

Kirkby Fleetham with Fencotes Parish Council

Minutes of meeting – 17th March 2016 at 7.30pm.

Present : Mrs Booth, Mr Alexander, Mr Tubby, Mrs Herbert, Cllr Barker and 1 resident.

1. Apologies: Cllr Phillips, Mr Dick.

2. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 18th February were accepted and signed. This was proposed by Cllr Alexnder and seconded by Cllr Tubby.

3. Matters for Report

Item 3a – The response from the Planning Officer was forwarded to Cllr Alexander for comment.

Following discussion it was agreed that the response was unsatisfactory and the clerk was asked to raise the matter with Cllr Phillips.

Item 3b – The Enforcement Officer is looking into the matter and will report back.

Item 3c – A1 artefacts – Cllr Booth had been unable to find out anything further but would continue trying.

Item 3d - Councillors were very disappointed at the lack of response from the offending haulier and asked the clerk to write again expressing this and commenting that other hauliers had been much more courteous.

Item 16b – Highways Dept NYCC responded that the work was not yet complete but that the clerk of works would bear the concerns in mind.

4. Burial Ground

Cllr Booth reported that there had been another burial. The daffodils are now in flower but partly hidden by the long grass. It was agreed that strimming the area in the autumn would help for future years.

St Mary's Churchyard – The rubbish collected still needs burning. The clerk was asked to include this on the April agenda.

5. Correspondence

HDC – Hambleton Parish Liaison Meeting, Thursday, 31st March at 7.00pm at Civic Centre, Stone Cross, Agenda for meeting (0103/16); Tower Mint Ltd, Commemorative Medal Advertisement (0203/16); Letter re dog fouling – the clerk had responded and it was agreed to place an item in the next newsletter about this (0403/16); Pensions Authority – the staging date for this Parish Council is April 2017. Cllr Alexander to pursue the requirements (0503/16).

Also Circulated: 'Clerks and Councils Direct' March 2016 (0303/16).

6. Finance

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

C.A. Mitton £95.58 for wages plus 2 hours for Burial and 1 hour for additional work for January Open Meeting (chq 137).

YLCA £194.00 for membership fees (chq 138).

W Braithwaite and Sons £92.85 for providing and planting new trees (chq 139)

Kirkby Fleetham Village Hall Charity £89.00 for Village Hall hire (chq 140)

HMRC Income Tax 4th Quarter £67.80 (chq 141).

Income: £375 had been received from Burial Ground Fees and a wayleave of £33.47.

b) Audit – Options for Smaller Authorities

Following discussion it was resolved to opt in to the national audit for smaller authorities. This was proposed by Cllr Alexander and seconded by Cllr Booth

a) Applications

16/00426/FUL : Proposal: Proposed detached garage/store

Location: Whiteacre Great Fencote North Yorks DL7 0RX

Applicant: Mr & Mrs W Jackson

Councillors had no objections to the proposal but agreed that it was unfortunate that the applicant had removed trees and hedging on the neighbouring boundary without mutual consent, with the obvious intention of eliminating planning issues.

16/00390/FUL : Proposal: Proposed enclosure of courtyard parking to form enclosed garage
Location: Lowfield Hall The Green Kirkby Fleetham North Yorks
Applicant: Mr & Mrs P Gardiner

As there would be no visual impact on the area councillors had no objections.

16/00488/FUL : Proposal: Proposed alterations and extensions to rear of existing dwelling
Location: Fleetham Mill Fleetham Lane Kirkby Fleetham North Yorks
Applicant: Mr & Mrs M Hilyer

Councillors had no objections.

b) Outcomes

There were no outcomes to report.

Councillors expressed the view that the new system introduced by HDC of providing plans on the computer is most unsatisfactory as it is impossible to judge scale, even when a scale is provided, because of the shrinkage from A3 to A4. Reading the information on the plans, because of the small print, is difficult and plans are often provided with a sideways view. The clerk was asked to enquire as to whether a 'zoom' option could be provided to help with this.

8. Street Lighting Great Fencote

Following the removal of some trees, which screened a streetlight, there were complaints to HDC about it creating excessive light into bedrooms and removal was initially requested. The Parish Council was asked to comment on this as there were some objections. However, in the meantime HDC have adapted the light so that it does not now shine in the direction of the bedroom windows and councillors understand that this has solved the problem and residents are satisfied.

9. Village Hall

The refurbishment programme is on-going.

10 Community Emergency Plan

Cllr Herbert reported that she has produced a letter, to be distributed with the next newsletter and church magazine, asking those who feel they could be vulnerable in an emergency to complete the proforma and return it.

The letter was circulated and approved.

11. Seats

Approval for a seat on the verge opposite St Andrew's Church has been granted. Councillors agreed that the Parish Council should also provide a base for a seat which has been donated for Kirkby Fleetham Green. The clerk was asked to contact the donor and arrange delivery. Once that is confirmed, Mr Snowball, the contractor can be notified.

12. Yellow Lines Kirkby Fleetham

Cllr Barker will follow up the incorrect marking issues.

13. Signpost, Todd Lane/Fleetham Lane, Great Fencote

Following discussion it was resolved to replace the broken signpost at the junction of Todd Lane and Fleetham Lane. Cllr Alexander will contact Croft Castings to obtain an estimate.

14. Transparency Code

There has been no information about the grant.

15. Clean for the Queen

Cllr Booth reported that this went very well and there were a number of volunteers and children from the school involved over the 3 days. Approximately 45 bags of rubbish were collected, much of the rubbish proving to be from fast food outlets locally. There was a report in both the Darlington and Stockton Times and the Advertiser. Volunteers had suggested that it should become an annual event and councillors agreed that they would try to maintain it.

16. Any Other Business

a. Butcher's Bank - Cllr Herbert asked about the maintenance of Butcher's Bank now that there was no help from NYCC. It was suggested that a price for 2 cuts per year could be requested from the grasscutting contractor.

b. Flagpole – Cllr Alexander said that he would liaise with Cllr Dick and Mr Soar to ensure that it was in place for 23rd April. It was suggested that, in view of the water problem, the millennium capsule could be placed elsewhere, possibly under a flagstone.

c. Cllr Barker informed the meeting that he was hopeful that something could be done to improve the uneven road surface between Great Fencote and Kirkby Fleetham.

Meeting Closed 8.40pm

Date of Next Meeting : Thursday, 14th April, 2016.