

Kirkby Fleetham with Fencotes Parish Council

Minutes of meeting – 20th February 2020 at 7.30pm.

Present: Parish Councillors, Herbert, Jones, Booth, Bradley and Coop, and 2 residents.

Issues raised in the 10 minute session:

a) Village Hall – Grass verges. Concern was expressed about the condition of the verges in the parish following the heavy rain and flooding at Morton Bridge. Councillors were disappointed to have received no response from Hodgsons about the damage to the green in Kirkby Fleetham. It was agreed that the clerk should write again about this, with a copy to NYCC, and also write to NYCC asking if, following excessive traffic through the villages caused by diversions during emergencies such as flooding, the roads could be swept and the drains cleared as soon as possible.

Signage – There had been a number of complaints about the poor signage for the diversion due to road closures on Low Street. This had caused confusion for visitors to the area. The clerk to write to NYCC about this.

1. Apologies: County Councillor Wilkinson, District Councillor Phillips who would arrive later.

2. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday, 16th January 2020 were accepted and signed. This was proposed by Cllr Booth and seconded by Cllr Bradley.

3. Matters for Report

Item 11 (1)– There had been no response from the bus company about the damage to the green.

Item 8 – Church bells. This matter is in hand.

Item 5 – The tree at St Andrew’s had been pruned by Powergen, as had the ones in Little Fencote.

Item 7(e) – Community Benefit Fund. Notices had been placed on the noticeboards and in the Newsletter.

4. Burial Ground

Update – The snowdrops have been very pretty and the daffodils are beginning to open.

Councillors were asked to consider a refund of fees for interments that were not required. The clerk was asked to establish whether the documentation could be returned and councillors would consider the request at their next meeting if it was available.

Cllr Jones reported that HDC had inspected the wall between the church and the burial ground.

St Mary’s Church

Working Party- Cllr Herbert reported that it was still too wet to organise a bonfire.

5. Correspondence

HDC – Emergency flooding information and information re floodsax, placed on website (0102/20); YLCA - notification of new website and access arrangements, circulated to councillors (0202/20); North Yorkshire Police – Data and Decision ref HB191700 Fencote Lane Great Fencote. Councillors would like further information (0302/20); YLCA – Hambleton Branch Meeting, Wed 26th February at Easingwold (0402/20); NYCC -Road Closure notification Low Street 17-21 February (0502/20); Pensions Regulator-reminder to submit re-declaration by 1st Sept 2020 (0502/20); HDC – Floodsax register and stock (0702/20); HDC – Invite to Hambleton and Richmondshire Rural Transport & Access Partnership, 19th March 2020 (0802/20).

Also circulated: YLCA – ‘White Rose’ February Edition (0602/20).

6. Finance

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

C.A. Mitton for wages for January (chq 278).

Mr T Duffield £100 for yew tree pruning St Mary's Churchyard (chq 279).
HDC £40 for green bin emptying Burial Ground 2020/21 (chq 280).
Mrs A Herbert £53.85 refund for replacement trees from Braithwaite & Sons (chq 281).

b) Income

There has been no income in the period.

c) Consideration of Lych Gate quotations

A further quotation had been received and one is still to be completed. Councillors agreed to wait until the next meeting to consider this further.

d) Grasscutting contract for Village Greens 2020/21

Councillors resolved to accept the quotation of £108 per cut from C.E. and C.M. Walker for the 2020/01 season. The clerk was asked to request that they include the verge on the eastern entrance to Little Fencote from the BT box to the entrance to Fencote Hall.

This was proposed by Cllr Herbert and seconded by CllrBooth.

e) Appointment of internal auditor

Mrs Jane Henderson was appointed.

7 Planning

a) Applications

20/00051/FUL. Proposal: Construction of a porch structure to front of dwelling
Location: 11 Village Way Kirkby Fleetham North Yorks DL7 0TW
Applicant: Mr & Mrs P Hartley

Councillors recommended approval.

19/02406/FUL. Proposal: Rear extension to dwelling, replacement porch, replacement windows & installation of solar panels as amended by plans received by HDC 13/2/20
Location: 16 Village Fold Kirkby Fleetham North Yorks DL7 0TX
Applicant: Mr & Mrs Tutty

Councillors recommended approval provided the windows did not overlook neighbouring properties.

19/01882/DCN Proposal: Discharge Planning Condition 7 of Application 19/01882/FUL – Installation and operation of a solar farm and associated infrastructure
Location: South Lowfields Farm Lowfield Lane Kirkby Fleetham
Applicant: Lightsource SPV 155 Limited

Councillors had no comments to make.

b) Outcomes

There were no outcomes to report.

8. Appointment of Clerk

Councillors agreed to meet again on the morning of 10th March between 10 -12 am to consider application forms and shortlist if necessary. If there had been insufficient suitable applicants re-advertising would be considered. Councillors should be familiar with the documents circulated previously for this meeting. The interview date was set for Wednesday, 25th March between 1-5pm. The clerk to notify applicants of the date

when acknowledging receipt of the application form.

9. Lightsource – Contract Signature. Having considered the contract councillors noted that the address on the Deed is incorrect and needs to be put right.
There were also concerns about section 6(a) as the timetable on the project is unknown.

It was agreed to defer signature until the next meeting.

- **Feedback from Transport Meeting** - Councillors had met with the consultant appointed by Lightsource to advise on the Transport Plan and found it useful.

District Councillor Phillips entered the meeting.

10. Policy and Procedures

The following been circulated prior to the meeting:

Disciplinary and Grievance Policies - It was agreed that these documents still needed some work and they would be ready for the next meeting.

11. Great British Spring Clean 2020

Councillors agreed that this was a project which would again benefit the Parish. Cllr Booth will contact HDC for the necessary equipment, Cllr Jones will write an article for the Newsletter and Cllrs Herbert and Booth will provide a timetable and plan, to be displayed at the Hub, for volunteers to sign up. The dates agreed were March 30th to April 13th.

12. Village Green Reinforcement

As there had been no response from Mr J Lawson it was agreed to approach his son in order to move forward.

13. Any Other Business

a) The clerk requested permission to contact Harry Stebbings with regard to the noticeboard keys.

b) Councillors expressed their regret at the death of Mr John Tubby, a former Parish Councillor, who had served the Parish for many years. He will be sadly missed.

March Agenda Items –Lych Gate, Appointment of Clerk.

Meeting closed: 9.20pm.

Date of Next Meeting: **Thursday, 19th March 2020**