

Minutes of the Meeting of Church Fenton Parish Council
held on 21st June 2007 at The Village Hall, Church Fenton

Present - Cllr A Wharton (Chair)

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

14. Apologies and Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

15. Public Session

A member of the public raised concern about the over grown hedge at Corner Cottage. The Clerk advised that this had been reported to Highways, but this would be chased.

An overgrown hedge at Great Brig was also raised as a concern, as was an overhanging tree on Sandwath Lane. These will be addressed.

16. Reports

District Councillor

No report.

County Councillor

No report.

Community Police

The Clerk has received a report from the Police:-

- a) There is still high visibility policing in the village.
- b) One resident has been issued with eviction proceedings, and the hearing date has been set for 29th June 2007.
- c) An Acceptable Behaviour Contract (ABC) has been issued to one resident in the village, although this has already been broken once.
- d) One resident is being evicted from a private tenancy.
- e) One resident has been sentenced to a four month prison sentence.
- f) Cllr Wharton will now chair all Joint Action Group (JAG) meetings for the Sherburn area (includes Church Fenton).
- g) A number of arrests were made in relation to incidents at the skate park.
- h) A number of Fixed Penalty Notices have been issued for a variety of reasons.
- i) All members of the public are encouraged to report any incidents of Anti-Social Behaviour to the Police, to ensure that these are logged.

17. Minutes of the Last Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 17th May 2007 were accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting. Proposed Cllr Wrightson, seconded Cllr Mrs Robinson and agreed unanimously.

18. Matters Arising

- a) The Clerk and Cllr Wharton advised that they had not pursued the advertising of the vacancy for a Parish Councillor and this would be raised during the meeting for discussion.

b) The Clerk advised that following the last meeting a letter had been sent advising that the Youth Bus was no longer welcome in the village. This letter has been acknowledged and the bus will no longer attend.

19. Correspondence

For Discussion and Consideration

a) Members discussed the ways in which the vacancy for a Parish Councillor could be filled. It was agreed that an article would be placed in the newsletter, which will be published shortly.

b) Members considered the NYCC Draft Rights of Way Improvement Plan. It was proposed by Cllr Wrightson that no response should be sent. This was seconded by Cllr Mrs Morbey and agreed unanimously.

c) Members agreed unanimously that they would share the information regarding Smartwater from North Yorkshire Police with residents through the next publication of the newsletter.

d) A response has been received from NY Highways highlighting the reasons for the traffic calming measures not being installed. It was proposed by Cllr Wharton that the matter be escalated to Ian Salmon at NY Highways to express the concerns regarding the work not being undertaken. It was also proposed that the majority of the village opinion seems to be being over looked because of objections of 2 people, and this does not seem just, when the safety of residents and school children in the village is at risk. This was seconded by Cllr Peacock and agreed unanimously,

e) Members were asked to consider the effect of vibrations from the railway station on houses on the Sandwath Development, as an issue rising from the Annual Parish Meeting. In view of there being no residents at the meeting to pursue this matter, members felt that there was no action to be taken at this stage.

f) Members were asked at the Annual Parish meeting to consider the installation of a mosquito system to tackle anti-social behaviour. It was proposed by Cllr Wharton that pending the outcome of the Police work in the village at the present time, it would be prudent to hold off making any decision until further information was available. This was seconded by Cllr Blakey and agreed unanimously.

g) Members were asked to consider the setting up of Neighbourhood Watch in the village. There has been no interest currently from members of the village to enable this scheme to be put into place. Therefore it was agreed unanimously that this would be considered further at a future date should the need arise.

h) Members were asked to consider the introduction of No Cold Calling in the village. There has been no interest currently from members of the village to enable this scheme to be put into place. Therefore it was agreed unanimously that this would be considered further at a future date should the need arise.

i) Members were to consider whether or not to install CCTV in the village. It was agreed unanimously that this item would be deferred to a future meeting.

j) Members considered the benefits of being members of the Selby Rail Users Group and it was proposed by Cllr Mrs Morbey that this group could be used to assist with addressing issues at the station. This was seconded by Cllr Wrightson and agreed unanimously. It was agreed that the issues to be raised were as follows:-

i) Vandalism at the station

ii) General Maintenance

iii) Removal of glass on Platforms 1 and 4

iv) A request for more frequent trains through the village.

k) Cllr Wrightson presented the Annual Report from the Village Hall to the meeting. Cllr Wharton on behalf of

the Council expressed thanks for the report and all the work that is undertaken by the Committee. It was acknowledged that the Village Hall is a great asset to the village.

l) Members agreed that Cllr Wharton would issue the new rota for the inspections at the Play Park.

m) Members received a letter from NYCC asking for information with regards to housing developments in the Parish. Members felt that the Parish Council did not hold the required information, and that this letter should be redirected to Selby District Council for them to respond.

n) Cllr Wharton advised that he had been contacted by Network Rail with regards to leasing of a piece of land near the station, where a bench was located. Members confirmed that the bench had been removed in 2004 and the land reinstated as required by the agreement. It was proposed by Cllr Wrightson that a letter be sent to Network Rail advising them of the position. This was seconded by Cllr Mrs Morbey and agreed unanimously.

o) An email has been received from a resident in Oakwood Green expressing concern about the play area. Clarification had been sought from Selby District with regards to the queries raised. The decision to install a play area at this location was made by Selby District and the Developers and the Parish Council were not consulted. If there are any plans to expand the area, then this would be done through way of a planning application and the Parish Council would have the right to make comments. A resident advised that the installation of equipment is nearly complete. However, Selby District advise that the contents of the play area have not yet been approved by them. It was proposed by Cllr Wharton that a letter should be sent to Selby District advising that the work has already started and that there are concerns over safety issues. This was seconded by Cllr Wrightson and agreed unanimously.

p) Cllr Morbey advised that the current position with regards to the Section 106 funding. As at the 18th June 2007 there are currently 37 properties occupied, not including the low cost houses. Funds of £49,757 are due to be released on occupancy of the 42nd dwelling. The Parish Council have already agreed to spend £30,000 of this money to purchase the Cricket Pitch and Cllr Wharton will contact the Cricket Club with an update.

q) A resident has asked if the Parish Council would be in a position to look at installing a hedge or bushes to prevent youths from kicking footballs at their garden fence on the footpath between Oakwood Close and Church Street. It was proposed by Cllr Wharton that this would not be appropriate. This was seconded by Cllr Wrightson and agreed unanimously.

r) Members agreed unanimously that a piece would be put in the newsletter, which explains to residents what is being undertaken by the Police to look at tackling the Fear of Crime in the village.

For Information

- a) White Rose Update
- b) A new Council for North Yorkshire Newsletter
- c) Information on the illegal anti-social use of Motorcycles and other vehicles
- d) Notes from the Town and Parish Council forum meeting
- e) Community Investment Partnership (CIP's) information
- f) Affordable Housing for Local Needs
- g) Selby Area Committee – Election of Parish Representatives

20. Planning

Applications for Consideration

None.

Applications Approved

8/62/107H/PA - Erection of a two storey extension to the clubhouse and erection of walls and gates, Ashton Park, Ash Lane, Church Fenton – GRANTED. - Members requested sight of the Officer's report for this decision. The Clerk will obtain this for the next meeting.

8/62/215/PA - Erection of a conservatory to the rear, The Barn, 2 Church End View, Church Fenton – GRANTED.

Applications Withdrawn/Refused

None.

21. Finance

Balance and forecast as at 25th May 2007 - £10862.99

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

- a) J Bradley – salary June 2007 - £214.50 (832)
- b) Selby District Council – dog bins - £649.35 (833)
- c) Selby Rail Users – membership - £2.50 (834)
- d) Npower – streetlights - £2112.62 (835)
- e) Npower – streetlights - £197.47 (836)
- f) G Brooksbank – new streetlights - £810.00 (837)
- g) GT Handyman – footpaths - £63.00 (838)

The following account was passed for payment. Proposed Cllr Mrs Morbey, seconded Cllr Mrs Robinson and agreed unanimously.

- a) Allianz Cornhill - insurance - £829.95 (839)

Income

None.

22. Representatives Reports

a) Cllr Wrightson asked for contact details of members of the Council to be displayed on the notice board. The Clerk will ensure that this is done.

b) Cllr Morbey will produce a draft newsletter for members to approve at the next meeting.

23. Clerks Report

The Clerk updated members on the following points:-

a) The Deeds are still awaited from the archives to enable a quotation to be obtained for the cost to value all the land in the ownership of the Parish Council.

b) The streetlights have now been installed on Busk Lane and Rose Lane, and a connection charge from

YEDL has been requested. The Clerk suggested that a questionnaire be sent to all properties with regards to the installation of the proposed streetlights on the footpath asking for views and opinions to enable a decision to be made. It was agreed that this item would be put on the next agenda for the further discussion.

c) The dog bin on the footpath at Church Street has been located too near to the property, and they cannot now access their coal shoot. This has been reported and SDC will ensure that it is re-positioned.

d) A quotation has been received for repairs to the bus shelter in the sum of £745.00. It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Robinson that the work be undertaken. This was seconded by Cllr Peacock and agreed unanimously.

e) The position with regards to the streetlights on the Sandwath Development is still ongoing.

f) The proposed meeting with the children at the School has been scheduled for Friday 29th June. Cllr Wharton and two other members will attend to talk to the children about their concerns regarding the village.

g) The retrieval of the remaining items belonging to the Parish Council from the previous Clerk needs to be undertaken through the solicitor.

h) The Clerk advised that the Accounts for the year ending 31st March 2007 had now been completed and were ready to be passed to the internal auditor.

Whilst completing the accounts a number of issues were highlighted:-

i) There were a number of un-presented cheques. All but one of these cheques has been re-issued during the financial year and matters have been rectified.

ii) A cheque payable to Allianz Cornhill was one of the cheque's un-presented. The Clerk contacted the insurers to establish the reason for this. The Clerk was advised that when cover for the play park and the skate park had been requested, supplementary information had also been requested with regards to a breakdown of the costs to replace the items. Despite numerous letters to the Clerk at the time, there were no response to the letters and cover was subsequently cancelled in August 2006. There has therefore been no insurance cover for the play park and the skate park since that time.

At the time of the telephone enquiry the new Clerk, established the exact requirements of the insurers and placed the areas in question on immediate cover, and advised that all supporting documentation would be sent immediately. Allianz Cornhill agreed to this request and this then generated an additional premium to be paid, which is listed in the accounts for payment.

Members agreed unanimously that the Accounts should now be passed to the internal auditor for inspection.

24. Agenda Items for Next meeting

- a) Alcohol Free Zone
- b) Streetlights on the footpath
- c) Village Directory – September Agenda
- d) Newsletter

25. Date of the Next Meeting

Tuesday 11th July 2007

The meeting was closed at 9.10 p.m.