

Kirkby Fleetham with Fencotes Parish Council

Minutes of meeting – 10:06:2010 at 7.30 p.m.

Present – Mr Alexander, Mr Tubby, Mrs Booth, Mr Peirson and Mr B. Jackson, NYCC Footpaths Officer.

1. Apologies – Mrs Herbert.

2. Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Thursday, 20th May 2010 were accepted and signed.

3. Matters for Report –

(a) Item 6 (b) Tarmac Ltd, Public Exhibition – Cllr Booth reported that this had been well-attended and councillors agreed that it had been a good presentation which had helped to allay some of the fears about the proposed development. It had been established that plans were to be submitted to NYCC in July and, following that, a liaison committee would be set up to involve the local community.

4. Local Footpaths –

Cllr Alexander welcomed Mr Jackson and thanked him for attending the meeting. Mr Jackson updated councillors about work already in progress in the parish – currently being focussed at Raisin Hall, with new stiles and signposts being installed. Cllr Peirson requested that Mr Jackson visit Hook House Farm to look at improving the footpaths in that area and they arranged an appointment for this. Attention was also drawn to the poor state of repair of the stile and sign on Kirkby Lane, at the village entrance. Mr Jackson agreed to look at this. He also offered to provide a definitive map of footpaths in the parish and this was accepted with thanks.

5. Burial Ground –

Cllr Peirson reported that he had trimmed the Burial Ground and Cllr Booth agreed to contact Mr Barker to mow the initial burial area before the ‘Opening Ceremony’. Weeds had been treated at the entrance and Cllr Peirson agreed to help with strimming the edges. The clerk reported that invitations had been sent out as arranged. Cllr Booth reported that Mr and Dr Herbert had kindly donated a bench, which would be in place shortly. Final plans of the ground were now completed and councillors were asked to agree to a fee of £100 from HDC for this work. This was accepted.

6. Correspondence-

NYCC Business and Environmental Services – Bedale Service Centre Transportation Strategy Questionnaire. Following discussion Cllr Alexander offered to respond and this was agreed (0106/10); Rural Action Yorkshire – Membership Newsletter and York and North Yorkshire Playing Fields Association Membership Subscriptions 2010/2011- it was agreed not to join these (0206/10); HDC request for email address and posters for display (0306/10); NEDL Wayleave agreement, confirmation of amended records (0406/10); Highways Agency – notice of A1 Liaison Group, clerk to attend (0506/10); RCSP - Meeting Speed Monitoring Procedures. Noted. (0606/10).

Also Circulated

Rural Action Yorkshire ‘Rural Air’ Spring 2010 Issue 115 (0206/10); HDC ‘Newline’ Summer2010 and Shared Services ‘Update’ (0306/10).

7. Finance

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

C.A. Mitton £86.72 wages and £15.03 for replacement cartridge (chq 414).

C. E. and C. M. Walker £195.05 for cutting the village greens (chq 413)

b) (i) The clerk reported that the accounts for 2009/10 had been approved by the Internal Auditor. The forms for Mazars, the external auditor, were approved by the council and signed by Cllr Alexander (Chairman) and the clerk ready for submission.

(ii) It was agreed that the clerk should organise some flowers as appreciation for the work done by the internal auditor.

8. Planning –

a) Outcomes

10/00752/FUL Construction of a storage shed Stonebridge Trout Lakes, Little Fencote, North Yorks. Notification of approval.

10/00751/FUL Construction of a disabled access point Stonebridge Trout Lakes, Little Fencote, North Yorks. Notification of approval.

b) Applications

There were no applications to consider.

Cllr Alexander informed councillors that it had been reported that the development at 3 Kirkby Lane was in breach of the planning conditions of approval. As a result a site meeting had been held after which no further development had taken place. The Parish Council agreed to continue to monitor the situation closely.

9. Biodiversity re verges – feedback from meeting with Matthew Millington NYCC.

Cllr Alexander reported that the meeting with Mr Millington had proved very useful. They had looked specifically at the verge on Kirkby Lane between the lime tree and the swing, which is untidy with rubbish, brambles and nettles. It was suggested that this could be turned into a wild flower area by cleaning it up at the end of the year, seeing what developed naturally and, if necessary, adding additional seeds to increase the variety of plants. Councillors agreed that they would like to pursue this further and the clerk was asked to contact Mr Millington for advice on how to proceed. Mr Millington also agreed to look at what could be done to improve the area of Kirkby Fleetham green affected by dockleaves.

10. Litter on Roads in the Parish –

Following much discussion it was agreed that the clerk should contact the Environmental Department at HDC about the litter on Low Lane, especially close to the junction with the A1.

11. Any Other Business –

Rural Housing – the Enabler had asked if the Parish Council required copies of the letter for circulation to landowners. There was still concern about the accuracy of some of the information contained in the letter and Cllr Alexander offered to contact the enabler for clarification. This was accepted.

Play Area – Cllr Booth suggested that, as there had been no response from Mr Lawson to the letters about this, it may be more effective to make a more direct approach. Cllr Peirson offered to try telephoning.

Date of Next Meeting – Thursday 15th July 2010 at 7.30pm.

Meeting closed at 9.30pm.