

Kirkby Fleetham with Fencotes Parish Council

Annual Parish Meeting Thursday 18th May 2017

Present: Parish Councillors Mrs Booth, Mrs Herbert, Mr Dick, Mr Mitton, District Councillor Phillips, County Cllr Wilkinson; Clerk - Mrs C. Mitton and 3 residents, who were welcomed by Mrs Booth.

1) **Apologies:** Mr Tubby.

2) **Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 19th May 2016,** copies of which had been circulated, were accepted and signed by Mrs Booth, chair of the Parish Meeting. This was proposed by Cllr Herbert and seconded by Cllr Dick.

3) **Chairman's Report:**

Cllr Booth stated:

I have prepared a brief report of the Parish Council's activities over the last year and in no particular order report as follows:-

In October we welcomed a new Councillor, Mr Michael Mitton, who has immediately taken on the role of coordinator for the reinstated Neighbourhood Watch.

The Mineral and Waste Joint Plan:-

In November last year we reported that the site at Brewery Corner had not been included as a preferred site and neither had the one at Scruton. However, the Killerby site is a preferred site, as is Holme Farm, provided access could be arranged through the Killerby site. The Joint Plan includes provision for community involvement and as a Parish Council we are being proactive to ensure that the contractors do make contact with us once the application process starts. To date we haven't heard anything.

Planning:-

As a Parish Council we have commented on many applications, reviewed our planning consultation procedures and in addition have replied to the consultation documents received from Hambleton District Council in respect of the Local Development Plan to 2035.

Under this heading we commented on the Preferred Options consultation document at the end of last year upon which another document has been issued detailing Green Space

areas to be commented on. This current document we have on our agenda later this evening.

Affordable Housing – This situation at the moment hasn't moved forward in any particular direction since our last AGM. The changes in government policy and the implementation of the next Local Development Plan are playing an instrumental part in delivering or in our case not delivering an affordable scheme. The Parish Council is keeping in touch with the Housing Enabler and ensuring that we keep this item on our agenda.

In November last year the new Car Park outside the Village Hall was completed following grants from Hambleton District Council, NYCC, funds from the Village Hall and the Parish Council. This was the final planned works for the refurbished Village Hall and once again thanks must go to the work hard of the Village Hall Committee and Trustees. Also, it was reported last year that the Trustees of the Village Hall were to become Holding Trustees to ensure that, if at any time the Village Hall should not be a viable proposition, it will be for the residents to decide what happens to the Hall.

The Burial Ground continues to run smoothly and together with St Mary's Church yard, the Parish Council with help from volunteers manage to maintain the grounds to a respectful and pleasing standard.

The Emergency Plan has now been completed with thanks to Cllr Herbert for spearheading this community plan. The document, which obviously continues to be a working document together with an emergency equipment box is based in the Village Hall with copies of the document also held by Parish Councillors and emergency volunteers. Also we have a supply of Flood sacks should the need occur and these have been distributed around the villages and a supply is also held at the Village Shop and Village Hall.

Other areas to briefly mention are that there are 4 new benches within the Parish and that after many months of waiting the parking restriction in Kirkby Fleetham along Lumley Lane have been removed. Disabled access onto the Village Green in Kirkby Fleetham has been approved and we are awaiting the contractor to complete the work. A pair of football posts has been purchased for the children of the Parish with help from a grant and fundraising. The

Parish Tidy Up was again a success and this will continue as a regular feature during the Spring months. Two extra forms of communication have been promoted during the last year – The first being the reinstatement of the Neighbourhood Watch and the other The Info Net KFF both offering subscribers local important information via email addresses. The paper form of Fleetham Fencotes & Langton Social News also continues on a monthly basis.

Finally, on behalf of my fellow councillors I would like to thank our clerk Mrs Mitton for her continuous hard work and also other members of the community for their support and interest in the workings of the Parish Council - your support is much appreciated.

4. Financial Report

Parish Council Account

During the year £8595 had been spent on the the Parish, £3732 on maintenance costs ie grasscutting, hedge cutting, wages, room rental, insurances, green bin, flyers etc, £1361 on loan repayments on the Burial Ground, £93 for trees, £1200 for the installation of the new benches, £2240 was contributed towards the Village Hall car park, £86 for course fees, £109 for the website license, and £1135 for new goal posts .

At the end of 2016/17 £6553 was carried forward in the Parish Council Account.

A total of £5464 had been carried forward from 2015/16 in the Burial Ground Account and £1400 had been generated in 2016/17. Grass and hedge cutting expenditure had been £370, therefore at the end of 2016/17 £6494 has been carried forward into the current financial year.

Total income for the year was £23374 on the two accounts and expenditure totalled £10327, leaving a surplus of £13047. 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 £8547 between the two accounts available towards future developments or improvements. It is planned to use the income from the Burial Ground towards a Lych Gate when there are sufficient funds available. It is anticipated that this will cost £7000.

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 Institute, Guides and Brownies, Kirkby Fleetham Primary School and Mr R Barker's Book. Information is either on paper or memory sticks. A plaque indicating the position and contents will be displayed in the Village Hall.

6. A1 Update

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

As has been reported in the newspapers, the official date for completion has been delayed until December 2017 although it is hoped that work may be finished by October. The delay has been mainly caused by the amount of archaeological work on the site, much more than had been anticipated, and the complexity of the work around Fort Bridge.

The Local Access Road should be open earlier, hopefully from Low Street south to Leeming in June and north to Catterick Central by August.

7. YLCA Branches – Council Representative

Following discussion it was agreed that councillors would not appoint a representative but would continue to attend meetings as and when appropriate.

8. Open Discussion:

1. Broadband – Cllr Dick expressed disappointment that broadband is still not available throughout the Parish. He is meeting with BT to try to resolve the problem.

2. Road Markings– Cllrs commented on the number of markings appearing on local roads to denote running/walking or cycling events. The clerk was asked to notify Highways Dept about the concerns.

3. New Street Lights – Cllr Herbert informed the meeting that some new LED street lights had been installed in Kirkby Fleetham.

4. Greengate Lane/Kirkby Lane Junction – a resident raised concerns about safety at this junction. Following discussion it was agreed that requesting a 'Give Way' sign would not be appropriate as it would not meet the criteria.

5. Trees – A resident identified a problem with one of the trees on the green at Kirkby Fleetham. It was agreed to look into this at the later meeting when the issue was an agenda item.

6. Local Plan Preferred Sites and Green Spaces – The designated green space of the area between Lumley Lane and Kirkby Lane in the previous plan has been removed and a large area at Leeming has been included for employment use. Cllrs will consider their response at the later meeting but it was agreed to inform local residents, via the newsletter, that they could respond individually to Hambleton District Council.

Meeting closed: 7.50pm