

Minutes of the Meeting of Church Fenton Parish Council

held on Thursday 15th April 2010 at 7.30 p.m. at The Village Hall, Church Fenton

Present Cllr S Naylor
 Cllr S Peacock
 Cllr C Blakey
 Cllr S Johnson
 12 Members of the Public

132 Apologies and Declarations

Apologies were received and accepted for Cllr Wharton. There were no declarations of interest.

133 Public Session

Cllr Peacock read out a letter from a member of the public with regards to the way they were made to feel at the last meeting by other members of the public. Clarification was sought on what powers the Parish Council had to deal with such circumstances. The Clerk advised the procedure for dealing with issues of this nature. Cllr Peacock asked that members and members of the public give consideration to how they raise and address issues during the meetings.

A member of the public advised that the information regarding the Horticultural Society was now available, although it was too late for entering Britain in Bloom this year. It was agreed that an item would be put onto the next agenda for further discussion.

A member of the public raised concern about the state of the village. This included the state of disrepair at the train station, graffiti in the village and general litter and untidiness. Cllr Peacock explained that the Parish Council have been making efforts towards addressing these issues, but unfortunately when outside agencies are involved it is sometimes difficult. It was suggested by the member of the public that an action group be established or a committee. It was agreed that this item would be included on the next agenda for further discussion.

A member of the public asked for clarification with regards to the current parish council vacancies. Cllr Peacock advised that the Parish Council were awaiting confirmation as to whether or not an election had been called for or whether the vacancies would become co-options through the Parish Council.

A member of the public asked if a park/play equipment committee could be established to address any issues at the play area. It was agreed that this item would be put onto the next agenda for further

discussion.

Cllr Johnson advised that a member of the public had an issue with the fence in the playarea. The resident advised that the field is flooded in the corner near to their house and this has been made worse by the installation of the fence. Cllr Blakey advised that the level of the ground had not changed due to the work being undertaken. Discussion took place about the replacement of some of the fencing at the play area in regards to the work recently undertaken and some residents felt that their fences should be replaced also. Cllr Blakey felt that the Parish Council should replace any fences that are in a state of disrepair.

134 Reports

District Councillor

No report.

County Councillor

No report.

Community Police

No report.

135 Minutes of the Last Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 18th March 2010 were accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting. The minutes were proposed by Cllr Blakey, seconded by Cllr Johnson and agreed unanimously.

136 Matters Arising

The Clerk advised that the issue with the placement of the sign at Biggin had been reported to Highways who would look into the matter.

137 For Discussion

- a) Section 106 project for the area between Oakwood Close and Church Street. Cllr Peacock advised that quotations had now been obtained and the work to tidy up the area would cost in the region of £4,000. It was proposed by Cllr Naylor that this project be undertaken and a bid submitted to Selby District to secure the funds. This was seconded by Cllr Blakey and agreed unanimously.

- b) Section 106 project to consider the installation of a hard standing area to create a car park, install a connecting footpath to the clubhouse at the Cricket Club and provide adequate lighting to ensure safety of users. It was agreed that quotations would be sought for the work involved and this would be discussed further at the next meeting.
- c) Section 106 project to consider installing a number of wooden assault course play equipment around the bike path in the play park. Cllr Peacock advised that quotations have now been obtained for the work involved.

A member of the public asked raised concern about the closeness of the equipment to the original and the track. Cllr Peacock advised that a risk assessment had been undertaken by the companies who had provided the quotations and the distances were acceptable.

Members discussed the options and it was proposed by Cllr Johnson that a bid should be made to Selby District Council for £7,000 to fund this project. This was seconded by Cllr Blakey and agreed unanimously. It was agreed that the exact details of the project would be clarified at the next meeting.

It was suggested that if there were any remaining funds left from the Section 106 money that picnic benches could be purchased for areas around the village.

- d) Christmas Lights Project - Cllr Johnson advised that he had spoken to Tina at Selby Town Council to get more information about the street lights they use. It would seem that this can be both costly and complicated. A member of the public advised that her father has undertaken a similar project in South Milford and was happy to share the information with the Parish Council. Cllr Johnson will liaise and report back at the next meeting.

For Information

- a) 95 Alive Speed Report

138 Planning

Applications for Consideration

8/62/236/PA - Erection of a conservatory to the rear, 19 Chapel Close, Church Fenton

Applications Approved

8/62/66C/PA - Erection of 6 no dwellings following demolition of existing public house,

Junction Hotel, Station Road, Church Fenton – GRANTED

Applications Withdrawn/Refused

8/62/124E/PA - Erection of ground photo-voltaic (PV) solar panels within the paddock adjacent Roxby House, Common Lane, Church Fenton - REFUSED

The Clerk advised that member of the public had advised that a planning application in respect of the placement of a mobile home at Brackenhill Farm had gone to appeal. Unfortunately the Parish Council did not receive details of this until after the date by which comments could be made. Therefore on this occasion the Parish Council did not respond due to timescales.

139 Finance

Current Account Balance as at 31 st March 2010	-	£3341.08
Reserve Account Balance as at 25th September	-	£6149.37

It was proposed by Cllr Naylor that the following accounts be paid. This was seconded by Cllr Blakey and agreed unanimously.

a) J Bradley – salary	-	£223.20 BC
b) T Freeman – salary	-	£247.87 BC
c) Tarmac Lighting	-	£240.05
d) Insurance renewal	-	£1830.11

140 Income

None.

141 Representatives Reports

a) Cllr Blakey advised that he is making arrangements for the signs at Barkston Common and Busk Lane to be repaired/built. He will bring further information to the next meeting.

142 Clerks Report

The Clerk advised on the following items:-

a) Transfer of Play Area – Confirmation is still awaited from Selby District Council with regards to the transfer, but it is understood that the repairs have now all be undertaken.

b) Year End Accounts – The Clerk asked members if they would agree to appointing Mrs Dumbell as the internal auditor for this years accounts. Members agreed unanimously. Arrangements will be made for the accounts to be reviewed by the internal auditor and

brought back for sign off at either the May or June meeting in readiness to go to the external auditors.

143 Agenda Items for Next Meeting

- a) Christmas Projects Committee
- b) Electronic Planning Applications
- c) Horticultural Society
- d) Environmental Committee
- e) Play Equipment/Park Committee
- f) Remaining 106 Funds – Bowling Club and Cricket Club

144 Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 27th May 2010 at 7.00 p.m. for the Annual Parish Meeting followed by the Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council. The venue is to be confirmed.

The meeting was closed at 9.00 p.m.