

# Kirkby Fleetham with Fencotes Parish Council

**Minutes of meeting – 21<sup>st</sup> October 2021 at 7.30 pm.**

**Present:** Parish Councillors: Mr Jones, Mr Coop, Mr Walker, Mrs Booth and 1 resident.

Issues raised in the 10-minute session:

**Village Green Bylaw:** Concerns were raised to the Parish Council by the Owner of the Village Greens that had not been notified of the potential update of the Village Green byelaw. The owner believes he should be involved in any future issues regarding the Village Greens. Cllr Jones apologised for any confusion but stated that we were at a very early stage of discussions regarding the content of any update. Until the council agreed on the wording of the update there was to be no external engagement. The Clerk will record contact details and will copy the owners in with any future correspondence on this subject.

1. **Apologies:** Mrs Herbert, District Councillor Phillips and County Councillor Wilkinson
2. **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> September 2021** were accepted and signature agreed.

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

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

**Road Markings:** The Clerk has submitted the Kirkby Fleetham Primary School road markings and illuminated signs requests through the Parish Portal. Both service requests have been completed, but there have been no updates received. The Clerk has contacted North Yorkshire County Council but they can't find the requests from the portal reference numbers provided. The Clerk has forwarded the original requests to Highways directly.

**St Mary's:** There has been no word from the Lower Swale Church Warden regarding the ownership of the north boundary wall and if the church could install a noticeboard informing the public of the conservation around St Mary's. The Clerk will contact the Lower Swale Church Warden for an update.

**Litter Signs:** Cllr Booth has given one of the anti-littering signs to a local farmer who is happy to erect the sign.

**Goal Posts:** The damaged/written off goal post has now been removed from the village green by a scrap merchant.

### 4. **Burial Ground**

#### a) **Fencote**

The hedgerow is due to be cut by the end of October or in November. Once the hedgerow has been cut a working party will be organised to tidy the Burial Ground.

The Clerk will update the burial ground notice board with the new Burial Ground fees, contact details and abridged version of the regulations.

Several of the old graves still have elevated soil mounds that require levelling to better facilitate maintenance. Cllr Jones will forward the names of the graves to the Clerk. The Clerk will contact the undertakers and request that the graves be levelled and reseeded.

**b) St Mary's Churchyard**

It was agreed to arrange a working party when the 'long' grass cut has been finished.

**5. Correspondence**

Kirkby Fleetham PC concerns 17.9.21 (0110/21), The Rural Bulletins (0210/20), NYCC bulletins (0310/21), Hambleton & Richmondshire Rural Transport & Access Partnership meeting minutes (0410/21), White Rose Updates (0510/21), Weekly Briefing for Town & Parish Councils (0610/21), Car Parking on the grass (0710/21), Notification letter A684 Crakehall (0810/21), YLCA Telephone system (0910/21), Training E-Bulletins (1010/21), Councils Awarding Grants – Powers, Policy and Procedures Webinar Session (1010/21), Understanding the Local Government Association (LGA) Code of Conduct for Local Councils (1110/21), Solar Farm Road signs (1210/21), Notice for all Cllr's and Parishes A19 TRUNK ROAD (1310/21), Respect & Protect Letter to Councillors (1410/21), Kirkby Fleetham Parish Council concerns - PC meeting 16.9.2021 (1510/21), Hambleton Branch Meeting - Wednesday, 20 October 2021 (1610/21), Making a Difference Grants 2022/23 (1710/21), Bilsdale Mast and lack of TV services (1810/21).

These were all circulated via email.

**School Playground:** Kirkby Fleetham Primary School has made a funding application to assemble a play structure in the school playground. The Friends of the School has asked the Parish Council if they would support their funding application. The Councillors unanimously agreed to support the application. Cllr Booth will draft a letter and forward it to the Clerk to send.

**Flooding:** Openreach were conducting some work on Fleetham Lane, outside Little Fencote and reported that there was some flooding in their ducts. Openreach told Cllr Booth that they will write to Yorkshire Water and explain the issue. It was agreed for the Clerk to write to both Openreach and Yorkshire Water to inform them of the issues.

**6. Finance**

It was proposed by Cllr Jones and seconded by Cllr Coop that after a successful appraisal, the Councillors would increase the Clerk's wage from SCP 9 to SCP 11. The changes will start from 01 October 2021.

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

N. Lowe wages for October to date (chq 334)  
CE & CM Walker Limited £264.00 for grass cutting the greens - Inv 21301 (chq 335)

This was proposed by Cllr Coop and seconded by Cllr Jones.

**b) Income:**

Received £3,500, the second payment of the precept.

## **7. Planning**

### **a) Application**

No applications

### **b) Outcomes**

No Outcomes

## **8. Solar Farm Grant**

### **a) Construction**

The Solar Farm has now been producing green energy for several weeks. Lightsource has confirmed that the Solar Farm capacity is 49.99MW and the offer was £1000 per megawatt. Lightsource will transfer the funds to the Parish Council shortly.

The Councillors recently visited the Solar Farm. A very informative visit allowed for the assessment of site operations, layout, and outstanding works. Of note, the real estate around the panels is yet to be reseeded with grass and the remaining site screening is to be installed in December 2021.

### **b) Grants**

#### **Lychgate**

The Parish Council are now in a position to contact Contractor A to discuss the possibility of a 2021 construction and any impact on the tender in the hope of making a tender award for the construction of the Lychgate. Cllr Walker will draft a letter to 'Contractor A' confirming the award and possible start dates. Cllr Booth will contact Hambleton District Council on their portion of funding.

## **9. Precept 2022/23**

The clerk had updated the financial statement which showed that whilst there is still a healthy balance, the Parish annual expenditure is level to the income being generated. It was agreed that as costs are anticipated to rise annually in line with inflation that it would be better addressed by a small increase. Councillors' resolved to increase the Precept by £400, to £7,400 for 2022/23 financial year.

## **10. Village Green Byelaw**

Cllr Jones updated the Council on the current stage of the Byelaw. As a consequence of concerns and objections received, Cllr Jones believes that now is not the time to consider changing the local byelaw and therefore withdraws the draft paper in its entirety. The Parish Council remains the owner/author of the 1922 Village Green Byelaw, which remains in existence until it is revoked or updated.

## **11. Quiet Lane**

Cllr Wilkinson emailed A detailed response from Highways regarding the request for a Quiet Lane in Kirkby Fleetham. A speed survey was carried out along the 3 sections of the proposed road. Working left to right commencing from Greengate Lane, the 85th percentile speeds retrieved were 36.4mph, 26.1mph and 32.6mph. Two out of the three sections fail to meet the criteria.

## **12. Public Liability Insurance**

The Council currently have Public Liability Insurance in place with a limit of indemnity of £10,000,000.

The owner of the Village Green is concerned that an electric car charging point has been installed on the Village Green without his consent and wayleave agreement in place. The charging point has been installed through the governance of the Village Hall committee, and the Council confirmed that they haven't received any correspondence regarding the installation of the charging point.

The Councillors agreed for the Clerk to clarify who is responsible for the charging point and contact the owners to check in the first instance Public Liability insurance is in place to cover this asset. The owner is resolute that any correspondence with him regarding the Village Green must be through the Parish Council.

## **13. Local Plan**

Following the examination of the Hambleton Local Plan by the Independent Planning Inspector. The Councillors agreed that they have no formal comments to make following the proposed changes (Main Modifications) to the Local Plan, as there are no direct effects to this Parish. Individuals are open to submit any personal objections/observations; returns by 5 pm 9 November 2021.

## **14. St Mary's Church Monumental Inscription Project Funding**

A resident has been working on a book documenting all the gravestones and memorials in St Mary's graveyard including inscriptions, photographs, a map and historical information.

The hope is to publish the document by the end of November.

It was agreed that the Parish could help with the costs in principle but require a final cost before committing further.

## **15. Any Other Business**

**Speed Watch:** The team have carried out 5 sessions and have caught 3 individuals speeding in the community. The Councillors agreed to produce an article for the local newsletter updating the community and asking for volunteers. Cllr Walker will draft an article.

**The meeting closed at 9.15 pm.**

**Date of Next Meeting: Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> November 2021 at 7:30 pm.**