

# Kirkby Fleetham with Fencotes Parish Council

Minutes of meeting – Thursday, 17 April 2025 at 7:00 pm.

**Present:** Parish Councillors: Mr Walker, Mr Lamperd and Mrs Edwards-Heathcote.

Residents raised no issues before the meeting.

## 1. Apologies

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

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

Acceptance was proposed by Cllr Walker and seconded by Cllr Edwards-Heathcote.

## 3. Matters to Report

### Kirkby Fleetham Village Sign, Lowfield Lane

Cllr Wilkinson informed the Council to raise the issue with Highways as the best place to start with the enquiry. The Clerk has raised the issue.

### Community Policing

The Clerk will create an InfoNet notice to gauge interest in creating a community farmers' watch WhatsApp group.

## 4. Burial Grounds

### a) Parish Cemetery

Maintenance of the Parish Cemetery is ongoing. More molehills have been spotted; the Council will continue to monitor.

### b) St Mary's Churchyard

A structural survey of St. Mary's Church has highlighted some serious issues with the roof. The Church has been closed, and services will continue at the Village Hall.

The Parish Council will inform the grasscutter of the potential dangers of the roof.

### c) St Andrew's Churchyard

No Information

## 5. Correspondence

YLCA Training (0103/25), YLCA Weekly News and Notifications (0203/25), North Yorkshire Council Parish Liaison: Parish Update March 2025 (0303/25), FEAST (0403/25), North Yorkshire Boundary Review - Draft Recommendations (0503/25), KF School - House of Commons Response (0603/25), North Yorkshire Boundary Review - Draft Recommendations (0703/25).

### Kirkby Fleetham Primary School

Rishi Sunak contacted the Department for Education to ensure the local communities' concerns are considered. Catherine McKinnell, Minister for School Standards, responded to explain that the statutory closure process that applies to maintained schools does not apply to academies and that the Department will consider any feedback before approving the plan.

### North Yorkshire Boundary Review - Draft Recommendations

North Yorkshire Council has published draft recommendations for new divisions, including division boundaries and names. Residents can take part in the consultation.

Cllr Walker will create a message for Infonet for anyone you think might be interested in the review.

### Damaged Kerb

A resident contacted the Parish Council to inform that the kerb around the Village Green had been damaged due to a heavy goods vehicle riding the kerb. The Clerk has reported the damage to Highways.

## 6. Finance

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

Chq	Amount	Payee	Service
BACS	£226.20	N.Lowe	Clerk's wages for April
BACS	£226.20	HMRC	Income Tax (Jan-Mar 2025)
BACS	£238.00	YLCA	Membership Subscription 1 April 2025 to 31 March 2026 - Inv-3392
BACS	£2,000.00	C Brown	Evaluation report for garden space project - Inv 202501/KFPC
BACS	£65.00	AW Dick	Burial ground cut and strimmed, and tidy the hedge around the trees in the hedge line
BACS	£15.00	AW Dick	Cut and strim the grass near the pub
BACS	£24.64	K Smith	CD/DVD drive for heritage project
BACS	£68.99	A Peirson	Hard drive for heritage project

This was proposed by Cllr Walker and seconded by Cllr Edwards-Heathcote

### b) Income:

There was no income for this month.

### c) Financial Statements 2024/25

The financial statements were circulated to the Councillors ahead of the meeting. After discussing the financial statements, the Councillors unanimously agreed to transfer £25,000 from the Parish Account and £8,000 from the Burial account to the newly opened savings account.

The Councillors accepted the statements of accounts. The Clerk will now collate all the financial information together and send it to the internal auditor to analyse and evaluate the parish accounting documentation.

## 7. Planning

### a) Applications

**ZB25/00409/FUL:** Application for proposed porch canopy and a side canopy  
**Location:** The Old Workshop, Lumley Lane, Kirkby Fleetham, Northallerton

**Applicant:** Mr D Garner

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

### b) Outcomes

None

## 8. Community Transport and Social Care

### Community Transport

There has been little activity to report over the past month.

The Parish Council has still not heard anything about North Yorkshire Council's plans on rural transport.

### Social Care

The next outing of the Fleetham & Fencotes Outings Group will take place on Tuesday, 22nd April, with visits planned to Preston Park and Butterfly World.

**9. NLHF Grant**

The Parish Council have received the National Lottery Heritage Fund Project Evaluation for the Commemorative Garden. The report will be sent to the National Lottery. The final calculations of the project will be completed, and the project will be completed.

**10. VE Day**

The VE Day 80th Anniversary celebrations will be marked by a formal tea in the Village Hall on Saturday, 10th May, for which tickets can be purchased.

**11. Any Other Business**

There was no other business raised.

**The meeting closed at 8:48 p.m.**

**Date of Next Meeting: 15 May 2025.**