

Kirkby Fleetham with Fencotes Parish Council

Minutes of meeting – 16:02:2011 at 7.30 p.m.

Present – Mr Alexander, Mr Tubby, Mrs Herbert, Mr Peirson, three residents and two visitors.

1. Apologies – Mrs Booth.

2. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 20th January 2011 were accepted and signed.

3. Matters for Report –

There were no matters for report.

4. Burial Ground –

The clerk confirmed that the bank account was now open and notification had been received that the notice board was on schedule. It was suggested that Parish Council and Burial Authority finances should remain together until the end of the financial year. This was agreed. Cllr Herbert reported that the snowdrops planted last year were now flowering.

5. Correspondence-

H.D.C.- Meetings of Area Forums. **Bedale, Wednesday 30th March at 7.00pm in Chantry Hall** and ‘The Big Lunch’ –circulated (0102/11); Letter re The Green, Great Fencote – clerk to respond (0202/11); HDC – Letter re Planning Notification Procedures – to be noted and monitored (0302/11); P.C.C.- Letter re dog fouling outside St Andrew’s Church, Great Fencote – clerk to respond. It was noted that there were a number of molehills in St Andrew’s Churchyard and the clerk was asked to write to HDC about this (0402/11); Yorkshire Water – Letter re Repairs to Kirkby Fleetham Green (0502/11); H.D.C. Standards Committee - Appointment of Parish Council Representative (0602/11); YLCA – Hambleton Branch Meeting **Wednesday 16th March at 7.30pm at Stonecross**. Also ‘White Rose Update’, Issue 1/11 (circulated), Training and Development Programme 2011 (circulated) and Advice Notes Number 25 (Elections 2011) and Number 28 (0702/11); YLCA – Information for Town and Parish Elections Polling Day – Thursday 5th May 2011 (0902/11); YLCA – North Yorkshire Reward Grant Fund (1002/11); HDC – Elections 5th May Parish Clerk Briefing – clerk to respond (1102/11); NYCC – North Yorkshire County Council Parish Charter – circulated (1202/11).

Also circulated:

Rural Action Yorkshire ‘Country Air’ Issue 118, Winter 2011 (0802/11).

6. Finance

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

C.A. Mitton £91.64 for wages and postage stamps (chq 430).

7. Planning –

a) Outcomes

There were no outcomes to consider.

b) Applications

10/02935/FUL: Proposal: Proposed gateposts, gates and railings to existing dwelling

Location: Lowfield Hall The Green Kirkby Fleetham

Applicant: Mr & Mrs H. Gardiner

Following consultation the clerk responded that there were no objections.

8. Standing Orders

Cllr Alexander explained that the Parish Council needed to have these in place. He had studied the advice from

YLCA and modified the examples provided to suit the needs of the Parish, ready for councillors to adopt. Following discussion it was agreed that councillors needed to consider them more closely before the next meeting.

9. Closure of A684 at Morton on Swale

Cllr Alexander reported that he understood that the work was progressing well at Morton-on Swale. There had been initial problems at Langton Bridge with queues of over a mile and a lack of 'weight limit' signs on approach roads, but following an email from himself these issues had been addressed. There was disappointment that Highways had consistently refused to signpost Northallerton and Bedale from Kirkby Fleetham Green, which had caused a number of vehicles to be 'lost' in the village, but overall it was agreed that things had gone reasonably well. Concern was expressed about the condition of roads in the parish following the increased traffic in the area.

10. Neighbourhood Watch

The clerk reported that there had been contact from both the Sergeant at Bedale and the local officer. PCSO Cobb had leafleted the area around Village Way and approached some residents personally to ask if they would be interested in becoming the co-ordinator. No-one had been interested. He asked that the Parish Council attempt to find a volunteer in Kirkby Fleetham but if that was not possible he felt that it would be acceptable for a resident within the parish to cover Kirkby Fleetham village and knows of a volunteer.

Councillors agreed that a resident of the village would be more appropriate, if one could be found, and asked the clerk to display a notice in the village shop and contact the editor of the parish newsletter.

11. Village Hall Car Park

Cllr Alexander reported that he had made an appointment with the Deeds Registry Office but unfortunately this had been cancelled. He would attempt to pursue this for the next meeting.

12. Leonard Smelt Charity

A Trustee from the Charity explained the history and the current administrative situation. Following discussion it was agreed that the Parish Council should take a more active role within the Charity and, as there was currently the need to appoint another Trustee, it was proposed that a Parish Councillor should take this post following the local elections in May. This was accepted.

13. Butcher's Bank – proposed nature area

Cllr Tubby reported that he had approached a local resident about this development who would welcome some help. The clerk to organise this with Mr Millington from NYCC.

14 . Children's Play Area

Cllr Peirson reported that he had telephoned Mr Lawson and left messages for him. There had been no response. Cllr Peirson agreed to keep trying.

15. Any Other Business

A resident reported that the signpost on Kirkby Fleetham Green is loose and leaning. Cllrs Alexander and Tubby offered to investigate.

The clerk was asked to contact Scorton Parish Council about Burial Ground Funding

Date of Next Meeting – Wednesday, 16th March 2011 at 7.30 pm.

Meeting closed at 8.55 pm.