

Kirkby Fleetham with Fencotes Parish Council

Minutes of meeting – 22nd June 2017 at 7.30pm. following postponement due to election

Present : Mrs Booth, Mrs Herbert, Mr Dick, Mr Mitton, Mr Tubby, Cllr Wilkinson and 2 residents.

1. Apologies: Cllr Phillips.

2. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 18th May 2017 were accepted and signed. This was proposed by Cllr Dick and seconded by Cllr Mitton.

3. Matters for Report

Item 10) – Stiles. North Yorkshire County Council has responded that the responsibility for repairing stiles has now been passed back to the landowners and advised that they should be approached about any repairs.

4. Burial Ground

The area has now been topped and the front of the Burial Ground, amongst the trees, has been strimmed. The hedges have also been trimmed.

St Mary's Churchyard – Cllr Herbert reported that this was well cut and looks very tidy.

5. Correspondence

RAF Leeming – Increased Activity at at Royal Air Force Leeming, 29th May to 23rd June. Displayed on website (0106/17); Seafarers UK – Fly the Red Ensign for Merchant Navy Day, 3rd November 2017 (0206/17); NYCC – Parish Portal Launch (0306/17); YLCA – Hambleton Branch Annual Meeting, Wednesday 28th June, at 7.00pm in Northallerton Town Hall (0406/17); Letter from resident re Planning Application no. 17/01277/OUT (0506/17); NYCC – Response re Road Markings (0606/17); Letter from resident re Great Fencote Green (0706/17); The Pensions Regulator- Declaration of Compliance (0806/17).

6. Finance

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

C.A. Mitton £140.71 for wages, stamps, audit costs, paper and cartridge (chq 186).

C.E and C.M. Walker Ltd £235.20 for grasscutting village greens, May Inv 17092 (chq 187).

Z.T. Dick £110.00 for mowing the Burial Ground grass (chq 025).

7. Planning

a) Applications

17/01089/HNA : Proposal: Removal of 97m of sparse hedgerow

Location: Land and Buildings to the North of Melton Court Kirkby Fletetham North
Yorks

Applicant: Mr Simon Smith

Following discussion councillors agreed that the hedgerow was very sparse and had no objection to the proposal.

b) Outcomes

16/02498/FUL : Proposal: Change of use of agricultural land to a caravan site (extension to existing site by 15 touring pitches) and amended layout for previously approved touring pitches)

Location: Stonebridge Trout Lake Little Fencote North Yorks

Applicant: Mrs Jane Whiting

This application was granted.

Councillor Wilkinson left the meeting.

8. Access across Common Land, Little Fencote

Councillors had no objection to the proposal but, because of the complex legal situation, it was agreed that Cllr Booth would circulate a draft letter for councillors to approve.

9. Trees

A consultant has been asked to advise on the 4 trees on Kirkby Fleetham green causing concern and Cllr Herbert also expressed concern about the safety of 2 oak trees on Greengate Lane. These belong to NYCC and the clerk was asked to report the concerns to that council.

10. Posts, Kirkby Fleetham Green

These have been placed next to the Village Hall by a resident to avoid damage to the green. Councillors agreed that, whilst it was done with good intentions, the matter should have been referred to the Parish Council for approval. As a result councillors could not accept any responsibility for any damage caused in the event of an accident.

11. All Weather Cricket Wicket

Cllr Dick explained that he would like to encourage the children of the parish to become involved in cricket and this would be a way forward. He will research the matter further. Councillors commented that the football posts were still being left out. Cllr Booth agreed to take this up with the group and to ask for a reminder to be placed in the Newsletter to encourage parents to help.

12. Speed Restriction Signs

Cllr Booth explained that other villages were using stickers on dustbins at the roadside to remind motorists of the speed restrictions through the villages. Councillors agreed that this was a very good idea and it was resolved to buy a selection of the stickers. Cllr Booth would arrange for an article to be included in the newsletter, once the stickers are available, asking for those interested in displaying one to contact the Parish Council.

13. Weedkilling on Kerbsides

Cllr Dick expressed concern about the state of the weeds along kerbsides. Cllrs agreed that they looked untidy. The clerk was asked to report the concerns to Highways Dept, NYCC.

14. Any Other Business

Cllr Herbert commented that the village sign on Lowesfield Lane was totally obscured by large weeds and grass. Cllr Dick agreed to try to remedy this.

Concern was expressed about HGV's parking overnight along local roads, causing a partial obstruction. The clerk was asked to report the problem to NYCC and councillors agreed to monitor the situation.

A resident reported that some streetlights in Kirkby Fleetham were not working. He was asked to provide the numbers so that they could be reported.

Cllr Herbert raised the possibility of providing a sign for children playing on Kirkby Lane. It was agreed to agenda this for the July meeting.

Meeting closed 8.45pm

Date of Next Meeting : Thursday, 20th July 2017.