

## CHURCH FENTON PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Church Fenton Parish Council held on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2009 at 7.30 p.m. at The Chapel, 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

#### 1. Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman

It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Robinson that Cllr Wharton be elected as Chairman. This was seconded by Cllr Wrightson and agreed unanimously. No other member wished to stand for this position. Cllr Wharton was duly elected.

It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Morbey that Cllr Wrightson be elected as the Vice Chairman. This was seconded by Cllr Naylor and agreed unanimously. No other member wished to stand for this position. Cllr Wrightson was duly elected as Vice Chairman.

#### 2. Apologies and Declarations

Cllr Blakey declared a Personal and Prejudicial Interest in item 172 (a) Grass Cutting and left the meeting whilst this item was discussed. Cllr Peacock declared a Personal Interest in item 172 (e). Cllr Wharton declared a Personal Interest in the item relating to the swimming pool at Kirk Fenton Primary School.

#### 3. Public Session

Mrs Gall asked who had been contacted with regards to the grass cutting contract as she was aware of someone local who would have liked to have quoted. Cllr Wharton advised that the tenders had been sent out by letter to a number of companies, but were unaware of this person being interested. Unfortunately, it was too late to delay the decision after this meeting, but would bear them in mind for the future.

An email was read out from the school, they are currently looking into the possibilities of putting a roof on the swimming pool to enable the facility to be used throughout the year. They would be looking for funding from a lottery grant or similar and to use the pool to it's full potential and would consider opening it to the wider community.

The school were seeking the views of the Parish Council and residents on this matter. Members of the Parish Council did not have any objections to the proposal. Members of the public at the meeting were also supportive of the proposal.

#### 4. Reports

##### District Councillor

No report.

##### County Councillor

No report.

## Community Police

There was no report and no officers in attendance. Cllr Wharton advised that he had recently met with PC Kelly who had advised that there have been several incidents in the village which they have attended and a number of inquiries are ongoing.

### 5 Minutes of the Last Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> April 2009 were accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting. The minutes were proposed by Cllr Wrightson, seconded by Cllr Mrs Robinson and agreed unanimously.

The minutes of the Part 2 meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> April 2009 were accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting. The minutes were proposed by Cllr Wrightson, seconded by Cllr Mrs Robinson and agreed unanimously.

### 6. Matters Arising

- a) Cllr Wharton advised that he had contacted Drew Haley at Northern regarding the train station and Drew had confirmed that he would be pleased to have a site meeting to discuss and look at the issues at the station. Cllr Mrs Morbey and Cllr Mrs Robinson will attend the site meeting and report back to a future meeting.

### 7. For Discussion

- a) Grass Cutting Contract – Members discussed the quotations for the grass cutting contract. It was proposed by Cllr Naylor that the quotation from Fenton Landscapes be accepted. This was seconded by Cllr Mrs Morbey and agreed unanimously.

Thanks were expressed to Cllr Blakey for undertaking the grass cutting whilst the contract for the season was sorted out.

- b) Replacement Village Name Signs - Cllr Wharton advised that following a meeting with North Yorkshire Highways he has now received a quotation for the new village name signs in the sum of £1,300. Members discussed the work required and it was proposed by Cllr Wharton that the go ahead be given based on the quotation provided. This was seconded by Cllr Peacock and agreed unanimously.

- c) Section 106 Projects - Cllr Peacock and Cllr Blakey presented proposals to members based on previous discussions. It was proposed by Cllr Blakey that the cycle track project for the play area be progressed. This was seconded by Cllr Peacock and agreed unanimously. Consultations will now be undertaken with the neighbouring residents.

Members discussed the old tennis court project and it was agreed that further work would be undertaken on this proposal to include a community garden etc. This will be brought back to the next meeting for further discussion.

It was noted that the new entrance to the Cricket Field would be taken out of the Section 106 funds as previously agreed.

It was noted that at present the Village Hall Committee are pursuing a separate grant funding system to undertake the work that they are trying to undertake at the village hall.

Thanks were expressed to Cllr Peacock and Cllr Blakey for their work in these projects.

- d) First Responders Scheme to the village – Cllr Wharton invited Mrs Wrightson to explain to the meeting what the scheme was about and how it operates. It was agreed that a flyer would be placed in the newsletter asking for interest to be expressed from residents about the scheme. If required Mrs Wrightson will liaise with the Ambulance Service to move this forward.
- e) Streetlight on the footpath between Oakwood Close and Church Street - Cllr Wharton read out two letters received in connection with this matter.

It was noted that the original request for a street light on the footpath was made in November 2002 by Cllr Graham Wright and is clearly minuted. Prior to that Parish Council completing their term of office Cllr Bill Bradley followed this up, but on the new Parish Council taking over office this item was still outstanding.

Cllr Wrightson felt that the letter from Dr Elloy was offensive, and challenged anyone making such remarks to come to a meeting of the Parish Council so that clarification could be made on the points raised.

Cllr Blakey expressed concern about the tone of the letter from Dr Elloy.

Cllr Mrs Morbey advised that she felt that as the recent complaint against her had been 'thrown out' by the Standards Board, some residents were now pursuing her mother as a means of making a personal attack on her.

Cllr Wharton responded to the letter from Dr Elloy by way of the following:-

- a) It was pointed out that the current Parish Council were elected members. The fact that it had been an uncontested election still means that members have been duly elected. It was noted that the previous Parish Council had also be elected through an uncontested election.
- b) By way of placing the item on the agenda for discussion, this has now begun the consultation with residents.
- c) The Community Police are aware of the situation and have responded by giving their views. PC Kelly felt that by placing a light on the footpath, this would create a gathering point and that the light might be better placed on Brockley Close.

It was noted that several recent break-ins had taken place during day light hours and therefore the lighting in the village was not relevant at that time of day.

It was proposed by Cllr Peacock that the street light was not pursued. This was seconded by Cllr Blakey. Members voted on the proposal as follows:-

4 members were in favour of the proposal and 3 members were against the proposal. It was therefore by majority that the street light will not be pursued.

Cllr Wrightson asked for an agenda item for the next meeting to discuss how the Parish Council should pursue legal action if required in response to letters from members of the public.

#### For Information

None.

8. Planning

Applications for Consideration

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

APPLICANT - KENDALL  
COMMENTS - No objections

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

APPLICANT - LOUISETTO  
COMMENTS - Members did not object to the application, but it was proposed by Cllr Mrs Morbey that observations would be made on the same grounds as for the previous application. This was seconded by Cllr Wrightson and agreed unanimously.

Applications Approved

8/62/11K/PA - Erection of modular building to provide childcare facilities, Kirk Fenton Parochial School, Main Street, Church Fenton – GRANTED.

Applications Withdrawn/Refused

None.

9. Finance

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

Current Account Balance as at 26<sup>th</sup> February 2009 - £2517.22

Savings Account Balance as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2009 - £6169.27

- a) J Bradley – salary - £214.50 BC
- b) T Freeman – salary - £247.87 BC
- c) Chapel Room Hire - £10.00 (931)

10. Income

- a) 1<sup>st</sup> Instalment of Precept - £6240.00
- b) VAT Refund - £1468.54

11. Representatives Reports

- a) Members noted that the damaged wall outside the Fenton Flyer had been repaired and asked if a letter could be sent to the owner of Biggin Lane Garage asking if repairs could also be undertaken to their wall for safety reasons.
- b) Cllr Wharton expressed thanks to the Clerk in respect of the professionalism shown when producing the minutes of meetings, as this was key in providing the Standards Board with information in connection with the recent complaints made.

12. Clerks Report

The Clerk gave an update on the following matters:-

- a) Designated Zone – The signs have now been installed as follows:-
  - i) At the roundabout at the junction of Sandwath Lane and Common Lane covering that entrance to the village.
  - ii) At the bottom of the hill on near to the train station to cover this area and Brockley Close.
  - iii) At the Church Street end of the footpath leading to Oakwood Close, covering this entrance to the village.
  - iv) On the entrance to the Play Area.
  - v) At the junction of Brackenhill Lane and Busk Lane, covering this entrance to the village.
- b) Planning Issue – Enforcement Action will be progressed by Selby District Council regarding the static caravans that have appeared in the village.
- c) Light at the End of Brockley Close – This is being dealt with by North Yorkshire County Council.
- d) Letter in the Selby Times – A response is awaited from the Independent Complaints Commission
- e) Transfer of the Play Area at Sandwath – This matter is still with Selby District's Legal team and this is being chased with them and the developers.

13. Agenda Items for Next Meeting

- a) Legal Action in Response to Letters
- b) Broad Piece

14. Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2009

The meeting was closed at 8.35p.m.