

## Church Fenton Parish Council

### Minutes of the Meeting of Church Fenton Parish Council held on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> August 2011 at the Village Hall, Main Street, Church Fenton

Present: Cllr Stephen Johnson – Chair  
Cllr Chris Dibbs  
Cllr Andrew Mason  
Cllr Jo Mason  
Jeremy Sherlock (Clerk)  
7 Members of the public  
2 PCSO's

45. Apologies and Declarations

Cllr Craig Blakey

46. Public Session

The replacement of the the “no vehicles, no dogs” sign in the park was requested. It was agreed that Cllr Blakey would pursue.

Progress on the footpath west of Oakwood Close was requested. Cllr Dibbs advised that the relevant Council's had been approached, and had recently inspected the area with a view to taking action.

Concern was raised about the proliferation of “For Sale” signs outside Bridge Close. The Clerk agreed to raise this with Selby DC enforcement.

47. Reports

2 PCSO's attended the meeting. They reported on recently reported incidents (2 anti-social behaviour, a van break in, and a break in at the allotments. There was discussion about the need to reinstate a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme. Concern was raised about underreporting, which resulted in a lower police presence. The PCSO's advised that an anti-poaching initiative ws about to commence, and were advised that problems had occurred in the past along Northfield Lane. They also agreed to request some additional coverage for the village.

It was agreed that the Clerk would request a paragraph on the website asking for Neighbourhood Watch volunteers, advising of Ringmaster, and encouraging the reporting of crimes, however minor.

48. Minutes of the Last Meeting

**Resolved that these represented a true record of the meeting.**

49. For Discussion

- a. 2010-11 Annual Return – the Clerk presented the Annual Return and Internal Auditors report. The report raised some areas of concern, but these have previously been recognised and are in the process of being addressed.
- b. Selby and District Rail User's Group – Jonathan Meehan from the group attended the meeting. Their role is to press for service improvements, especially an hourly service. They monitor timetable changes, and have been successful in reversing Northern Rail changes. **Resolved that the Clerk write to Northern Rail to support the provision of an hourly service**
- c. Parish Council Plan – .it was agreed to hold a meeting for Councillors on 1<sup>st</sup> September to discuss ideas with a view to presenting draft proposals to the next Parish council meeting.

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- d. Meeting with Network Rail (NR) – Cllr Jo Mason had met with Network Rail and reported the following:
- The wrong (loud) alarms had been purchased, and have now been replaced
  - NR will give advanced notice of trackworks to Cllr Mason and the Clerk
  - NR should be notified of any problems caused by contractors
  - NR will check when/ whether the station painting will be completed
  - NR happy for the bridge to be painted “holly green” (though there may be red lead in the current paintwork)
  - Station announcements are a matter for Northern Rail
  - NR promoted the “Adopt a Station” opportunity which comes with some money
- Further to the meeting they provided some additional information:
- The fencing near the railway bridge is not on their land
  - The structures team will not allow hanging baskets on the railway bridge
- Resolved that:**
- 1. The Clerk contact SRUG and ELF to consider “adopt a station”**
  - 2. The Clerk obtain quotes for the repair or replacement of the fencing for further consideration by the Council**
  - 3. ELF be encouraged to progress the bridge painting and verge planting, subject to consultation with adjacent landowners, and use of appropriate Health and Safety systems and equipment.**
- e. Street Lighting – NYCC have provided a plan of the streetlights owned by the Parish Council. The Clerk will arrange for repairs to be carried out, and explore alternative energy providers.
- f. Consultation on Draft Village Design Statements – these seem largely positive for the village. Councillors agreed to consider them in more detail, and to respond directly to meet the 12<sup>th</sup> September deadline.

### 50. For Information

A date will be circulated regarding joint training for Councillors with Ulleskelf PC.

Information on community funding available from NatWest has been forwarded to a number of local community organisations.

Information was circulated regarding a consultation on Police Commissioners. This was not felt likely to have a major impact on the Parish Council.

### 51. Planning

Applications for Consideration

2011/0767/COU – Change of use of redundant agricultural barns to form 2 dwellings at Hall Farm, Hall Lane, Church Fenton

2011/0748/HPA – Creation of a new vehicular access to the highway, and driveway modifications at Tangaroa House, Busk Lane, Church Fenton

**Resolved that no observations be made on the applications**

Applications Approved by Selby DC:

2009/0565/FUL – Discharge of conditions for the erection of a 3 blocks of 7 stables with tack room, erection of an indoor riding area, construction of an outdoor riding area and vehicle park and siting of a mobile home at land to the rear of Fennel Farm, Hall Lane, Church Fenton

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2011/0661/COU – Change of use from agricultural land to residential at Westfield, Northfield Lane, Church Fenton

Applications Withdrawn/Refused

### 52. Finance

#### a. Clerk's Finance Report

No response has been received from the previous Clerk, and a recorded delivery letter returned. It was agreed that the Clerk should contact the other Councils that the former Clerk works for to check the current situation, and seek advice from YLCA. If the situation cannot be resolved amicably there will be the need to consider making a claim through the Small Claims Court.

At the end of July there was £17,614.72 in the Current Account, and £6,514.43 in the Savings Account.

#### b. Payments

J Sherlock – August wage – £229.49

T Freeman – August wage £301.60

Fenton Landscape Services – Grass cutting - £404.00

Church Fenton Bowling Club (S106) - £3899.00

Stephen Mason (Projector) – £301.98

J Sherlock – expenses - £30.39

Leeds City Council – Xmas Lights - £2116.80

GT Accounts Ltd – Internal Audit - £200.00

**Resolved that the above payments be agreed**

#### c. Income

None

### 53. Representatives Reports

Work on the Millennium Sign along Common Road is progressing.

### 54. Clerks Report

Nothing additional

### 55. Agenda Items for Next Meeting on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> September at 7:30 pm:

Parish Council Plan

Meeting closed at 9:10pm

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