

CHURCH FENTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Church Fenton Parish Council

held on Thursday 19th November 2009 at 7.30 p.m. at The Village Hall, Church Fenton

Present Cllr Mrs Morbey
 Cllr S Naylor
 Cllr S Peacock
 Cllr Mrs M Robinson
 Cllr I Wrightson (Chair)

67. Apologies and Declarations

Apologies were received and accepted for Cllr Wharton. There were no declarations on interest. The Clerk asked members if any of them would like to review their Register of Business Interest.

68. Public Session

Members of the public asked for an update on the street lights that were out on Rose Lane and the tree cutting that was needed to enable the contractors to undertake the work. The Clerk advised that there had been a problem in getting the contractor to carry out the repairs, but this has now been addressed. The owners of the trees had been written to, but they were not in fact the owners, and two residents have cut back the trees themselves to enable the work to be done. The street lights should now be repaired by the end of the following week.

A resident asked why she had not had a reply to the email sent to the website. The Clerk explained that due to Cllr Wharton being away on business, there had been a delay, but this has now be rectified.

Members of the public asked if the leaves on the footpath between Oakwood Close and Church Church Street could be cleared by the Lengthsman and it was causing the path to become slippery and dangerous. The Clerk will speak to the lengthsman about this.

69 Reports

District Councillor

No report.

County Councillor

No report.

Community Police

No report.

70 Minutes of the Last Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 15th October 2009 were accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting. The minutes were proposed by Cllr Mrs Morbey, seconded by Cllr Mrs Robinson and agreed unanimously.

71. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

72. For Discussion

- a) Request for Assistance from the Bowling Club – A request has been received from the bowling club for financial assistance with the work required to upgrade the irrigation system. This project would meet the criteria required to enable the Section 106 funds to be accessed. The initial quotation obtained for the work was £3478 + VAT. Cllr Naylor proposed that subject to two further quotations being received then in principal the Parish Council would support the project. This was seconded by Cllr Mrs Morbey and agreed unanimously.
- b) Increase in the number of Hours Worked by the Parish Lengthsman – Members discussed the reasoning behind the proposed increase, in that the boundaries to the village have now been clearly identified, and more work is required. Members agreed that they would defer the decision to the next meeting when a Part 2 meeting would be called to discuss this staffing issue.
- c) Precept – Members discussed the projected budget for the forthcoming year and the Precept request required. It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Morbey that the Precept be set at £14000. This was seconded by Cllr Naylor and agreed unanimously.
- d) Salt Bins – Members received confirmation that the cost of refilling the salt bins in the village. It was proposed by Cllr Wrightson that the cost of refilling the salt bins for the year should be met. This was seconded by Cllr Naylor and agreed unanimously.
- e) NYCC Budget and Council Plan Consultation – Members agreed to circulate this information and look at it again at the next meeting.

73 For Information

None.

74 Planning

Applications for Consideration

8/62/66B/PA - Erection of 6no semi-detached dwellings following demolition of existing public house, Junction Hotel, Station Road, Church Fenton

APPLICANT -

COMMENTS - A member of the public advised that they were concerned that the proposed development was too close to their property and that the proposed access road may open up the land at the back of the site to future development.

Members discussed the proposal in detail and Cllr Naylor made the following proposals for objection to the development:-

- a) The Junction Public house is a old building in the village, with character and should be retained for its historical input to the village.
- b) There is loss of amenity to neighbouring properties.
- c) There is concern that the proposed road into the site would open up the land at the rear to future development, which the Parish Council would not encourage.
- d) There is concern about the drainage system and whether this can cope with any further water egress from the development.
- e) There is concern over Highway safety, the proposed site could see up to 12 additional cars exiting from this development on to what is already a busy main road, with limited access.
- f) The proposed development would be located near to the railway lines, and therefore noise may be an issue.

The proposal was seconded by Cllr Mrs Morbey and agreed unanimously.

8/62/212B/PA - Erection of detached dwelling following demolition of garage and outbuildings, North View, Main Street, Church Fenton

APPLICANT - GALL

COMMENTS - The neighbour to the development attended the meeting and raised concern about the closeness of the proposed development to his property. He would suffer from loss of light and overshadowing. His property would be bounded

by two large walls on either side if the development was to go ahead.

Members discussed the application and it was proposed by Cllr Wrightson that the following objection should be made:-

- a) The proposal is tandem development
- b) There is concern about the proximity to the neighbouring property.
- c) Access onto the Highway is a concern.

The proposal was seconded by Cllr Mrs Morbey and agreed by majority.

8/62/234/PA - Erection of a two storey extension to the side and a single storey extension to the rear, 36 Oakwood Close, Church Fenton

APPLICANT - MOY

COMMENTS - No objections

Applications Approved

None.

Applications Withdrawn/Refused

None.

75. Finance

Current Account Balance as at 30 th October	-	£12439.63
Savings Account Balance as at 25 th September	-	£6149.37

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

- a) J Bradley – salary - £214.50 BC
- b) T Freeman – salary - £247.87 BC
- c) Fenton Landscape Services - £160.00
- d) Mazars LLP – external audit - £155.25

76. Income

None.

77. Representatives Reports

- a) Village Design Statement – Cllr Peacock advised that work on the VDS was progressing.
- b) Section 106 Funds – Cllr Peacock advised that the cycle track in the playpark was progressing.

Cllr Wrightson read out 3 letters received in relation to the old school playground between Church Street and Oakwood Close. Cllr Wrightson then explained that the only course of action agreed by the Parish Council was to tidy up the area by removing the tarmac area and plant with grass and shrubs. Cllr Wrightson read out the following 'Cllr Peacock advised that th regards to the project for the old tennis court area between Church Street and Oakwood Close, the proposal at this stage was to grass over the area and plan some trees. Members felt that this was a good interim measure and would tidy the area up until further works can be agreed' which is a direct quote from the minutes of the meeting held on 17th September 2009.

- c) Cllr Naylor reported that the Church Fenton sign on the entrance/exit to Biggin obstructs motorists vision when existing the road junction.

78. Clerks Report

The Clerk had to leave the meeting, but provided a written report, which Cllr Mrs Morbey shared with the meeting:-

- a) Year End Accounts – The accounts have now been signed off by the external auditors and there are no matters arising for the attention of the Council.
- b) Access to Cricket Pitch – Planning permission is awaited. A site meeting is being sent up with the NYCC recommended contractor to discuss costs etc. A submission will then be made for the Section 106 funds.
- c) Light at end of Brockley – This is a 'gift' from North Yorkshire County Council, so nothing is being pushed too hard or we may loose it. Still liaising with NYCC.
- d) Transfer of Play Area at Sandwath – Contact has been made with Selby District Council to suggest a site meeting. Selby District have confirmed that they have already has a meeting with the developers, who have admitted their liability on repairs that are needed. Work is due to be completed by the end of next week. There is further work required to the fencing as the 'gaps' are too wide, but this may take longer to sort out. Once all this is done, the Parish Council can take over the ownership.

- e) Train Station Issues – Cllr Wharton continues to liaise with Network Rail and partners to get work completed.
- f) Missing Street Name Signs – Selby District Council have been sent a list of the missing signs and Dist Cllr Ellis is chasing this matter.
- g) Traffic Calming – Cllr Mrs Morbey gave an update, following a recent site meeting with North Yorkshire Highways.
- h) Red Phone Box – this is still ongoing.
- i) Planning Permission without Consultation – Have written again to Selby District Council asking why they granted an extension to the application, but then went ahead and granted permission before the Parish Council had had chance to respond.

79. Agenda Items for Next Meeting

- a) Village Planters
- b) Part 2 Meeting – Lengthsman Hours
- c) Telephone Box
- d) Donation to Pensioners Christmas Party
- e) NYCC Budget and Council Plan Consultation

80. Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 17th December 2009

The meeting was closed at 9.30 p.m.