

# Kirkby Fleetham with Fencotes Parish Council

Minutes of meeting – Monday 18 April 2024 at 7.30 pm.

**Present:** Parish Councillors: Mr Walker, Mrs Edwards-Heathcote, Mr Lamperd and North Yorkshire Councillor Wilkinson.

## **Egg Boxes**

A request has been made for a large waterproof egg storage box to be sited upon the Village Green by Lucy Sanderson, of Morton Grange Farm, Morton on Swale to house small egg boxes for direct sale to the public. The Parish Council agreed that they had no objections to the egg box being sited on the Village Green and confirmed that the Council is not connected with Lucy Sanderson or her operation and does not endorse her products.

## **1. Apologies**

Councillor Herbert. The Council accepted this apology.

- 2. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday, 21 March 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 Edwards-Heathcote.

## **3. Matters to Report**

### **Defibrillator**

A drafted letter to the homeowner of the recently identified site for a potential new Defibrillator has been circulated and agreed upon, the Clerk will post the letter in due course.

### **Damage to the Kirkby Fleetham Village Green**

The Clerk wrote to Hodgson's bus company to request that the bus drivers reverse up Lumley Lane before driving down Fleetham Lane instead of driving over the corner of the Village Green.

The Clerk has also drafted a letter to the Village Green owners to check if they have any objections to the Parish Council exploring options for strengthening sections of the Green where traffic damage is occurring. The Councillors agreed to a couple of changes to the letter.

### **Asset Register**

The Clerk has contacted the Parish Insurers and they are producing a quote to include the Lychgate in the Council policy.

### **Flag Dates**

The Clerk has updated the flag-flying dates for 2024 and forwarded the dates to the volunteer who kindly changes the flags during the year.

## **4. Burial Grounds**

### **a) Parish Cemetery**

There has been an instance of a dog fouling in the Parish Cemetery. A sign has been erected at the front gate informing visitors that dogs are prohibited from the Parish Cemetery.

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

There were no matters raised.

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

The work has started to relocate the chosen memorials following the sale of St Andrew's Church. Ground markers have been placed on the new locations.

## 5. Correspondence

NALC Chief Executives Bulletins (0104/24), NYC Bus Alterations 2024 (0204/24), The Rural Bulletins (0304/24), NYC bulletins (0404/24), White Rose Updates (0504/24), Training E-Bulletins (0604/24), SW-19691-Fleetham Lane, Kirkby Fleetham (0704/24).

## 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 April
BACS	£66.00	Dales of Thirsk	Reduce lean and wobble on a memorial in St Mary's churchyard - Inv 23980
BACS	£230.00	YLCA	Membership Subscription 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025 - Inv-1753
BACS	£26,187.91	Harlands	Build Lychgate - Inv 1051
BACS	£100.00	AW Dick	2 x Burial ground cut and strimmed

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

### b) Income:

There has been £0.00 income for this month.

### c) Financial Statement 2023/2024:

The financial statements were circulated to the Councillors ahead of the meeting. Councillors accepted the statements of accounts. The Clerk will now collate all the financial information together and send it to the internal auditor to independently analyse and evaluate the parish accounting documentation.

## 7. Planning

### a) Applications

**ZB24/00613/OUT:** Outline application with all matters reserved for the construction of a single, detached, four bedroom house with separate garage block

**Location:** Land Adjacent 6 Penfold Terrace Fleetham Lane Kirkby Fleetham North Yorkshire

**Applicant:** Mr A Allan

The Councillors observed that the proposed development falls outside of the village boundary and that no development has taken place at this end of the village for a great many years. Several residents living close to or immediately adjacent to the site have raised objections noting that the entrance falls outside of the Village's 30mph speed limit and particularly noting that excessive speeding is often observed at this location. The Council shares these concerns and noted particularly that its previous efforts to extend the 30mph limit through to Great Fencote were rejected. The residents have also drawn the Council's attention to the fact that none of them were advised directly about the application and may have missed the deadline for comments had they not seen the green notice on a nearby post.

The Councillors have significant concerns at the proximity of the site to the historic site of the Fleetham Motte and Bailey castle particularly as the areas of archaeological interest may fall outside of the main mounded castle area. It was noted that this has been addressed in significant detail by a response to NYC from Historic England.

The reference to the Parish Council in section 1 of the Applicant's Planning Statement is incorrect and should refer to Kirkby Fleetham with Fencotes Parish Council.

**ZB24/00140/FUL:** Retrospective planning approval for change of use of storage to a holiday let.

**Location:** The Old Coach House Kirkby Hall Kirkby Fleetham North Yorkshire

**Applicant:** Mrs Karen Stephenson

The Councillor has no objections but observes that the property has already been developed and has already been occupied.

**ZB23/02621/FUL:** Construction of stable buildings for the accommodation of 20 horses etc. plus construction of a single, detached, four bedroom house.

**Location:** OS Field 8754 Lumley Lane Kirkby Fleetham North Yorkshire

**Applicant:** Mr Andrew Mullen

The Councillors noted that they have still not received the requested information on horse waste management. It is noted that the entranceway has been moved west to avoid it being directly opposite the entrance to Friars Garth Farm, the Councillors have no issues relating to the new entrance but continue to express significant reservations about the number of acres relative to the stated number of horses together with concerns about the number of horses which may be exercised on the road. It was particularly noted that although the application is specifically for stabling for 20 horses a reference in the second section of the document titled Transport Technical Note refers to "housing up to 30 horses". Councillors seek assurance that this number is quoted in error.

**b) Outcomes**

None

**8. Lychgate - National Lottery Heritage Grant**

The Lychgate is fully complete. Hawthorn hedging has been planted and the turf has been patched up around the structure. The Councillors agreed that Harland Builders have done an excellent job and the Lychgate looks great.

An initial site visit for the project evaluation and kick-off meeting is arranged for 24 April 2024. The final evaluation report is planned for October 2024.

A heritage day is planned for 19 June 2024 from 3:30 pm to 5:00 pm which will take place in the Village Hall. The historical group are gathering evidence for the St Andrew's gravestone research for the children.

**9. Bus Shelter Restoration**

The Council is still exploring a third quote. If a third quote cannot be found by the next meeting, the Council will vote on the two quotes already received.

The Council will also look into securing a quick and relatively low-price quote for the repair of the wind-damaged roofing felt on the Great Fencote bus shelter.

**10. Co-option of a Parish Councillor**

North Yorkshire Council have written to the Council to inform that the Proper Officer has received insufficient requests from eligible electors for an election to fill the casual vacancy.

The Parish Council can co-opt duly qualified persons to fill the vacancy as soon as practicable.

The Clerk has created an advert which has been sent to the local community via InfoNet, the local newsletter and advertised on the three parish noticeboards.

## **11. Community Transport and Social Care**

### **Community Transport**

The initial contract period for the 54 Bus Service started on 08 April for two years, with plans for a review before extending it for an additional three years. There's a pending amendment to the bus route, initiated by the Parish Council, but not yet implemented.

The Council are advocating for the complete route to be reinstated, providing access to essential services like doctors' surgeries and chemists in Catterick Village and Catterick Garrison. The Council are actively engaged in representing our villages at meetings of the Harbus and Hambleton & Richmondshire Rural Transport & Access Partnership, addressing public transport concerns impacting all residents.

### **Social Care**

The Fleetham & Fencotes Outings Group recently completed its third outing, visiting Leyburn by rail and exploring four additional venues after lunch at Tennants Garden Rooms Cafe. Planning is underway for the fourth outing on 11 June 2024, which will include a steam train journey from Pickering to Grosmont, followed by a minibus ride to Whitby.

The group continues to support Hambleton Community Action by recruiting volunteers, particularly for its Community Car Scheme.

## **12. Any Other Business**

### **Todd Lane**

Cllr Walker will report the large pothole on Todd Lane. The Clerk will create an account on the Parish Portal for Cllr Edwards-Heathcote and Lamperd. This will enable them to report highway issues directly in the future.

Cllr Walker noted that the Council has secured a Government issue portrait of HM King Charles III as the deadline for ordering was nearing an end. It is agreed that the portrait will be kept in storage for the time being.

**The meeting closed at 9:57 p.m.**

**Date of Next Meeting: 16 May 2024.**