

Church Fenton Parish Council

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

Present: Cllr Stephen Johnson – Chair
Cllr Chris Dibbs
Cllr Andrew Mason
Cllr Jo Mason
Cllr Craig Blakey
Jeremy Sherlock (Clerk)
7 Members of the public
Cllr K Ellis (Selby DC)

57. Apologies and Declarations

Cllr S Johnson declared a personal interest in application 2011/0832/HPA and neither spoke or voted on it.

58. Public Session

Requests were made for grit bins at Sandwath Lane, and in the Sandwath estate. Cllr K Ellis advised that these may be funded through the Selby DC Community Enterprise Forums.

59. Reports

Cllr K Ellis advised that whilst the Selby DC Planners are making progress on the next phase of the District Local Plan nothing formal has yet been produced for public consideration. This will be made available to the Parish Council once it is prepared.

60. Minutes of the Last Meeting

Resolved that these represented a true record of the meeting.

61. For Discussion

a. Parish Council Plan – the meeting considered the priorities that the Council should adopt for the next 4 years.

Resolved that the following priorities be adopted for further development at future meetings:

- **Protection of the Village**
- **Enhancing the environment**
- **Maintaining and retaining footpaths**
- **Developing events, including Christmas lights**
- **Increasing community participation**
- **Maintain Council assets**
- **Manage finances**

b. Letter from Everyone Loves Fenton – a letter had been received from ELF enquiring whether a £150 grant should be returned as it had not yet been used for the event that it was intended for.

Resolved that ELF retain the funding for future activities

c. Website Redesign – the Church Fenton village website is being redesigned to make it easier to use, and more informative. He had proposed individual Councillor biographies, and improvements in the way agendas are uploaded. The meeting was happy with the proposals providing that there was a facility to upload documents including newsletters etc.

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62. For Information

It is hoped to hold the joint training for Councillors with Ulleskelf PC w/c 17.10.11.

A letter has been received from Selby DC regarding the legal transfer of the Sandwath Play Area. It was suggested that YLCA should be consulted regarding legalities etc.

There is outstanding S106 funding for additional equipment at the Main Street Play Area. This was approved last year, and partly paid, but for some reason never implemented. Cllr S Johnson will speak to former Councillor Stephen Peacock to check the background.

63. Planning

Applications for Consideration

2011/0832/HPA - Two storey side extension, loft conversion and proposed single roof with increased ridge to replace two roofs at Beechwood House, Church Street, Church Fenton

Resolved that the Council be requested to ensure that the development is in keeping with the overall street scene, and that it does not set a precedent for taller buildings.

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

2011/0842/FUL – Single Storey side and rear extension, external seating at the Fenton Flyer, Main Street, Church Fenton

Resolved that no observations be made

Applications Approved by Selby DC:

2011/0634/FUL – Erection of an agricultural building for the storage of farm machinery and produce at Land adj Church Fenton Station, Station Road, Church Fenton

Applications Withdrawn/Refused

None

Cllr K Ellis advised that he had been chasing progress on the caravan near Busk Lane. The Clerk advised that he was still awaiting a response to a query regarding signage next to the flats near the Station. Cllr Ellis promised also to chase this.

64. Finance

a. Clerk's Finance Report

A cheque has been received from the former Clerk covering the initial overpayment. Unfortunately Nat West had continued making payments despite a letter being sent so a further overpayment has been made. This has now been resolved, and the Clerk will write to seek to recover these further payments.

The Clerk has prepared a mid-year financial report which shows a total account balance of £7,892.99. However once S106 assets and liabilities are taken into account a balance of £4,884.69 was shown. This was felt to be a reasonable position at mid-point as the 2 largest Council payments (insurance and electricity) are made in the first half of the year. In addition the figures exclude the funding recovered from the former Clerk.

b. Payments

J Sherlock – September wage – £229.49

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T Freeman – September wage £301.60

Npower – £86.08

SLCC – Subscription - £7.20

J Sherlock – expenses - £6.92

Resolved that the above payments be agreed

c. Income

Selby DC - S106 (Cricket Club) - £1901.00

65. Representatives Reports

Cllr Jo Mason reported that Network Rail have identified £7,000 to repaint the interior faces of the railway bridge. In addition there have been further discussions about the track alarms.

Cllr Andrew Mason has spoken to Ross Barkley, NYCC footpaths officer. He said that it is useful to keep records of when footpaths are walked.

66. Clerks Report

2 responses have been regarding Neighbourhood Watch. It was agreed to thank these interested parties and consider further at the next meeting.

67. Agenda Items for Next Meeting on Thursday 20th October at 7:30 pm:

Parish Council Plan

Meeting closed at 8.55pm

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