

Kirkby Fleetham with Fencotes Parish Council

Minutes of meeting – 16:06:2011 at 7.30 p.m. following a visit to St Mary’s Churchyard.

Present – Mr Alexander, Mrs Booth, Mr Tubby, Mrs Herbert, Mr Peirson, one resident and one visitor.

1. Apologies – Cllr Wood.

2. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 10th May 2011 were accepted and signed.

3. Matters for Report –

Item 16c: Broken fence. Cllr Alexander reported that this has been repaired.

4. Burial Ground –

Cllr Peirson reported that he had cut the field and Cllr Herbert commented that the Notice Board looked good and the wild roses were flowering.

5. Correspondence-

HDC updated Registration of Interests for Parish/Town Councillors – these were completed (0106/11); Area2 Thirsk response re Highway Issues (0206/11); Leonard Smelt & Thomas Tennant Charities – Statement of Account (0306/11); NYCC Business and Environmental Services – Notification of Reduced Opening Hours of Household Waste Recycling Services - clerk to respond (0406/11); YLCA Website Information (0506); HDC Declaration of Acceptance of Office – to keep on file (0606/11); HDC Meetings of the Area Forums - **Bedale Wednesday 27th July at 7pm in Chantry Hall** (0706/11); Ludus – Spring Update (0806/11); Kirkby Fleetham and District Floral and Horticultural Society – request to erect banners on the Green and for grasscutting during the week before the Feast. This was agreed by both the Parish Council and the landowner (0906/11).

6. Finance

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

- a) C.A. Mitton £120.56 for wages and 4 additional hours for Burial Ground work (chq 444).
- b) C.E. & C.M. Walker Ltd £199.20 for for grasscutting of the village greens (chq 445)
- c) G. Clapham £60.00 for erection of the Burial Ground Notice Board (chq 446)
- d) G.A. Barker £61.00 for Burial Ground and St Mary’s Churchyard grass cutting (chq 447)

Other matters:

- e) 2010/11 Accounts for Audit – these were approved by the Parish Council, as was the annual governance statement. The clerk was asked to organise flowers for the auditor.
- f) Change of Bank Account – as Yorkshire Bank had decided to charge from 1st July 2011 it was resolved to move the accounts to NatWest which was still offering free banking. The clerk was requested to organise this.

7. Planning –

a) Outcomes

10/00248/FUL: Proposal: Revised application for the construction of a detached dwelling as amended by plans and details received by HDC on 18 March 2011, 12 April and 13th April 2011
Location: Land Adjacent to 1 Forge Lane Kirkby Fleetham North Yorks DL7 0SA
Applicant: Mr M Dillon

Notification of approval.

b) Applications

10/00608/CAT: Proposal: Proposed two storey kitchen and bedroom extension and rear entrance/utility extension to existing dwelling
Location: Fencote House Great Fencote Northallerton North Yorks
Applicant: Mrs S Bulman

Councillors had no objections to the plans but felt that the windows should match the existing ones.

11/01107/FUL: Proposal: Proposed replacement of oil tank
Location: 1 Forge Lane, Kirkby Fleetham, DL7 0SA
Applicant: Mr M Dillon

Councillors had no objections.

8. Bus Shelter – Great Fencote

Communications from both Highways Dept and Passenger Transport had been negative due to lack of money. Following discussion it was agreed to ask Snowball and Sons to provide a quotation for the work.

9. Leonard Smelt Charity

Appointment of Parish Council Representative – Cllr Tubby volunteered to do this and his offer was accepted with thanks.

10. Children’s Play Area

Following discussion with the landowner it was established that there was no objection in principle to a play area on the Green at Kirkby Fleetham. More precise details and the support of those householders close to the area would need to be agreed before permission would be granted.

11. The Green, Great Fencote

This has now been re-instated.

12. Standing Orders

Cllr Alexander explained that these had been based on the model provided by YLCA and had been circulated to councillors previously for their consideration. Councillors unanimously resolved to approve their acceptance by the Council with the following alterations:

5. Motions Not Requiring Written Notice – it was agreed that the amount up to which the Council will authorise payment before making a written agenda item would be £1000.

Time of the Annual Parish Meeting to remain at 7.30pm.

Cllr Alexander was thanked for his work.

13. St Mary’s Churchyard

Councillors carried out an inspection of the churchyard in accordance with ‘Managing the Safety of Burial Ground Memorials’ on 16th June 2011. Two were found to be loose and were laid flat to prevent potential accidents and one other, by the church door, was wobbly giving some concern. Cllr Peirson offered to try to contact family members, failing this it was agreed that it may be necessary to consult a stonemason. A more detailed report is filed with these minutes. The clerk was requested to inform the PCC of Councillors’ findings.

Grasscutting – two quotations had been received for full cuts of the churchyard. Following discussion it was agreed that the approach to the church door should be maintained regularly but that wild flowers should be encouraged to develop in the rest of the area. It was therefore resolved to have 3 full cuts in April, late July and September and 4 additional cuts of the approach to the church between these times. The clerk was requested to consult with L & J Garden Service Ltd for a total price for the work.

14. Any Other Business

Village Hall - Cllr Herbert reported that a Steering Committee had been formed for the possible redevelopment. Funding was proving difficult in the current financial climate but the committee continued to look for avenues and fundraising ideas. Three possibilities based on the original plans were being considered: extension of the current building, rebuilding or a chalet style wood and brick construction. It was confirmed that Mr Lawson owned the car park area.

Footpath Obstruction – Cllr Herbert reported that she had spoken with the owner of the fence and a stile would be installed.

Stile behind the Black Horse – Cllr Peirson reported that this had been incinerated. It still functions but is unsightly. It was agreed to contact the Footpaths’ Officer.

Web-Site Enquiry – The clerk was given information to help with the query.

Dog Fouling, Kirkby Fleetham Green – a resident reported that this was a problem. It was agreed to ask the Village Shop to put up a notice asking for help to identify the culprit. Clerk to provide the notice. Cllr Herbert to put up signs on the Green.

Date of Next Meeting –Thursday, 21st July 2011 beginning at 7.30pm.

Meeting closed at 9.15 pm.