

Kirkby Fleetham with Fencotes Parish Council

Minutes of meeting – 16th June 2016 at 7.30pm.

Present : Mrs Booth, Mr Tubby, Mr Dick, and 4 residents.

1. Apologies: Cllr Barker, Cllr Phillips, and Mrs Herbert.

2. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 19th May were accepted and signed. This was proposed by Cllr Tubby and seconded by Cllr Dick.

3. Matters for Report

Item 5f – The clerk reported that NYCC Passenger Transport Section had been informed of the problems with the buses and had asked for further details. These are being sought.

Item 10 – Flooding at Morton Bridge. The response from NYCC Highways Dept was that they were hoping that the new Bedale Bypass and the LAR would help to solve the problem. They will monitor the situation once the road system is in place. Should the problem remain they would look to excluding HGV's from the minor roads as there is no money to raise the road at Morton.

Item 11c – Yorkshire RWC Festival of Walking. Some issues had arisen from this ie the road had been permanently marked with distances, walkers were walking on the wrong side of the road for safety, information had been lacking about the event and local involvement was very restricted. It was agreed that a park or other traffic-free area would be a safer environment for this event and to contact the organisers with this information.

Item 11a – Flagpole – a list of dates had been compiled and additional keys have been cut.

4. Burial Ground

Another grave space has been reserved.

St Mary's Churchyard - it was agreed to leave the bonfire until the Autumn.

5. Correspondence

Leonard Smelt and Thos. Tenant Charities – notification that the trustees are discussion the formal linking of the charities - councillors were in agreement with this (0106/16); Paul Russell, Director, Russell Group – letter of apology for damage to Kirkby Fleetham Green and cheque to cover the cost of repair. Councillors commented that the vigilance of a resident, who had noted details of the lorry involved, had been instrumental in the recovery of the money (0206/16).

6. Finance

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

C.A. Mitton £82.60 for wages and stamps (chq 150).

C.E. and C.M. Walker £228.00 for grasscutting the village greens (chq 151).

Z.T. Dick £25.00 for grasscutting the Burial Ground (B A chq 019)

HMRC £62.40 for 1st Quarter Income Tax (chq 152)

Income: £48.50 had been received from Russell Group towards Green repairs and burial fees of £400.

b) Change of signatory for bank accounts

It was resolved to remove Cllr Alexander as signatory to both Natwest accounts following his resignation as councillor and to add Cllr Herbert as the third one. This was proposed by Cllr Dick and seconded by Cllr Tubby.

c) To approve annual cost for Burial Ground topping

It was resolved to accept the price of £30 per cut for topping the Burial Ground twice a year. This was proposed by Cllr Booth and seconded by Cllr Tubby.

7. a) Applications

16/00829/FUL: Proposal: Proposed extensions and alterations to house and construction of car port as amended by plans received by Hambleton District Council on 13 June 2016

Location: Lancaster House 8 Lumley Lane Kirkby Fleetham

Applicant: Mr Paul Cody

Councillors agreed that there had been little change with the revised plans and that the original objections had not been addressed.

b) Outcomes

16/00758/CAT : Proposal: Works to a tree in a conservation area. Reduce Beech tree to hedge height.

Location: Woodview, 9 Kirkby Lane, Kirkby Fleetham, North Yorks

Applicant: Mr Nigel Lincoln

This application was granted.

8. Dog Waste and Litter Bins

There had been no further complaints about dog waste. The clerk was asked to ascertain from Hambleton District Council if they would service litter bins outside the village boundaries.

9. Village Hall

Representatives from the Village Hall Trustees explained that they are now looking to improve the car park access for the disabled. They have some money available and are looking to apply for a grant from the Bedale Fund Allocation through HDC but there will be a shortfall. They outlined a number of options but the one that met the criteria best was to use Alpha Flow blocks which is suitable for wheelchairs and is permeable, therefore environmentally friendly. The cost for making a drive way and space for disabled parking in this is estimated to be £10,000 with the remaining area gravelled. The trustees are exploring the possibility of donations from those residents who will benefit from the new driveway and the Parish Council. When funding is in place a decision about the precise area to be covered with Alpha blocks can be made. Councillors welcomed this initiative and agreed to consider providing financial support once costings became clear. The Annual Trustees Report was received with thanks.

10 Community Emergency Plan

Cllr Booth reported that the plan is in hand.

11 Seats

The clerk has written to Mr Snowball asking him to prepare the bases and Cllr Dick agreed to organize delivery of the seats from Sam Turner Ltd.

12. Yellow Lines Kirkby Fleetham

Cllr Booth will follow this up with NYCC Highways Dept.

13. Trees

Cllr Booth reported that one of the lime trees needs to be replaced. It was agreed to leave this until the autumn. She also reported that the bough of the oak tree supporting the swing on Butcher's Bank has died. The clerk was requested to ask a local tree surgeon to have a look and advise with regard to safety.

14. Councillor Vacancy

This has been reported to HDC and is in hand.

15. Any Other Business

Cllr Dick commented that he had observed other villages using a speed matrix. Councillors expressed interest in the possibility and he will explore this further.

Concern was expressed about signs with regard to road closures. Dates are displayed in advance and residents make alternative arrangements only for the date to be revised with little or no notice. This causes confusion and is particularly difficult for businesses working in the area. The clerk was asked to convey this concern to Highways Dept.

Meeting closed 8.35pm

Date of Next Meeting : Thursday, 21st July 2016.

