The Clerk has notified Hambleton about the mole infestation at the churchyard and a pest controller visited the churchyard to resolve the problem.

It was agreed for the Clerk to contact the Diocese and request if it is possible for the Parish Council to be kept abreast of any proposed plans, timescales of sale and when the Diocese is likely to consult with the local community around the sale of St Andrew's.

**5. Correspondence**

North Yorkshire Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner meeting 26 May 2022 (0103/22), The Rural Bulletins (0203/22), NYCC bulletins (0303/22), Kirkby Fleetham Update (0403/22), White Rose Updates (0503/22), YLCA Webinar Training information (0603/22), Kirkby Fleetham School - Road safety advice (0703/22), Councillors Discussion Forum Session (0803/22), Hambleton Local Plan - Adoption (0903/22), Training E-Bulletins (1003/22), NALC Legal Briefing LO1-22: Code of recommended practice on Local Authority Publicity (England) Publicity during the pre-election period (1103/22), Fencedyke Solar Farm (1203/22), Hambleton District Council: New event available (1303/22), 20s Plenty County Meeting (1403/21), Ukraine and Local Councils (1503/22), Increased Activity RAF Leeming (1603/22), St Mary's (1703/22), 20s Plenty March 2022 Reports and Action (1803/22), YLCA Conference update (1903/22), Richmond (Yorks) ACC Notice - 23 March 2022 (2003/22).

These were all circulated via email.

Also circulated 'Clerks and Councils Direct Mar 2022 Issue 140 (2103/22).

**Smaller Councils Committee:**

The National Association of Local Councils (NALC) has a committee specifically dedicated to small local (parish and town) councils. The committee is asking what issues of relevance to smaller councils they would like this committee to address and what services they would like NALC to provide.

The Parish Council agreed that greater assistance should be provided with policies and procedures. All mandated policies should be templated and should be tailored to small Councils as well as large Councils. The Clerk will pass the comments to the NALC.

**Memorial:**

A resident requested a possible memorial in Kirkby Fleetham for their late father. It was agreed for the Clerk to contact the family and ask what plans they had in mind and their plans for contributing to the memorial.

**Road Rage:**

An incident occurred on Low Street, Kirkby Fleetham when residents of the Parish were threatened whilst walking their dog. The Council will discuss the issue with the Road Safety Department when they get in touch with some guidance on measures the Parish Council could use to reduce the speed of traffic around the Village.

## 6. Finance

The National Joint Council for Local Government Services (NJC) has agreed on the new rates of pay applicable from 01 April 2021. The Clerk calculated the back pay and distributed it to the Councillors before the meeting. It was proposed by Cllr Herbert and seconded by Cllr Jones that the back pay is paid to the Clerk.

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

N. Lowe wages for March to date (chq 347)  
HMRC £99.80 for Income Tax - Feb and Mar (chq 348)

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

**b) Income:**

There has been no income.

**c) Appointment of Internal Auditor**

David Wood was appointed.

### **Council Tax Increase**

The Council Tax statement for 2022/23 has now been sent out. The Kirkby Fleetham with Fencotes Parish Council Annual Charge shows an increase of 5.1% from 2021/22. This equates to an increase in the Parish Precept by £400. The Parish Council agreed to the increase to meet the increased costs in insurance, cost of living and maintenance of the Village Greens, St Mary's and Parish Cemetery.

## 7. Planning

**a) Application**

No planning applications

**b) Outcomes**

No planning outcomes

## 8. Solar Farm Grants

The article informing the local community that the Parish Council is now in receipt of the Community Benefit Fund has now been sent via InfoNet.

Local residents, clubs and organisations are invited to apply for funding by putting forward project ideas that make a positive contribution to our local community. The deadline for submitting applications to the Parish Council is 15 April 2022. The Clerk will collate all the applications after the deadline and distribute them to the Councillors ready for April's Parish Council meeting. A list of projects will be selected by the Parish Council for further development. The Clerk will write to applicants that have been rejected.

It was agreed to arrange a meeting with a local resident that has indicated there may be some land available to build a playground on.

Cllr Coop proposed that the Council reconsider the rejected Electric Charger application. The proposal was rejected by a vote of 3 to 1 against.

**Lychgate:** 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. The Parish Council confirmed it would take responsibility for the ongoing upkeep of the structure.

#### **9. Village Hall Car Park**

The Parish Council has received an up to date ownership plan of the area which was registered in 2005. It was agreed for the Clerk to write to Land Registry to clarify what evidence was used to register the land in 2005 as they are different from the plans received from North Yorkshire County Council.

#### **10. Queen's Platinum Jubilee**

The Parish Council discussed the rough outline of the Jubilee Beacon Event on Kirkby Fleetham Green. Cllr Herbert will finalise the timings and create an article for social news. The Clerk replied to North Yorkshire Police's request to supply outlined details for the Queens Platinum Jubilee Weekend.

It was agreed for the Clerk to write to the WI and ask if the WI would help make pies for the Jubilee Beacon Event.

#### **11. Fencedyke Solar Farm**

The Parish Council were contacted concerning the proposed Fencedyke Lane Solar Farm, located to the west of Scruton, north of Leeming Bar.

Since the proposal falls partially within the boundaries of Kirkby Fleetham with Fencotes Parish Council, United Green wanted to introduce the proposal and discuss any key aspects with the Council. Currently, the project is in its initial stage of development.

It was agreed for the Clerk to arrange a meeting with United Green, preferably face-to-face rather than a virtual meeting.

#### **12. Minerals and Waste**

North Yorkshire County Council Members adopted the Minerals and Waste Joint Plan on the 16th February 2022. Home Farm, Kirkby Fleetham is included in the plan with the extraction of sand and gravel. Transport from Home Farm will pass through Killerby.

The Clerk will contact the Planning Team and request the Council be copied in, in all future correspondence.

#### **13. Any Other Business**

**Flag:** The flagpole requires maintenance before the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. The Clerk will check who installed the flagpole.

**Fencote Chapel:** Local historians who like to gain access to Fencote Chapel grounds to check if the property has any memorials and record them. The Clerk will contact the owner to arrange.

**The meeting closed at 9:58 pm.**

**Date of Next Meeting: Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> April 2022 at 7:30 pm.**