

Kirkby Fleetham with Fencotes Parish Council

Minutes of meeting – 18th February 2016 at 7.30pm.

Present : Mrs Booth, Mr Alexander, Mr Tubby, Mr Dick, Mrs Herbert and 2 residents.

1. Apologies: Cllr Barker and Cllr Phillips.

2. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 21st January were accepted and signed. This was proposed by Cllr Tubby and seconded by Cllr Alexander.

3. Matters for Report

Item 7a – The clerk reported that HDC Planning Dept. would look into the matter.

Item 7b – The Planning Enforcement Officer would look into this.

The clerk was asked to try to establish the outcome of these items.

Item 16a – A1 artefacts. Cllr Booth reported that items had been displayed in Snape and offered to seek more information.

Item 16d- Cllr Dick had repaired the damage to the Green but Cllr Booth reported that a second incident had occurred. A resident had witnessed the incident and provided the name of the company which owned the lorry and the registration number. Cllr Booth had taken photographs of the damage. The clerk was asked to write to the company and seek compensation.

4. Burial Ground

Cllr Herbert reported that a conifer at St Andrew's Church was causing concern as it was leaning into the wall. She was advised that the trees could be removed if the PCC wished.

It was agreed that the rubbish waiting to be burned at St Mary's Church would have to wait until it had had chance to dry out after all the rain this winter.

5. Correspondence

HDC – Hambleton Parish Liaison Meeting, Thursday, 31st March at 7.00pm at Civic Centre, Stone Cross. Cllr Tubby hopes to attend (0102/16); RAF Leeming – notification of increased activity between 19th February and 25th March. Placed on website (0202/16); Rishi Sunak, MP – Proposed changes to the Northallerton to Richmond bus service, further information. Cllr Alexander volunteered to look into this. (0302/16); Great North Air Ambulance – letter re donation (0402/16); HMRC End of Year information (0602/16).

Also Circulated: HDC 'Update' February 2016 (0502/16).

6. Finance

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

C.A. Mitton £88.37 for wages plus 2 hours for Open Meetings (chq 136).

Income: £375 had been received from Burial Ground Fees.

b) Employee Pensions

The clerk had received information from YLCA and Cllr Alexander would look into this further.

Grasscutting Contract

It was resolved to accept the quotation from C.E. and C. M. Walker for the 2016/7 season. The clerk was asked to request a price for topping the wild area of the Burial Ground twice a year and also to request that they begin the season early this year as the grass is already quite long. She was also instructed to remind them about care when strimming as young trees had just been planted.

a) Applications

There were no applications to consider.

b) Outcomes

There were no outcomes to report.

8. Affordable Housing

Cllr Booth explained that at present the scheme has come to a halt in the parish due to a change in national government policy. The survey of need in the parish identified rented accommodation as the preferred option but national policy is favouring shared ownership. The Rural Housing Enabler is waiting for further instruction on the way to proceed.

9. Village Hall

The submission for a grant for the remaining work on the kitchen has been completed and a response is expected in early March. Three estimates for resurfacing the car park, the total area being 500sq m, had been received. It was agreed that before proceeding further the Village Hall Committee would contact the landowner and seek his views.

10 Community Emergency Plan

Cllr Herbert reported that Robin Derry had approved the draft plan and she was now finalizing it.

11. Seats

The clerk had written again to NYCC Highways Dept. and was awaiting a response.

12. Yellow Lines Kirkby Fleetham

There had been no further information so the clerk was asked to contact Cllr Barker to see what progress had been made.

13. Trees

Cllr Booth reported that 2 new lime trees have been planted on Kirkby Fleetham Green. Braithwaites had also reviewed the trees in the avenue planted last year on Todd Lane. They reported that one had died and would be replaced and that 2 others would continue to be monitored.

14. Transparency Code

Cllr Booth reported that the information on the website has been updated to meet new requirements. A grant application has been submitted, to cover domain name and annual costs.

15. Clean for the Queen

Cllr Booth reported that there had been some interest in this initiative from parishioners and the school. 16 people had so far volunteered to be involved and HDC had offered to provide suitable equipment and to collect any rubbish gathered. Hi-vis jackets will also be available. It is hoped to work out as far as the parish boundaries.

16. Any Other Business

- a Cllr Herbert reported that there was concern about the number of heavy lorries passing through Kirkby Fleetham and about the speed of traffic through the villages.
- b Councillors expressed concern about the camber on the eastern side of the new section of Low Street where there is no kerbing. The clerk was asked to write to NYCC Highways Dept and make them aware of the concerns.
- c Cllr Booth reported that the signpost opposite St Andrew's Church had been damaged in recent storms. It had been removed for safe storage. The clerk was asked to place this item on the agenda for March.

Meeting Closed 9.06pm

Date of Next Meeting : Thursday, 17th March, 2016.