

Kirkby Fleetham with Fencotes Parish Council

Minutes of meeting – Thursday 20 June 2024 at 7.30 pm.

Present: Parish Councillors: Mr Walker, Mrs Edwards-Heathcote, Mr Lamperd, Mrs Herbert and 1 resident.

Residents raised no matters of concern.

1. Apologies

North Yorkshire Councillor Wilkinson. The Council accepted this apology.

2. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday, 16 May 2024 were accepted as an accurate record of the meeting proceedings and signature agreed upon.

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

3. Matters to Report

Asset Register

The additional cover for the Lychgate has started. The extra premium was reduced to £124.19 due to the change in the start date because the date could not be backdated.

Parking at The Close

The letter to the resident to remind the household that there is a Byelaw in place to protect the village greens within the parish has been posted.

Bus Shelter Roofs

Cllr Wilkinson has confirmed that there will be support for the bus shelter's roof repair with the local budget.

The Council need to send a formal request for the amount needed and how the Council will pay for any shortfall in funding, the local is not permitted to support the full amount. The Clerk will make a formal funding request.

Flagpole

The Clerk has received a revised quote to conduct the maintenance on the flagpole. The flag was recently changed. Cllr Herbert will contact the individual who kindly changes the flag to check on the condition before deciding on the maintenance. Should the individual confirm that the flagpole requires further maintenance, then it was agreed that the maintenance company should be contacted to arrange further action, it was also proposed that for the future we query what kind and duration of warranty the maintenance includes.

Waste Bins

The Clerk is waiting for a reply to the enquiry about the costs of two additional dog waste bins around the Parish.

D-Day 80th Anniversary Celebrations

The Parish Council would like to publicly thank, the Feast Committee, Kirkby Fleetham Village Hall, the Primary School and all the volunteers for the great success of the event. The profits from the sale of food and drinks in the Village Hall will go to the Help the Heroes charity.

Urban Grass Cutting

The Clerk has received the proforma invoice for this season's cutting and will proceed to formally raise the invoice for payment.

4. Burial Grounds

a) Parish Cemetery

The notice board has been re-erected beside the Lychgate on a new post, with particular thanks to the resident for assistance in preparing the post and its installation. The Clerk will send the nominated documents to Cllr Walker to be laminated before being added to the noticeboard. Cllr Walker will

arrange to level the area around the post and cover it with a layer of gravel over a permeable membrane.

The Council will arrange a working party to remove the surplus soil piled in the Parish Cemetery. It is hoped some may be of use in repairing ruts on the edge of the Village Greens, a working party for this will be arranged.

The Council agreed for the Clerk to arrange for the contractor to cut the inside hedge at the entrance.

b) St Mary's Churchyard

There were no matters raised.

c) St Andrew's Churchyard

It was noted that the churchyard continues to be maintained up to the temporary construction fence installed by the Church purchaser but that the grass in the area around the Church requires maintenance. The Council agreed for the Clerk to write to the Church to clarify at exactly what stage in the completion of the Church sale the responsibility for grass cutting be transferred to the new owner. Further correspondence may then be raised with the new owner regarding this, and also regarding clarity on how the railed grave which incorporates the ash tree stump will be moved to its new location including removal of the stump without undue damage to the grave.

5. Correspondence

NALC Chief Executives Bulletins (0106/24), Notification of Event (0206/24), The Rural Bulletins (0306/24), NYCC bulletins (0406/24), White Rose Updates (0506/24), Training E-Bulletins (0606/24), SW-55937-Road from Todd Lane to Village Green, Great Fencote (0706/24), Langton Bridge - Urgent Closure (0806/24), YLCA Law and Governance Bulletins (0906/24), FW: SW-58349-Road from Fleetham Lane to Common Lane, Scruton (1006/24), Planning Application refusal (1106/24).

Planning Application Refusal

A resident has asked the Parish Council and Cllr Wilkinson directly for any advice and support after their planning application was refused and subsequently their appeal dismissed. The Parish Council had no objections to the original planning application. The Clerk will ask Cllr Wilkinson for any comments or advice.

6. Finance

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

Chq	Amount	Payee	Service
BACS		N.Lowe	Clerk wages for June + ink cartridge and punched pockets
BACS	£316.80	CE & CM Walker Limited	Parish Grass cutting - Inv 24119
BACS	£26.94	C Walker	New post and post-crete for repositioning the Cemete notice board
BACS	£10.50	C Walker	Firelighter logs for the D-Day beacon
BACS	£170.00	AW Dick	4x Parish Cemetery cut and strim
BACS	£396.00	A Herbert	Solar Farm Grant - Oak bench

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

b) Income:

There has been £0.00 income for 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 5no. residential dwellings.

Location: Friars Garth Lumley Lane Kirkby Fleetham Northallerton

Applicant: Loxley Homes

It was noted that the road and housing layout is broadly in line, albeit with more detail, to the layout on which the original outline permission was granted and so no fundamental objections were raised to the layout. The new application includes a detailed plan for onsite treatment of foul and surface water drainage with foul water going to a single treatment unit and surface water going to a large storage tank, both then discharging into the local watercourse to the west of the site. An inconsistency was noted insofar as the Design and Access Statement describes a different drainage method than that described above, this will be raised in the Council reply to NY Planning.

Councillors remain concerned that the risk of flooding to the site, to Lumley Lane and to properties and field opposite, caused by the water runoff from the higher land above the site may remain a problem and will raise the query with NY Planning to be assured that the design addresses this concern. It was noted that the watercourse in recent times is dry for part of the year and its culvert under Lumley Lane has been overgrown and blocked, the query to planning will also seek assurance that proper maintenance will address this matter.

ZB24/00140/FUL: Application for Removal or Variation of Condition 2 (approved plans) following Grant of Planning Permission 22/01293/FUL- location of corral and equestrian arena and re-size both Condition Number(s): Condition 2 Conditions(s) Removal: Wish to swap location of corral and equestrian arena and re-size both (still within red lined boundary) - see supporting statement Refer to updated drawing number of revised proposed site plan.

Location: Glebe Farm Low Street Kirkby Fleetham Northallerton

Applicant: Mr C Cumming

The Parish Council raised no objections to the planning application.

b) Outcomes

None

8. Lychgate - National Lottery Heritage Grant

The World War 1 memorial plaque has been installed on the inner wall of the Lychgate

The Heritage Committee will organise a meeting to discuss the content and plans to create interpretation boards to be placed at the Parish Cemetery. It was agreed that once the detailed formats have been agreed and recorded in emails by all concerned, then the boards may be ordered without delay with the agreement being recorded in the subsequent Parish meeting.

The Heritage Day arranged by the Village School in liaison with the Heritage Group took place on 19th June and was judged to be a great success.

9. Co-option of a Parish Councillor

The Parish Council has not received any interest in the vacant Parish Councillor position to date.

The Clerk will promote the position on the Village Hall notice board.

10. Review of the Council's Policies, Procedures and Practices

The Councillors discussed the plan to review the Council's Policies, Procedures and Practices. The policies reviewed to date, including Standing Orders and Terms of Reference for both PC and Burial Authority, require minimal updates and these will be circulated to the Councillors before the next meeting, ready to be agreed upon at the next meeting.

11. Community Transport and Social Care

Community Transport

The 54 bus service is now fully operational over its revised routing. It is understood that the new Mayor of York and North Yorkshire intends to adopt a policy of promoting and expanding the public bus routes throughout his area.

Social Care

The Fleetham & Fencotes Outings Group's trip on April 10th to Leyburn was very successful. The outing included a visit to the renovated Leeming Bar rail station, showcasing the 1920s with staff in period costumes, a train ride on the Wensleydale Railway to Leyburn, lunch at Tennants and visits to the Tea Pot Factory (Ceramic Inspirations), the Inspired Chocolate Workshop, and the White Rose Handmade Candle Workshop in Wensley, using the Bedale Minibus.

Outing No. 4, planned for June 11th to Whitby via the North Yorkshire Moors Steam Train, was cancelled due to the long duration and high cost. Remaining outings for the year include:

- August 6th: RHS Harlow Carr, Harrogate.
- October 15th: Wensleydale Creamery, followed by a tour of Hawes and the Dales Museum.
- December 10th: Return to White Gates Cafe and Garden Centre for Christmas Afternoon Tea.

Future outings will be limited to an outward journey within a 1-hour duration.

A new volunteer driver has been found to support Hambleton Community Action's Community Car Scheme, although more volunteers are still needed.

12. Any Other Business

Egg Storage Box

During the winter months, the area around the egg storage box becomes boggy due to the number of villagers/visitors purchasing eggs. The Councillors discussed preventive measures and agreed to monitor the situation in the month leading to the wetter season and if permanent measures such as embedded ground grids are then deemed to be thought necessary then the Council will consult the land owner with potential remedies.

July Agenda Items

Defibrillator

The meeting closed at 9:47 p.m.

Date of Next Meeting: 18 July 2024.