

CHURCH FENTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Church Fenton Parish Council held on Thursday 18th June 2009 at 7.30 p.m. at The Village Hall, Church Fenton

Present Cllr I Wrightson
 Cllr C Blakey
 Cllr C Morbey
 Cllr M Robinson
 Cllr A Wharton (Chair)
 Cllr S Peacock
 Cllr S Naylor

15. Apologies and Declarations

Apologies were received and accepted for Cllr Cattanagh. Cllr Blakey declared a Prejudicial interest in item 20b in relation to the Wildlife Habitat Protection Trust.

16. Public Session

Mr Knaggs, queried the comments made by Cllr Wharton in his annual address in regards to the Standards Board finding that all the processes of the Parish Council were found to be in order. He went on to say that the Standards Board complaint against Cllr Mrs Robinson is still outstanding. Cllr Wharton advised that he had been advised that all complaints had been dealt with and finalised. Cllr Wharton went on to read a letter from Jonathan Lund. Mr Knaggs would not accept the response given and so Cllr Wharton advised that he would speak to the Monitoring Officer, Jonathan Lund to clarify the matter.

Cllr Mrs Morbey advised that she and other members were meeting with Northern at the Train Station to discuss the issues and problems there. She asked if any member of the public wanted any specific issue raising at the meeting to let her know.

17 Reports

District Councillor

Dist Cllr Ellis advised that he had no report to make relating to Selby District Council matters.

Dist Cllr Ellis advised that he had reported damage to a Highway sign following a motor accident. Highways had attended and repaired the damage.

County Councillor

No report.

Community Police

Cllr Wharton advised that he had received no report from the Police. Cllr Wharton advised that he had contacted the Police in regards to the motor vehicle hitting the highway sign and bench. The Police had responded very quickly and the car causing the damage had been located. The details of the car owner have been given and the Clerk is writing in relation to seeking costs via their insurance.

18 Minutes of the Last Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 1st May 2009 were accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting. The minutes were proposed by Cllr Wrightson, seconded by Cllr Naylor and agreed unanimously.

19. Matters Arising

- a) Neil Marsay attended the meeting to talk to members and the public about the First responders scheme that he is hoping to set up in the village.

The scheme involves approximately 6 to 12 people from the village who would volunteer for the scheme. There is two and a half days training to be undertaken. Additional training is given once a month and responders are reassessed every 6 months. All volunteers are subject to a CRB check.

Community First Responders are trained in basic life support skills, the use of an automated external defibrillator (AED) and to administer oxygen.

Mr Marsay asked if there would be a suitable venue to hold an open meeting for residents to attend to find out more about the scheme. Cllr Wharton advised that he would put this item on the next agenda for discussion, but felt that the Village Hall would be available.

Mrs Gall advised that Yorkshire Water have been an repaired the padlock at the play area entrance.

20 For Discussion

- a) Year End Accounts - The Clerk advised that the accounts had now been received back from the internal auditor and the following items were brought to the attention of the Parish Council:-

- i) Approval of the Clerks Employment Status – This has already been undertaken as it is embedded within the contract of services.
- ii) Appointment of the Internal Auditor – This has already been undertaken and is within the minutes.
- iii) Review of Internal Audit – members reviewed the effectiveness of the internal auditor.

It was proposed by Cllr Wrightson that the accounts now be submitted to the external auditors Mazars. This was seconded by Cllr Mrs Morbey and agreed unanimously.

- b) Wildlife Habitat Protection Trust to make improvement to Parish Council owned land – Broad Piece. Cllr Blakey left the meeting whilst this item was discussed. Mr Martin Blakey advised members that he currently works with the probation service who bring in teams at the weekends to undertake tidying work in areas such as this. Members agreed subject to the following that this would be acceptable:-

- a) There would be no fencing erected.
- b) Only general tidying off the land would be undertaken
- c) The ownership would remain that of the Parish Council
- d) There would be no notices erected on the land
- e) Any planting would be agreed with the Parish Council prior to being undertaken.

It was proposed by Cllr Peacock that an agreement outlining the above would be drawn up with the Trust. This was seconded by Cllr Naylor and agreed animously.

For Information

- a) YLCA – Employment Issues and Freedom of Information Data Protection Conference
- b) Selby District AVS Newsletter
- c) Footpath on Northside of Common Lane
- d) Site at Land at Station Road, Church Fenton – Appeal Started.
- e) Site at Land at Station Road, Church Fenton – Appeal Started.
- f) SDC Order for Costs in connection with the Judicial Review
- g) CE Electric UK – Priority Treatment Information
- h) The Playing Field Magazine
- i) Country Air MagazineNone.

21 Planning

Applications for Consideration

None.

Applications Approved

8/62/142K/PA - Erection of a single storey extension, attic extension including reconfigured roof, replacement dormer window and associated alterations, The Croft, Church Street, Church Fenton – GRANTED.

8/62/224A/PA - Erection of a single storey and extension to dormer to the front elevation, Meadow Croft, Nanny Lane, Church Fenton - GRANTED

Applications Withdrawn/Refused

None.

22. Finance

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

Current Account Balance as at 26th May 2009 - £10162.32

Savings Account Balance as at 31st March 2009 - £6169.27

- a) J Bradley – salary - £214.50 BC
- b) T Freeman – salary - £247.87 BC
- c) D Dumbell – Internal Auditor - £60.00 (932)
- d) Npower – electricity - £2581.19 (933)
- e) Npower – electricity - £44.60 934)
- f) Fenton Landscape Services - £140.00 (935)
- g) Selby District Council – Judicial Review - £1515.00 (936)
- h) Playing Fields Association membership - £25.00 (937)
- i) YRCC Membership - £35.00 (938)
- j) T Freeman – expenses - £4.01 (939)

23. Income

None.

24. Representatives Reports

- a) Cllr Peacock advised that a full consultation had been undertaken with regards to the proposals for the play area. The Clerk confirmed that all residents who bounder the paly area had been written to personal. Todate only one resident had made contact and Cllr Peacock advised that he had been to see her to explain what is invilved.

The Clerk advised that the Playing Fields Assocation had been consulted, and they had replied by saying that they were pleased with the proposals. Follwoing on from this, they were asked about how the Parish Council should go about placing a Deed of Dedication on the cricket field, and details of how this could be done were provided and this will be passed to the solicitor to progress.

Selby District Council planning team have been consulted to establish if planning permission is required for the propsals at the play area. They have acknowledged the letter, but a decision is awaited.

Cllr Peacock advised that with regards to the old tennis court area between Church Street and Oakwood Close, work is still being undertaken to finalise a proposal for this area. Once proposals are in place, then a consultation exercise will be undertaken.

- b) Cllr Wharton gave an update on the Highway improvements that are taking place within the village. He is in constant contact with Gary Lumb from Highways to ensure that all the work is carried out as discussed.
- c) Concern was raised about the state of the Village Name sign on Busk Lane following the vandalism. It was agreed that Cllr Blakey would look at undertaking some work on this to rectify the problem.
- d) Cllr Blakey advised that he is still progressing the production of the Millenium signs that are missing.
- e) Cllr Mrs Morbery advised that she, Cllr Mrs Robinson and Cllr Wharton are meeting with a representative from Northern Rail to look at and discuss the issues at the train station.

25. Clerks Report

The Clerk gave an update on the following matters:-

- a) Light at Brockley – North Yorkshire County Council are looking at installing a further light at their cost. Further details are awaited.
- b) Transfer of Play Are at Sandwath – The Clerk advised that she is still in correspondence with the solicitors at Selby District Council regarding this matter.

26. Agenda Items for Next Meeting

- a) First Responders – Use of Village Hall for training and Open Evening
b) Village Hall Annual Report
c) August Meeting

27. Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 16th July 2009

The meeting was closed at 8.35p.m.