

# Kirkby Fleetham with Fencotes Parish Council

## Minutes of meeting – 18<sup>th</sup> June 2020 at 7.30pm held as a “Virtual” meeting via Zoom

**Present:** Parish Councillors: Mrs Herbert, Mrs Booth, Mrs Bradley, Mr Coop, Mr Jones, District Cllr Phillips and one resident.

There were no issues raised by residents.

- 1. Apologies:** County Councillor Wilkinson due to illness. Councillors wished her a speedy recovery.
- 2. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2020** were accepted and signature agreed.

Acceptance was proposed by Cllr Coop and seconded by Cllr Booth

### **3. Matters for Report**

Item 4a (ii) Grass cutting – the clerk had contacted the grass cutters about 2 issues, the lack of strimming in Great Fencote and the cutting of the corner at the entrance to Little Fencote. These have now been resolved. The contractor had noted that the weeds at the edges of the greens need attention. It was agreed that the clerk should contact NYCC Highways Dept to ask if this was something they would be doing and, if not, ask for an estimate from the contractor.

### **4. Burial Ground**

The Burial Ground continues to look tidy. The new section for burials has now been marked out. Following discussion it was agreed that a section of 10 plots should be prepared for use. The clerk was asked to contact the grasscutter to arrange for this area to be strimmed and then cut on a regular basis.

St Mary's Churchyard – Cllr Herbert reported that this area is also looking tidy.

### **5. Correspondence**

Yorkshire Ambulance Service NHS Trust – Guardian Alert that the defibrillator had been activated (0106/20); NYCC Highways – notifications of road closures on Langton Bridge, Fleetham Lane and forthcoming closure of Low Street from 10<sup>th</sup> July – 20<sup>th</sup> Aug 2020 (0206/20, 0306/20 and 0406/20); YLCA - Electronic Training Programme June and July 2020 (0506/20); White Rose Update 29/05/2020 and 0506/2020 (0606/20, 0706/20); YLCA- HDC Branch Meeting 17<sup>th</sup> June 2020 (0806/20); NYCC Weekly Bulletins (0806/20, 0906/20, 1006/20, 1106/20).

These were all circulated via email.

### **6 Finance,**

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

C A Mitton wages for June plus refund for audit expenses and black cartridge (chq 289).  
C E and C M Walker £259.20 for grasscutting the greens (chq 290).  
W.K. Stubbs and Son £36.00 for hedgecutting (chq 291)  
HMRC £73.40 Income Tax 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter (Chq 292)  
Cardiac Science Holdings Ltd £34.74 for defibrillator replacement pads (Chq 294).

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

- c) Income:

There has been no income.

## 7. Planning

### a) Application

**19/01882/FUL: Proposal:** Discharge of Condition 9 (WSI – archaeological)  
for previously approved application

**Location:** South Lowfields Farm Kirkby Fleetham

**Applicant:** Lightsource SPV 155 Limited

Councillors commented that, having read the document, the requirements are extensive and that issues raised previously have been addressed. They did not wish to comment further.

### b) Outcomes

**20/00908/HNA: Proposal:** Application for the removal of 3 metres of hedgerow (to  
facilitate the installation of an underground cable)

**Location:** OS Field 2436 East of A1 Kirkby Fleetham North Yorks

**Applicant:** Mr Andrew King

This application was granted.

## 8. Appointment of Clerk

As there had been no further applications it was agreed to place an advertisement in the Darlington and Stockton Times, Cllrs Booth and Herbert offered to work on this. Cllr Phillips suggested a further possibility and the clerk will follow up on this.

## 9. Consideration of Applications for Solar Farm Grant

This item was discussed at great length and it was agreed that 5 applications should be taken forward for further consideration. These were:

A contribution of £8000 towards the Lych Gate at the Burial Ground – it was agreed that this proposal was the furthest forward as plans have been drawn and estimates received. It had also already been approved by the Parish Council.

The development of a Community Space/Play Area in Kirkby Fleetham – councillors are still investigating the possibility of acquiring land for this and initial discussions have taken place with a landowner. Cllr Herbert agreed to work with the authors of the 2 bids related to this to produce more detailed proposals for further discussion with the landowner before the July meeting.

Tree Planting – replacement of the oak trees along Kirkby Lane.

Bike Dock – at the Village Hall

Electric Charging Point – at the Village Hall

Three further bids were discounted:

Repair and reinstatement of the cast iron signpost at Great Fencote - Cllr Jones reported that Cllr Wilkinson had offered to fund the repair through her Locality Budget and NYCC Highways had arranged for it to be re-installed via Ringways Social Responsibility Scheme. Councillors thanked Cllr Wilkinson for her help.

Broken Stiles – these are the responsibility of the landowners and councillors agreed to contact them about this.

Play Equipment, Great Langton – this application does not fall within the Parish.

## 10). Community Speed Watch

Councillors agreed that they would like to proceed with this and Cllr Jones offered to act as the lead.

Volunteers are needed for training and to operate the speed watch and he will advertise for this through Infonet and the website.

**11) Any Other Business**

Councillor Jones reported that the fly tipping problem was in hand.

**Meeting closed 8.50 pm.**

**Date of Next Meeting: Thursday, 16<sup>st</sup> July 2020 as a ‘virtual’ meeting via Zoom.**