

# Kirkby Fleetham with Fencotes Parish Council

Minutes of meeting – Thursday, 20 February 2025 at 7:00 pm.

**Present:** Parish Councillors: Mr Walker, Mr Lamperd, Mr Wall, Mrs Edwards-Heathcote, Dr Henderson, North Yorkshire Councillor Wilkinson and two residents.

Residents raised the following issues before the meeting:

## **Kirby Fleetham CofE Primary School**

Many residents have raised concerns and disappointment that the decision to close the school had already been made without the knowledge or input of the local community or North Yorkshire Council.

### **1. Apologies**

None

- 2. The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday, January 16, 2025,** were accepted as an accurate record of the meeting proceedings and signed.

Acceptance was proposed by Cllr Walker and seconded by Cllr Henderson.

### **3. Matters to Report**

#### **Dog Bins**

North Yorkshire Council only provides housing for 240L dog litter bins, which can be serviced by their bin crews and the street scene team. These bins cost £650 each.

The Council decided to delay the decision to purchase a bin until the dog bin service review is over in case lower price options become available.

#### **Signatories**

NatWest has been asked to resend the authorisation email to Cllr Lamperd. For some strange reason, he received it in German. Once he signs, Cllr Wall will be added to the bank mandate.

#### **Savings Account**

The savings account has now been opened. The Council will now add it to Bankline.

### **4. Burial Grounds**

#### **a) Parish Cemetery**

Pest Control has removed all the traps, raked down the mounds, and reported no more signs of moles.

The Clerk has purchased a green bin licence for the garden waste service starting in March. Once subscribed, the bin collection service will be viewable on the bin collection calendar on the North Yorkshire Council website.

#### **b) St Mary's Churchyard**

The contractor will start cutting the area in early spring. The yew hedge is hoped to be cut soon, but if not, Cllr Walker will expedite the process.

#### **c) St Andrew's Churchyard**

Dales of Thirsk have now uprighted all the previously moved headstones in their new positions, and the font has been removed from the Church but has not yet been sealed.

### **5. Correspondence**

YLCA Training (0102/25), YLCA Weekly News and Notifications (0202/25), St Andrew's Church, Great Fencote (0302/25), Kirkby Fleetham - Proposal for Closure (0402/25), VE Day 80th celebrations (0502/25), Kirkby Fleetham CofE Primary School (0602/25).

### **Kirby Fleetham CofE Primary School**

The Dales Academies Trust informed local stakeholders that the Department for Education had notified the Trust that the Minister had approved the substantive decision to close Kirkby Fleetham Church of England Primary School by mutual consent by 31 August 2025.

As a result of this decision, there is a Listening Period from Tuesday, 04 February 2025. This period lasts four weeks until Tuesday, 11 March 2025.

The Listening Period is an opportunity for stakeholders and interested parties to receive information on why the school is closing and how the closure process is proposed to operate. It is an opportunity for stakeholders and interested parties to submit their views on the school closure process and how it can be best managed. The Parish Council agreed to add a message of support to the local group striving to save the school from being sent via the official Dales Academy Trust Listening Period email address.

The Parish Council has written to Rishi Sunak MP, asking for his support.

## **6. Finance**

The Clerk updated the financial statements and circulated them to the Councillors before the meeting.

### **a) It was resolved to pay the following, and the payments will be raised accordingly:**

<b>Chq</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Payee</b>	<b>Service</b>
BACS		N.Lowe	Clerks wages for Feb + £49 for green bin licence
380	£99.99	J.Lamperd	Solar grant for egg box storage unit
381	£221.86	C.Walker	£60.00 - Fix Parish Cemetery notice board £26.94 - New post and postcrete for repositioning the Cemetery notice board £10.50 - Firelighter logs for the D-Day beacon £16.59 - Aluminium signs from Vistaprint £24.49 - Medium Poppy Wreath £23.69 - New post and postcrete for interpretation board £9.65 - Milk and flowers for NLHF completion event £50.00 - Donation to Yorkshire Ambulance Service Charity for the defib training
BACS	£52.16	A.Booth	Missing VAT amount on INV0641354 and Kodac Prints and iPad Case for the NLHF
BACS	£36.00	Kirkby Fleetham Village Hall	Renting Village Hall for Lych Gate Opening Ceremony Inv - KFBVH 368

This was proposed by Cllr Wall and seconded by Cllr Edwards-Heathcote.

### **b) Income:**

There has been no income this month.

## **7. Planning**

### **a) Applications**

**ZB24/01068/REM:** Application for Approval of Reserved Matters (appearance landscaping and scale) following outline approval 21/00582/OUT for the construction of 5. residential dwellings.

**Location:** Friars Garth Lumley Lane Kirkby Fleetham Northallerton

**Applicant:** Loxley Homes

The Councillors have no further comments on this planning application.

**ZB24/01932/FUL:** Construction of a workshop extension (26m x 6m) and formation of a menage (20m x 40m)

**Location:** Glebe House Low Street Kirkby Fleetham Northallerton  
**Applicant:** Robinson

The Councillor had no comments or objections to this planning application.

**b) Outcomes**

**ZB24/02386/FUL:** Application for alterations and extension to dwelling and new garage structure, revised scheme from previously approved application

**Location:** Devon Planetree Lan Kirkby Fleetham Northallerton  
**Applicant:** Mr and Mrs Wright

The decision on this proposal was granted.

**8. Community Transport and Social Care**

**Community Transport**

There has been no activity to report on during the past month.

**Social Care**

The Fleetham & Fencotes Outings Group went on another outing on 18 February 2025 to Kiplin Hall for afternoon tea in its newly completed dining room.

The next outing will be in April. Arrangements are being made to finalise the June, August, and October events.

**9. 2025/26 Grasscutting Services**

The Clerk has received a quote from CE & CM Walker Limited for grass-cutting services for the upcoming season. The Councillors resolved to accept the quotation of £142 per cut (14-15 cuts) for the village greens.

The Councillors unanimously agreed to the quote. Before the grass cutting commences, the Council will send a notice on InfoNet asking residents for their help. There is a lot of brash on the Village Green; if anyone wants it for kindling, please feel free to help yourself.

**10. Defibrillator**

The Clerk has emailed Northern PowerGrid to inform them that the defibrillator electricity is supplied from an unmetered supply; their response is awaited.

The pads on the Village Hall defibrillator expire next month. The Council agreed for the Clerk to purchase new ones and claim the expense back next month.

The training was well attended and successful. The attendees also donated £67.50, which was collected on the day and donated online. The Parish Council also donated £50.00. These donations are made to the Yorkshire Ambulance Service Charity.

**11. VE Day**

The Parish Council continues to discuss the VE-Day 80th Anniversary Celebrations programme with community stakeholders.

Cllr Walker will produce an advert for April's social news with the Council's plans to celebrate VE Day on Sunday, May 11, 2025.

## **12. Any Other Business**

### **Damage to Village Green**

Several vehicles are parking on and around the Village Green on Tuesday afternoons leading to vehicles mounting the kerb and driving over the Village Green. This is causing significant damage to the Village Green this week again.

**The meeting closed at 8:59 p.m.**

**Date of Next Meeting: 20 March 2025.**