

Church Fenton Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Church Fenton Parish Council held on Thursday 15th December 2011 at the Village Hall, Main Street, Church Fenton

Present: Cllr Stephen Johnson – Chair
Cllr Chris Dibbs
Cllr Andrew Mason
Cllr Craig Blakey
Jeremy Sherlock (Clerk)
6 Members of the public

94. Apologies and Declarations

Apology from Cllr Jo Mason – family commitment

95. Public Session

Footpaths: Selby DC will be clearing flytipping from the path west of Oakwood Close shortly, and will trim the hedge after Christmas. Footpath maps can be added to the website for free thanks to the Council's PSMA licence. Cllr Andrew Mason will liaise with Kenny Smith regarding the erection of a large scale footpath map outside the Village Hall.

Christmas Lights: these have been well received, and Cllr Craig Blakey was thanked for sourcing the tree.

Neighbourhood Watch: Kathy Gall has identified 6 volunteers so far – it is understood that a further 6 are required to set up a scheme.

96. Reports

PC Caroline Ward had sent a report regarding the graffiti at the skate park (see below).

97. Minutes of the Last Meeting

Resolved that these represented a true record of the meeting.

98. Matters Arising

None

99. For Discussion

a. **Traffic calming**- there was a discussion about traffic issues in the village. It was agreed that the following should be explored:

i. A monitoring box on Common Lane to assess the scale of the problem.

ii. A 20 mph speed limit in the heart of the village

Cllr Keith Ellis agreed to raise the issues with the County Councillor

b. **Graffiti and Anti-Social behaviour** – some racist graffiti has been found at the Skate Park. This has been efficiently dealt with by Cllrs Jo and Andrew Mason, and by the Selby Community Safety Partnership's anti-graffiti team. Tony Freeman will monitor the situation as part of his maintenance role. It was agreed to invite the Community Police to a future meeting.

c. **Additional Play Equipment** – a revised estimate had been received with slightly lower costs. The scheme will proceed early next year.

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d. **Cricket Club access** – whilst this has previously been discussed, there is no funding allocated. It was agreed that the Clerk would contact the cricket club for more details of the proposal.

e. **Grit Bins** – the provision of additional Grit Bins was discussed.

Resolved that additional bins would be provided in Sandwath Estate and Oakwood Close

f. **Parish Councillor** – an expression of interest in becoming a Parish Councillor has been received. As there are 2 current vacancies it was agreed that the Clerk should request further details from the interest party, and confirm the co-option process.

Resolved that the appointment of an additional Parish Councillor be considered at the next meeting

100. For Information

A consultation had been received regarding North Yorks CC budget. It was agreed to make no response.

A comment had been received regarding the level of precept increase. The Clerk agreed to send a response.

101. Planning

Applications for Consideration

2011/1167/HPA – Erection of a detached garage following the demolition of existing garages – Station House, Sandwath lane, Church Fenton.

This is a re-submission of the application below which was refused on Green Belt grounds.

Resolved that no observations be made on the detail of the application, but that concern be raised regarding the use of the Green Belt as a reason for refusal as the site is surrounded by houses, including a large new estate.

Applications Approved by Selby DC:

2011/0862/LBC – Listed building consent to replace three first floor sash windows on the front elevation with identical windows at Ingledene, Main Street, Church Fenton

2011/0767/COU – Change of use of redundant barn top form 2 dwellings at Hall Farm, Hall Lane, Church Fenton

Applications Withdrawn/Refused

2011/0951/HPA – erection of a detached garage following the demolition of existing garages at Station House, Sandwath Lane, Church Fenton

102. Finance

a. Clerk's Finance Report

Following the approval of a precept of £16,275 at the last meeting the Clerk circulated a proposed budget. This included a minimum reserve based of 25% of net expenditure, and a projects reserve for future activity. Appropriate delegation to the Clerk was discussed.

Guidance was circulated that there was no requirement to approve cheque payments at each meeting, providing that the financial allocation has previously been agreed by the Council.

The current balance is £15,923.40.

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The outstanding overpayment to the former Clerk of £446.40 has been refunded

Resolved that:

1. The proposed budget for 2012-13 be approved as follows:

Revenue reserve	£4,100
Salaries*	£6,900
Administration*	£1,000
Audit*	£500
Insurance*	£2,750
Repairs and Maintenance*	£2,300
Projects reserve	£7,125
Electricity*	£1,600
	£26,275

2. The Clerk can authorise expenditure up to the limits identified in the budget heads asterisked above for activity necessary for the running of the Parish Council.

b. Payments

J Sherlock – September wage – £229.49

T Freeman – September wage £301.60

SLCC – Subscription - £7.20

P Townend – fencing deposit - £405.00

Fenton Landscape services – grass cutting - £147.00

J Sherlock – expenses - £36.32

NYCC Grit Bins - £510.00

Resolved that the above payments be noted

c. Income

Former Clerk - £442.40

103. Representatives Reports

Cllr Jo Mason sent a written report that she had a further meeting arranged with Network Rail as they have not been adhering to their agreement regarding notice and use. Environmental Health are also now involved. She is also pursuing the painting of the end of the Station building. The bridge has been repainted in its proper colour (green)

She has also asked Tony Freeman to remove any accessible litter on the station embankment.

It was agreed that the Christmas lights and trees were a great success. The Clerk was asked to write to Jill Wilkinson and Celia Curry to thank them for their excellent work regarding the lights.

104. Clerks Report

2 Pen portraits have been received – the other 3 are requested.

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105. Agenda Items for Next Meeting on Thursday 19th January at 7:30 pm:
Parish Council vacancy
Anti-social behaviour/ Community Police
Display of footpaths' map
106. Date and time of next meeting – Thursday 19th January at 7:30 at the Village Hall, Main Street, Church Fenton
Meeting closed at 9:10 pm

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