

Minutes of the Meeting of Church Fenton Parish Council
held on 16th August 2007 at The Village Hall, Church Fenton

Present - Cllr A Wharton (Chair)

- Cllr S Peacock
- Cllr Mrs C Morbey
- Cllr Mrs M Robinson
- Cllr I Wrightson

38. Apologies and Declarations of Interest

Apologies were received and accepted for Cllr Blakey. Cllr Peacock declared an interest in item 43c in respect of the street lights on the footpath between Oakwood Close and Church Street.

39. Public Session

Tim Grogan, Licensing Officer for Selby District Council attended the meeting to talk about setting up a Designated Zone (restricts where and how alcohol can be consumed).

Mr Grogan explained briefly how the zone would operate and suggested that the residents of the village were consulted, to gain an understanding of how the zone would affect them as individuals. It was agreed that a meeting would be held between 7.00 p.m. and 7.30 p.m. On Thursday 20th September to invite residents to attend to learn more about the proposal.

Concern was expressed about the grass cutting at the play area and that cuttings were not taken away. The Clerk will contact Mr Kendall and talk through the issue and identify how this can be addressed.

40. Reports

District Councillor

No report.

County Councillor

No report.

Community Police

The Clerk provided the Police Report from 1st July to 16th August 2007:-

- a) There have been 11 incidents of Anti-social behaviour.
- b) 1 arrest for the possession of a Class A drug.
- c) 2 Assaults
- d) 3 incidents of damage
- e) 3 thefts of road signs

41. Minutes of the Last Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 10th July 2007 were accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting. Proposed Cllr Mrs Morbey, seconded Cllr Peacock and agreed unanimously.

42. Matters Arising

No matters arising.

43. For Discussion and Consideration

- a) Retrieval of Documents from Previous Clerk – Cllr Wharton advised that he had now received further documents, which he believed to be the outstanding items. Members felt that this would now close the matter and no further action was required.

b) Traffic Calming – Cllr Wharton advised that he had met with Brian Watson, NY Highways and TC Martin Heminway, NY Police to discuss the queries that the Parish Council had raised in relation to work not having started.

Cllr Wharton advised the following points:-

- i) The 30 mph speed limit will now be moved out on Church Street.
 - ii) The speed limit on Brackenhill Lane by the airbase will be changed to 40 mph.
 - iii) Consultation on these matters will now commence and the Parish Council will be consulted.
 - iv) The Police will not agree to a 40 mph limit on Common Lane.
 - v) The Rail Authority are insisting on single file traffic over the bridge, due to concern about the structure and this will be controlled by a 3 way traffic light system.
 - vi) The mini roundabout proposals have now been passed back to the planning department at Selby District. It was proposed by Cllr Wharton that enquiries are made with planning to find out exactly what is happening at this stage. This was seconded by Cllr Mrs Robinson and agreed unanimously.
 - vii) The reinstatement of the footpath on Church Street has been added to the list of works required by NY Highways, but there is no timescale on this matter. It was proposed by Cllr Wharton that pressure be put on highways to reinstate the path in the interests of safety of residents and school children using the road. This was seconded by Cllr Mrs Robinson and agreed unanimously.
 - c) Street Lights – The Clerk advised that connection costs had now been received from YEDL . Due to the cost of connection it was proposed by Cllr Wharton that the grant from the Safer Lighting Partnership should be used to connect the lights of Rose Lane and Busk Lane. The installation of street lights on the footpath would then be considered at a future meeting, and funding could be applied for from another source. This was seconded by Cllr Wrightson and agreed by majority.
- d) Postal Re-direction – Members agreed unanimously that they did not wish to renew the re- direction, as it was felt that all correspondence was now being sent to Mrs Bradley.
- e) State of the Area Address – It was agreed that the document would be circulated to members and would be brought back to the next meeting.
- f) Millenium Committee – Mrs Gore advised that the plaque for the remaining village sign was still being looked for. Cllr Wharton agreed to speak to Mrs Chester to ascertain the current situation with regards to the work that the committee was undertaking.
- g) Planning Application, Ashton Park, Ash Lane – It was proposed by Cllr Wrightson that the Parish Council should write to the Planning Committee stating that the Council were unhappy with the fact that the views of the village and the Parish Council had not been taken onboard when the decision to approve the application was granted. This was seconded by Cllr Peacock and agreed unanimously.
- h) Fence on footpath between Oakwood Close and Church Street – Members agreed unanimously that there was no further action required on this matter.
- i) Playpark at Sandwath Lane Development – Cllr Wharton advised that he had forwarded all correspondence on to the District Councillors and asked them to take up the matter on behalf of the concerned residents.
- j) Archive Committee – Cllr Wharton read out a letter from Mr Dean which advised that due to other commitments, he is unable to continue with this work. Cllr Wharton proposed that a letter of thanks be sent to Mr Dean thanking him for all the work that he has put into the project.
- k) Chairman's Charity Appeal – Members agreed unanimously that they did not wish to make a donation to the charity this year.

l) Purchase of the Cricket Pitch – Mr Jim Love and Mr Paul Wilman attended the meeting to give an update on the purchase. They confirmed that their solicitors are waiting for the farmer's solicitors to enable the matter to be moved forward. The club is currently putting together a development plan and is looking at additional car parking on land adjacent to the pitch. They asked if the Parish Council were able to indicate the amount of rent that would be charged to the club following the successful purchase of the pitch. The Club also advised that they would be delighted if a member of the Parish Council wished to join the committee.

Cllr Wharton advised that the solicitors acting for the Parish Council were also waiting for the farmer's solicitors to respond. The Parish Council in principle have confirmed that if required they will stand the cost to move the access point to the pitch.

Members discussed the amount of rent that would be charged to the Club. It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Morbey that following a successful purchase of the pitch the cricket club should be charged £50 per annum in rent. This was seconded by Cllr Mrs Robinson and it was resolved that this would be carried unanimously.

m) Parish Council Representatives to the Area Committee – members agreed unanimously that they did not wish to vote in the election.

For Information

- a) Joint Action Group (JAG) Meeting – Wednesday 22nd August 2007
- b) The Playing Field Magazine
- c) Planning Application – Site at Land North of Gate Bridge, main Street, Church Fenton – GONE TO APPEAL – Members agreed that the Parish Council should be again sent in relation to this application.
- d) The Parish Perspective newsletter
- e) North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Plan
- f) NYCC Minerals and Waste Allocation of Sites and Issues Document
- g) SDC Information Leaflet – giving details of District Councillors

44. Planning

Applications for Consideration

8/62/217/PA - Application for consent to lop 2 birch trees and a sycamore tree within TPO no 2/2001 at The Orchards, Church Street, Church Fenton

APPLICANT - EASTWOOD

COMMENTS - The Parish Council did not object to the application, but sought reassurances that the tree would not be harmed by the work being undertaken.

8/62/218/PA - Two storey side extension to include integral garage and single storey rear extension following demolition of existing garage, 3 Appletrees, Main Street, Church Fenton

APPLICANT - McHUGH

COMMENTS - No objections

Applications Approved

None.

Applications Withdrawn/Refused

None.

45 Finance

Balance and forecast as at 26th July 2007 - £26144.76

The following accounts were passed for payment. Proposed Cllr Wrightson, seconded Cllr Mrs Morbey and agreed unanimously:-

- a) J Bradley – salary August 2007 - £214.50 (844)
- b) D Glassby – repairs to bus shelter - £743.00 (845)
- c) D Dumbell – internal audit - £60.00 (846)
- d) Elmhirst Solicitors - £35.25 (847)

Income

- a) VAT Refund - £6690.46

46. Representatives Reports

- a) Cllr Wrightson queried the location of the dog bin on the footpath between Oakwood Close and Church Street and was concerned that two bins were now located close together. It was suggested that the cost of re-locating one of the bins be ascertained and members will discuss this further at the next meeting.
- b) Cllr Wrightson suggested that the pieces of land in the ownership of the Parish Council should be reviewed. Cllr Wharton advised that this was currently being looked at.

47. Clerks Report

The Clerk updated members on the following points:-

- a) Presentation of Accounts – The Clerk advised that the accounts for the year ending 31st March 2007 had now been approved by the internal auditor. There were two minor matters brought to the attention of the Council:-
 - i) The Parish Council have made a donation to the school for £500. The Parish Council have no powers under which to make this payment. The Council are now aware of the position.
 - ii) Consideration needs to be given as to whether or not a savings account needs opening to gain the best interest rate possible. This item will be placed on the next agenda for further discussion.

It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Morbey that the Accounts be signed off and submitted to Mazars, the External Auditors. This was seconded by Cllr Mrs Robinson and agreed unanimously.

- b) Network Rail have confirmed that they have closed their file with regards to the lease for the land near the station, and no further correspondence will be sent.
- c) ROSPA – the inspection for the play park and skate park has been booked for September 2007. Members felt that it would be prudent to have an inspection carried out at the Sandwath Lane play park to establish if there are any issues relating to that site.

48. Agenda Items for Next meeting

- a) Opening of a Savings Account
- b) Consider 106 Money and how to spend
- c) Street Lights on the Footpath between Oakwood Close and Church Street
- d) State of the Area Address
- e) Dog Bins
- f) Village Design Statement

49. Date of the Next Meeting

Thursday 20th September 2007 at 7.30 p.m.

The meeting was closed at 9.40 p.m.