

Kirkby Fleetham with Fencotes Parish Council

Annual Parish Meeting Thursday 19th May 2016

Present: Parish Councillors Mr Alexander, Mrs Booth, Mrs Herbert, Mr Tubby, Mr Dick, District Councillor Brian Phillips; Clerk - Mrs C. Mitton and 4 residents, who were welcomed by Mrs Booth.

1) **Apologies:** Cllr Barker.

2) **Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 21st May 2015,** copies of which had been circulated, were accepted and signed by Mrs Booth, chair of the Parish Meeting. This was proposed by Cllr Tubby and seconded by Cllr Alexander.

3) **Chairman's Report:**

Cllr Booth stated:

This is my first Chairman's report and I wish to thank my fellow councillors for their support and hard work during the last year, especially to Cllr Alexander who will be leaving the Parish this summer. I would also like to give special thanks to our clerk Mrs Mitton for her continuous hard work both in preparation for the council meetings and the ever growing council's administrative responsibilities.

I would also like to thank Mrs Margaret Wilson for setting up and maintaining our website. This has now become a very important part of our infrastructure, as since 1st April 2015, a Transparency Code for smaller authorities has been mandatory and the code requires smaller authorities with an annual turnover not exceeding £25,000 to publish certain information online.

In no particular order I wish to report that the Council, on your behalf, has been involved in the following topics.

The Minerals and Waste Joint Plan is very much still on the agenda. Back in December and January we held open meetings to discuss the preferred options consultation document and we, as a council, responded and we hope residents did too. The current situation is that due to the large amount of responses received from throughout the whole region - North Yorkshire County Council, The City of York and the North Yorkshire Moors National Parks Authority- are having to work on another consultation, an interim preferred options consultation, which is now expected to take place this summer. This will take account of a number of new sites submitted for consideration before a final draft plan,

which is currently timetabled for the end of the year. We will obviously keep residents up to date as soon as we know anything more.

Affordable Housing - As reported last year a site has been identified west of Kirkby Fleetham. Unfortunately matters have currently come to a halt due to various new government policies but the Housing Enabler is looking at alternative ways of delivering our scheme. The Survey of Need in this parish indentified rented accommodation as the preferred option. Government policy has since changed to offer only a shared ownership option. The Housing Enabler has had to contact those interested to ask if they wish to continue with their application under this new remit. The situation has also been held up by the new Housing Bill which again could alter the situation in Kirkby Fleetham. This again is a frustrating situation beyond our control but we will keep you informed of any developments - excuse the pun!

Highways - We are constantly in communication with Highways and one matter which is still outstanding is the yellow lines in Kirkby Fleetham. Although the preferred option has been discussed and balloted within the Parish it had been objected to and consequently matters to remove the lines have come to a standstill. Our North Yorkshire Councillor is now dealing with it. There have been occasions when heavy goods vehicles have damaged the Village Green and on resident's information we have been able to contact the haulier and have asked for an apology and contribution towards repairs and on some occasions this has proved to be successful.

Planning - Apart from commenting on individual planning application as a Parish Council we have the opportunity to be consulted on the development of the new Local Development Plan for the Hambleton District to 2035. We have recently attended discussions on Calls for Sites and about the Community Infrastructure Levy which provides funds from developments small and large, back into the community.

Broadband - the superfast network is now available throughout the Parish however, it is admitted that the strength of signal is reduced on the out skirts of the villages.

Burial Ground - This is continuing to run smoothly. There have been a further 3 burials since the last AGM and one cremated remains. Ongoing maintenance continues and it is

hoped in future years to build a Lynch Gate. The maintenance of St Andrew's church yard is the responsibility of Hambleton District Council but we as a Council also have to look after St Mary's Church yard. This is done on a voluntary basis and it is an ongoing problem recruiting working parties.

Dog Fouling in the Parish has been on our agenda a couple of times this year and in response we had another foul bin installed outside the Burial Ground in Todd Lane, Great Fencote. Most of the problems arise outside the village boundaries and consequently outside the penalty areas. However, we have asked that dog owners act responsibly.

Buses - The Parish Council tried vehemently to keep a service to Catterick and Richmond but since April 2016 a reduced timetable is now in force only offering a service between Kirkby Fleetham and Northallerton. Time will tell how long this service will remain.

To mark the Fallen of the Parish in the First World War 14 Lime trees have been planted along Todd Lane together with an Honours board in St Andrew's porch. Thanks must go to Miss Minto for her research and subsequent booklet.

In March we held a '**Clean for the Queen**' event to tidy up the roadsides within the Parish. This was well supported by the school and residents and the concept of a Parish litter pick is something that will continue in future years.

The **WI** for their centenary planted daffodils around the village including some under the lime trees in Great Fencote.

The **Village Hall's** refurbishments have now nearly been completed and it was officially opened on 28th September after an amazing fundraising effort. Thanks must go to Mrs Morley and Miss Minto, co-chairs of the Village Hall and their committee, for all their hard work. The Social Newsletter and general information which was initiated by the Village Hall has proved to be very much appreciated within the Parish and again thanks to Mrs Morley for putting this together.

Finally as a Parish Council we will try to continue to work on your behalf, whether it is by attending meetings, corresponding with authorities, writing community plans

such as the Emergency Plan and keeping up to date with the ever changing policies. Your support is much appreciated.

4. Financial Report

Parish Council Account

During the year £5308 had been spent on the the Parish, £3452 on maintenance costs ie grasscutting, wages, room rental, insurances etc, £1361 on loan repayments on the Burial Ground, £113 for tree works, £1082 for the WW1 Memorial and Honours Board costs, £54 for a replacement millenium capsule, £100 election costs, £113 for the website license, £55 for turf for the cremated remains area and £351 for a new dog waste bin.

At the end of 2015/16 £8871 was carried forward in the Parish Council Account.

A total of £4474 had been carried forward from 2014/15 in the Burial Ground Account and £1295 had been generated in 2015/16. Grass and hedge cutting expenditure had been £305, therefore at the end of 2015/16 £5464 had been carried forward into the current financial year.

Total income for the year was £21309 on the two accounts and expenditure totalled £6974, leaving a surplus of £14335. In 2012 councillors agreed to allocate £1500 towards maintenance of the Burial Ground, as income from this cannot be guaranteed on a regular basis, and to hold a contingency fund of £3000 for unforeseen expenditure. This leaves a balance of £9835 between the two accounts available towards future developments or improvements. £2200 has already been committed towards bases for the new seats and replacing the broken signpost opposite St Andrew's Church. Councillors are also looking at the possibility of employing a contractor for St Mary's and the unused section of the Burial Ground. It is planned to use the income from the Burial Ground towards a Lych Gate when there are sufficient funds available.

5. Review of Time Capsule

Councillors have agreed to review this each year at the AGM to ensure that contents continue to reflect the parish and that the condition of the capsule and its contents remain in good condition.

Currently the capsule contains information on the Village Hall, Parish Council, Women's Institiute, Guides and Brownies, Kirkby Fleetham Primary School and Mr R Barker's Book. Information is either on paper or memory sticks.

It was suggested that a notice in the Village Hall identifying the position of the capsule would be a helpful reminder.

6. A1 Update

Cllr Herbert and the clerk had attended a recent liaison meeting and reported back.

It is hoped that the Section connecting Low Street to Low Street Bridge and the existing link road south to Leeming Junction will be open by the end of July. The northern section to Catterick will be much later.

The southbound exit at Catterick North is to close but it was not clear whether access to Gatherley Road from the new Catterick Central junction would be in place at the time of closure.

There have been 10 tons of artefacts removed by archaeologists from sites along the new road which will be displayed in various ways. An open Day will be held during the Summer Holidays for people to visit the sites at Catterick and there are displays in the museum at Richmond. The most significant finds will go to York Museum at the end of the project but it is hoped to keep a selection at Richmond and also at Catterick if a suitable place can be found.

7. Open Discussion:

a) Dog Fouling

A resident reported that this is still causing problems in the parish, currently in Village Way.

b) Litter Bins

A resident reported that some parishioners were trying to help with regular litter picking and more bins would be helpful. Councillors agreed to look into this.

c. Buses

It was reported that the bus timetable is still causing problems with timings being erratic and some services cancelled altogether. The clerk was asked to raise this with Passenger Transport at County Hall.

d. Social News

Councillors were asked to consider whether this should continue as the original purpose was to fundraise for the Village Hall. Originally the costs were covered but that is now not the case. It was agreed that it is a very useful source of information and councillors would like to see it continuing in some form. It was agreed to investigate alternatives such as electronic distribution with a small number of paper copies available.

e. Village Hall

Representatives of the Village Hall Committee reported that the kitchen is now finished and the groundworks complete. The builder is coming back to look at air circulation in the store. The next project will be to resurface the car park with improved access for the disabled.

Meeting closed: 7.55pm