

Minutes of the Meeting of Church Fenton Parish Council
held on Thursday 17th January 2008 at The Village Hall, Church Fenton

Present - Cllr A Wharton (Chair)

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

105. Apologies and Declarations of Interest

Apologies were received and accepted for Cllr Blakey due to illness. It was proposed by Cllr Peacock that the apology be accepted. This was seconded by Cllr Mrs Robinson and agreed unanimously. There were no declarations of interest.

106. Public Session

No members of the public wished to speak.

107. Reports

District Councillor

None.

Community Police

The Clerk advised that she is not receiving any Police reports and feels that communications have broken down between the Police and the village. It was agreed that a letter would be written to Inspector Abbott expressing concern and seeking reassurance that Police presence and communication for the village will be restored. Cllr Wharton will also speak to Inspector Abbott at a meeting he is attending.

It was noted that a recent incident reported to the British Transport Police concerning damage at the train station, had resulted in repairs being undertaken. The Clerk advised that BTP will assist where possible in getting remedial work undertaken.

108. Minutes of the Last Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 13th December 2007 were accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting. The minutes were proposed by Cllr Wrightson, seconded by Cllr Morbey and agreed unanimously.

109. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

110. For Discussion

a) Parish Councillor Vacancy – The Clerk advised that the current Standing Orders did not include the co-option procedures. Members agreed the wording for the co-option of Parish Councillors and these would be included within the revised Orders. It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Morbey that the wording for co-option of Councillors be adopted. This was seconded by Cllr Wrightson and agreed unanimously.

Two applications for the position of Councillor were received by members. It was agreed that interviews would be set up for Thursday 21st February. Mr Elloy will attend at 6.30 p.m. and Mr Naylor will attend at 6.45 p.m. Members will notify the decision at the Parish Council meeting which will commence at 7.30 p.m.

b) Cricket Pitch Rent – Following clarification and advice from Selby District Council on the amount charged in relation to a Peppercorn rent, it was proposed by Cllr Wharton that the amount per annum should be set at £1. This was seconded by Cllr Mrs Robinson and agreed unanimously.

c) Cricket Pitch Lease – Cllr Wharton advised that he had taken the queries raised at the last meeting back to the solicitor and had clarified the position. It was proposed by Cllr Wrightson that the lease, including recommendations should be accepted by the Parish Council. This was seconded by Cllr Mrs Morbey and agreed by majority of 4-1. Cllr Wharton will instruct the solicitor to proceed with the lease.

d) Yorkshire Rural Community Council Conference - No members wished to attend this conference.

e) Traffic Calming – Mr Ashton and Mr Northey, residents of the village attend the meeting and discussed with members their concerns about the proposals for traffic calming in the village. Mr Ashton advised that he had spoken to Paul Sheppard, North Yorkshire Highways and he had agreed to delay the work to be undertaken at the junction of Church Street until a safety review had been completed. Members explained the position from the Parish Council's point of view, and advised that there had been no further proposals received by the Parish Council for consideration.

It was proposed by Cllr Wharton that a letter be sent to Paul Sheppard stating that the Parish Council had not received any further proposals regarding the junction, but should further proposals be available, then the Parish Council would wish to consider these and would also seek the views of residents. This was seconded by Cllr Wrightson and agreed unanimously.

f) Disrepair at station – Cllr Wrightson, along with other members expressed concern about the state of disrepair at the station. It was proposed by Cllr Wrightson that Northern Rail should be contacted and invited to a future meeting of the Parish Council to discuss the issues in detail.

g) Village Design Statement – Members discussed the requirement for a statement to be developed and the need for it to then be adopted as supplementary planning guidance. Cllr Peacock advised that he would be prepared to try and move this project forward and will look into what is required.

For Information

- a) Selby District Local Development Framework, Statement of Community Involvement – Adoption
- b) White Rose Update
- c) Selby Area Committee Agenda - 21st January 2008

111. Planning

Applications for Consideration

62/100A/PA - Erection of a detached dwelling with integral garage and alterations to an existing double garage, Rosebud Cottage, Nanny Lane, Church Fenton

APPLICANT - FARRAR

COMMENTS - The Parish Council agreed by majority of 3-1 to make the following observations:-

- a) There are concern over access onto the highway and highways safety.
- b) There is over shadowing of the neighbouring property.

Applications Approved

8/62/219/PA - Erection of a gable fronted conservatory to the rear, 67 Bridge Close, Church Fenton – GRANTED.

Applications Withdrawn/Refused

8/62/110A/PA - Conversion of existing barns into a new dwelling including associated access drive, Shepherds Barn, Church Street, Church Fenton – REFUSED.

8/62/243G/PA - Proposed single storey extension to the dining room and attached greenhouse, The Hedgerows, Common Lane, Church Fenton – REFUSED.

Applications Approved

None.

Applications Withdrawn/Refused

None.

112. Finance

Balance and Forecast as at 31st December 2007 - £16543.79

It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Robinson that the following payments be made. This was seconded by Cllr Wrightson and agreed unanimously.

The following accounts for signing:-

- a) J Bradley – January Salary - £214.50 (867)
- b) Lottery Licence Renewal - £17.50 (868)
- c) J Bradley – Office Expenses Jan – Jun 08 - £100.00 (869)
- d) J Barker – Christmas Expenses - £15.00 (870)
- e) A Wharton – Christmas Expenses - £33.52 (871)
- f) YEDL – Street light Connection - £2058.60 (872)

Income

None.

113. Representatives Reports

a) Cllr Peacock expressed concern about the traffic and parked cars at school drop off and pick up times, and welcomed any traffic calming measures which would make this area safer for children at the school.

b) Cllr Mrs Morbey advised that the planning application in respect of 17 The Fairways, Selby had been granted.

c) Cllr Mrs Morbey advised that she has spoken to the owner of the football pitch and he may be interesting in selling the field to the Parish Council for the village. It was proposed by Cllr Wrightson that a valuation be undertaken to establish the value of the land. This was seconded by Cllr Mrs Morbey and agreed unanimously.

d) Cllr Wrightson advised that he is waiting for the co-option of the new Councillor to take place, before the new village directories are issued to residents.

e) It was raised that the 'bench' at the skate park has re-appeared again. This 'bench' is the property of RAF Church Fenton and keeps appearing and disappearing again from the skate park. The Clerk will contact RAF Church Fenton and ask if they can assist with it's removal and disposal to the correct location.

114. Clerks Report

The Clerk reported on the following matters:-

a) ROSPA – Following receipt of the report, contact has been made with the suppliers of the equipment to obtain quotations for the work that is recommended.

b) Play Area At Sandwath – The Legal Department at Selby District Council have advised that they are still waiting for the Tree and Landscape Officer to respond to them.

c) Street Lights – The Clerk advised that following discussions with Selby District Council, they have agreed to fund the entire project for new street lights on Busk Lane and Rose Lane. The clerk will now arrange for the connections to be undertaken and the matter finalised.

d) A number of items are still outstanding and are being chased by the Clerk for a response.

115. Agenda Items for Next Meeting

- a) Village Directory
- b) Footpath Continuation
- c) Affordable Housing
- d) Football Pitch

116. Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 17th January 2008

The meeting was closed at 9.26 p.m.