

Kirkby Fleetham with Fencotes Parish Council

Minutes of meeting – 21st January 2021 at 7.30pm held as a “Virtual” meeting via Zoom

Present: Parish Councillors: Mrs Herbert, Mrs Booth, Mr Coop, Mr Jones, Mr Walker, District Councillor Phillips, and County Councillor Wilkinson.

There were no issues from residents

1. **Apologies:** There were no apologies.
2. **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday, 19th November 2020** were accepted and signature agreed.

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

3. Matters for Report

Parish Portal The Clerk has had difficulties logging into the Parish Portal and requested support from the Parish Portal’s customer services to reset the Parish’s password, but unfortunately hasn’t been contacted following the request. Cllr Wilkinson requested that the Clerk forward the email receipt requesting support to Cllr Wilkinson and Cllr Wilkinson will email NYCC customer support to contact the Clerk.

4. Burial Ground

Update: There has been 2 recent burials at the Todd Lane burial ground

St Andrew’s Church: Overnight of the 11th of January there has been some damage to the boundary wall at St Andrew’s Church due to the weather conditions. Cllr Jones has contacted Hambleton District Council about the damage and to request repair.

5. Correspondence

River Swale - Virtual meeting with Parish Chairs (0101/21), The Rural Bulletins (0201/20), NYCC bulletins (0301/21), Citizens Advice service update bulletin (0401/21), White Rose Updates (0501/21), Prepare for Snow & Ice this Winter - Free Checklist for Councils (0501/21), Members Weekly Briefing (0601/21), Budget Consultation Update to Parish Councils (0701/21), Climate Emergency – Friends Of Earth (Foe) (0801/21), Training E-Bulletins (0901/21), YLCA - Remote Training Programme - January and February 2021 (1001/21), Parish Precepts (1101/21), Climate and Ecological Emergency Bill (1201/21), YLCA - CoronaVirus Update (1301/21), NYY Parish Council Offer (1401/21), Press release - Leeming Solar Farm (1501/21), Swiss Air Force at Leeming (1601/21),

These were all circulated via email.

Swiss Air Forces: Many residents have raised that they are very unhappy with the situation of Swiss Force carrying out their night time training. The usual email notifying the area didn’t go out because of an issue with the address list. The Councillors agreed for the Clerk to write to RAF Leeming about the residents concerns, advance warnings and flying times.

Traffic Works Signage: Yorkshire Water were working on Low Street between Fence Dike Lane and Leeming Bar on 12-20 January. The road closure sign was at the point of the work and any traffic from the local villages would have already passed the last junction. There were signs at the Leeming Bar end for redirected traffic. Cllr Wilkinson recommended that the Clerk contact Highways, who will in turn contact the utilities company regarding the inadequate signage.

Solar Farm Traffic: A resident made a complaint regarding the speed of solar power traffic entering the village. The resident is going to contact Lightsource directly about the traffic. Cllr Herbert has also contacted Lightsource about the complaint. Lightsource have apologised and will contact the drivers.

6. Finance

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

N. Lowe wages for December and January to date (chq 309)

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

Flat Cap & Rose Home & Garden Maintenance £380.00 for burial ground grass cutting (chq 310)
HMRC £87.00 Oct and Nov 2020 Tax (chq 311)

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

- b) Income:

There has been £940.00 Burial Ground income in the period.

7. Planning

- a) **Application**

Proposal: 20/02409/FUL: Single Storey extension to front and side of dwelling

Location: Glebe House Low Street Kirkby Fleetham North Yorkshire
Applicant: Mr G Robinson

Councillors had no objections.

Proposal: NY/2020/0221/FUL: Erection of an aggregate bagging plant including a bagging building and bulk bagging plant, ticket office, welfare building, creation of hard standing, sewage treatment plant and site levelling works.

Location: Killerby Quarry, Low Street, North Yorkshire, DL10 7PY
Applicant: Tarmac Trading Ltd

Councillors had no objections but would like to see light pollution kept strictly to a minimum, evening working hours shortened to be less intrusive to neighbours, and increased tree screening for Hook House barn conversions which look directly onto the site.

Proposal: 21/00062/LBC: Listed Building Consent for internal alterations to the rear first floor extension layout of the dwellinghouse

Location: The Manor House 16 The Green Kirkby Fleetham North Yorkshire
Applicant: Mrs Charlotte Denny

Councillors had no objections.

Proposal: 20/02267/FUL: Construction of single dwelling for managers accommodation

Location: Land At Stonebridge Trout Lake Little Fencote DL7 0RL
Applicant: Mrs Jane Whiting

It was proposed by Cllr Booth and seconded by Cllr Herbert to add further comment to the proposal. The Councillors agreed in view of the proposed new position of accommodation, landscaping should be in place before commencement of proposed development.

c) Outcomes

There were no outcomes.

8. Progress Report re Solar Farm Grant

Play Area:	Councillors agreed to contact the Black Horse to check if they acquired the land at the back and if it would be possible to build a play area there. Cllr Herbert will check the Land Registry to find out who owns the land at Penfold Terrace.
Lych Gate:	Cllr Booth reported that the paperwork is coming together but they need a location plan. Cllr Jones confirmed the Parish has an Ordnance Survey Public Sector Mapping Agreement, Cllr Jones will contact Hambleton District Council to request copies.
Community Benefits Grants:	Councillors agreed to contact Lightsource to enquire what the timescales and procedures in receiving the grant funds.
Other Grants:	Cllr Herbert will look at the cost of upgrading the village signs.

9. Leeming Solar Farm

The Parish Council received the press release that Lightrock Power is proposing a solar farm between Leeming Bar and Scruton. The majority of Councillors agreed for the Clerk to write to Lightrock Power with Parish Councils objection to the plans, on the grounds of site screening and an expansion of the Leeming Bar industrial estate north of the A684 bypass.

10. Traffic Management

Flood Meeting: Cllr Herbert attended this meeting along with parish councillors from Great Langton, Ainderby, Morton and Scruton. Jayne Charlton (Ham/ Rich lead for Highways) and Stuart Grimston (Improvement officer Highways) The November flood and Morton bridge closure was discussed, the traffic management difficulties caused by this being accentuated by severe floods around our area at the same time. For the future, plans are underway for semi-permanent flood warnings and diversion signs throughout the area which can be quickly brought into action when the rivers rise, and will be at points further away from Morton meaning traffic being diverted further back on its routes. Highways are only allowed to officially divert on to A roads meaning that the northern river crossing via Catterick Bridge is not possible as it uses B roads through Scorton and Great Langton. So the ONLY diversions will use Skipton Bridge to the South – from Northallerton- Oak tree roundabout on to Boroughbridge Road, A167 south, A61, A1, and - from the west on to the A1 south, signage from Coneygarth roundabouts and Spring House roundabout on the 684. This should reduce traffic through our parish as it will be diverted before the Scruton lane end. However it is not possible to prevent traffic, including large HGVs, from using small local roads to access Langton Bridge if they choose. Highways engineers check Langton Bridge annually and state it is safe, with no weight limit. Size- width and length- of vehicles is apparently not thought relevant.

For the future, a warning system is being set up to alert the area when flooding is imminent and when Morton Bridge closes and reopens. For our parish Margaret Wilson is the contact point and she will let us know by our Infonett. Long term plans for flood management such as road level raising, road diversion and new bridge are under discussion but also immediate plans should see more basic equipment on site near the Swale in wet winters, such as pumps, gully emptiers, sandbags and road sweepers.

Kirkby Lane Highways have responded to the Clerk regarding Cars are parking within 10 metres of the Kirkby Lane/Lumley Lane junction. Highways has requested feedback from the local bus drivers and Highways will attend the village once the school returns. Cllr Herbert will send a message on InfoNet regarding parking in Kirkby Fleetham.

11. NYCC Offer - Youth Worker Review

The Parish received a correspondence from a Youth Development Worker for North Yorkshire Youth in the area of Hambleton, about setting up and sustaining voluntary youth projects.

The Councillors agreed for the Clerk to respond that the Parish may be interested and would like to keep in contact. Cllr Booth will prepare an article for the local Newsletter informing the local Parishes of this opportunity and seek to hear from parents and young adults in Kirkby Fleetham, Fencotes, Scruton and Langton who would be interested in possible projects for young adults.

12. Review of Clerk's Position and Salary

Following the Clerk's probation period, the Councillors agreed that they were extremely pleased with the work of the Clerk and are happy to continue the employment on the same salary until annual review in September 2021.

13. Any Other Business

Chapel, Great Fencote: The Trees and shrubs have grown beyond the boundary wall and are encroaching onto the village green by several meters in places, preventing grass cutting. The Councillors agreed for the Clerk to write to the owners and request the owners to arrange for clearing back the foliage to the chapel boundary wall.

Meeting closed at 9.15pm.

Date of Next Meeting: Thursday, 18th February 2021