

## Church Fenton Parish Council

### Minutes of the Meeting of Church Fenton Parish Council held on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2019 at the Village Hall, Main Street, Church Fenton

Present: Cllr Sarah Chester (Chair), Cllr Ross Higham, Cllr Jo Mason, Cllr Craig Blakey, Cllr Stuart Spensley, Cllr Rebecca Hunt

Jeremy Sherlock (Clerk); SDC Cllrs Richard Musgrave, Keith Ellis; Sam Hutchinson – North Yorkshire PCC

29 members of the public;

#### 117. Apologies, Declarations, and Dispensations

Apologies - Cllr Jo Mason - illness

#### 118. PCC Community Mapping Project – Sam Hutchinson from North Yorkshire PCC attended the meeting. He is carrying out a survey covering the policing and crime concerns of local residents including identification of key local stakeholders. He covered 3 main areas:

- Community – he was advised of the main community based organisations in the Village. The shop and pub are local hubs.
- Communication – included Fenton in Focus, Social Media sites, and noticeboards
- Concerns – concerns raised included the local police visibility, traffic and parking (especially near the Station and School), anti-social behaviour, and problems built in to new housing design.

Mr Hutchinson was thanked for his attendance at the meeting. He advised that any further information or comments can be sent to [sam.hutchinson@northyorkshire-pfcc.gov.uk](mailto:sam.hutchinson@northyorkshire-pfcc.gov.uk).

#### 119. Public Session

A letter from a local farmer was read out. This raised concerns of actions of some local dog owners who are allowing their dogs to run around fields and using routes which are not public rights of way affecting local wildlife. There have also been incidents of sheep worrying, and chickens killed by dogs. It was also reported at the meeting that some people were ignoring the no dogs rule at Main Street Playground. The Clerk was asked to contact the Dog warden and PCSO to see if any action can be taken. In addition an item will be put in Fenton in Focus. The Chair will discuss the issue with the Dogs Trust.

The Chair read out a letter that had been received from 2 residents requesting better parks provision in Church Fenton so that children become more active. The letter said that the main play area was a long way from some parts of the village, and provision on both sites was mainly focused on younger children. One suggestion was to create a mini wildlife area, and to plant more trees. The clerk will respond to the letter, and bring some of the ideas to future meetings.

There were comments regarding the Neighbourhood Plan consultation. HS2 will mean that some farmland will become unviable – this is not addressed in the Plan. Some advised was that the recent consultation was the first time that they had been aware of the plan. It was commented that leaflets for earlier consultations had been delivered to all households, and posters put up in the village. Parishioners were encouraged to submit all comments on the forms provided so that they can be considered by the Neighbourhood Plan group which includes local villagers as well as Councillors.

A copy of the draft plan that had been delivered to the Community Shop seemed to have gone astray so the Chair agreed to provide a further copy.

Footpath 17 near Nanny Lane is overgrown. Cllr Blakey will speak to the landowner.

There had been some broken bottles in the Play Area which were cleared away by local residents. The Clerk requested that residents should contact him by email/ phone if there are future incidents so that he can organise the lengthsman to deal with any issues. One child had cut their hand, leaving blood on some equipment. The Clerk will arrange for this to be inspected and dealt with.

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### 120. Reports

Cllr Musgrave advised that the application for the site next to the Church will go to Committee in June at the earliest.

An application has been submitted for 119 houses on the RAF site.

The application by Create York for a cultural business area has been approved.

### 121. Minutes of the Meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> March 2019

**Resolved that the minutes of 21<sup>st</sup> March 2019 represent a true record of the meeting.**

### 122. Matters Arising

The Clerk advised that the application for the site next to the Church includes provision for 5 affordable houses.

**Resolved that the Clerk submit an additional comment on the application stating that affordable housing should be spread through housing developments, be indistinguishable from other houses, and be of larger size to meet local demand.**

### 123. For Discussion

- a. **Church Fenton Station Car Parking** – the Clerk reported on a meeting that he had held with Northern Railway. Northern Railway are aware of parking issues near Church Fenton Station. They are not allowed to acquire land for car parking as a franchisee. Network Rail did in the past look at land to the north of the existing car park, but this was never pursued. The County Council have powers, and can get funding from central government. It is difficult to identify any obvious area for new car parking due to recent planning consents.

Northern Railway will look if any minor extensions/ reconfiguring could create more spaces. However removal of the bank, or double decking are not seen as financially realistic.

One issue is that people commuters generally travel singly, so that 20 cars only equals 20 passengers. Small increase in passenger numbers can therefore create a significant parking issue. One measure that could be considered is to allocate some spaces for shared vehicles (Northern Railway have the powers to enforce this themselves). The increase in cars may just be as a result of an improved timetable as Northern Railway do not feel that there is any major benefit in travelling to Church Fenton rather than using other Stations.

The access track to the car park was discussed. Northern Railway/ Network Rail have a right of access, but the land is believed to be in unknown ownership. One way to achieve improvements would be for it to be acquired using an unknown owner CPO (which would have to be done by a principal authority with users contributing to its improvement and maintenance).

The County Council have developed a scheme for no waiting restrictions along Sandwath Lane which is felt would improve highway safety, though may move parking problems elsewhere. If parking would obstruct large agricultural vehicles no waiting bollards can be provided by County Council Parking Services.

- b. **Multi Use Games Area at Main Street Play Area** – it had not been possible for the sub group to meet with Premier Play due to holiday commitments, but a meeting has now been arranged.

Additional grant funding will need to be sought once the final cost is agreed. Suggestions included the Lottery, Sugar Tax, Tesco's and Aviva. This will need to be considered at a future meeting.

- c. **Sherburn Visiting Scheme** – following the positive views at the last meeting, the Clerk had spoken to the Chair and had suggested he submit a grant application, but nothing has been received to date. He also advised that the shop would be happy to accommodate a collection box.

- d. **Speeding** – Cllr Mason reported that he intended to launch a community petition when the pub opens as this would help maximise its reach.

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- e. **Community Shop fees** – Councillors had asked for the Solicitors to submit information regarding their costs before an invoice is paid. The Clerk reported that he had received information from Freeths that their total costs were £11,996. The invoice submitted was for £3,000. A concern was raised that the total cost quoted was excessive, and that the information was not backed up by timesheets.

**Resolved that following the receipt of the additional information, the invoice be paid**

- f. **Election** – the Clerk advised that the contested Election would result in a cost to the Council which is unbudgeted. He had requested indicative costs from Selby DC, but had not received a reply.

124. For Information

None.

125. Planning

**Applications for consideration**

2019/0309/HPA – Extend dropped kerb by 1.83m and remove front facing boundary wall by 1.83m to enable a wider driveway at 1 Church Mews, Church Fenton

**Resolved that no objections be rised**

2019/0325/FULM – Proposed erection of 119 dwellings with open space and associated infrastructure following demolition of existng buildings at Brownfield Site 2, Leeds East Airport, Busk Lane, Church Fenton

As this application had only recently been submitted it was agreed to defer this item to allow Councillors to review the detailed information available on Selby DC “Public access”.

126. Finance

- a. Clerk’s Finance Report - an up to date receipts and payments analysis has been undertaken. This shows a balance of £86,851.34.

An analysis of general funds allowing for advance rental income, Sandwath Endowment, Bond and CIL grant, shows the following. The Community Shop fees, and balance of White Horse grant have not been paid.

General Fund	£18,828.27
Net Pub/ Shop rental income	£12,061.65
Sandwath endowment	£25,958.42
CIL	£5,407.50
Shop Bond	£20,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£86,851.34</b>

**Resolved that this report be noted**

b. Income

Cambridge and Counties	Interest	£568.56
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c. Payments

Fenton in Focus	Newsletter	£28.00
St Marys Kirk Fenton	Grant	£100.00
Subscription	Yorkshire Local Councils Association	414.00

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Consultancy	David Gluck	400.00
Printing	Tadcaster and District CIC	137.50
Grant	Sherburn in Elmet Community Trust	175.00
Tax	HMRC	134.80
Salary	J Sherlock	277.36
Salary	Stephen Fisher	105.98
Loan payment	PWLB	662.61
VAT	HMRC	299.04

### 127. Representatives Reports

Cllr Chester advised that she had sourced some free dog bins from Holmefield vets. The Clerk will contact North Yorkshire CC for consent to put them on lampposts.

A suggestion had been put forward to improve footpath 8 so it becomes more usable as a safe route to Kirk Fenton School.

A request had been made to improve the entrance sign along Busk Lane. The Clerk reported that this had previously been investigated, but signwriters felt it was unrepairable – however he will investigate further.

### 128. Agenda Items for Next Meeting

Speeding, Planning application adjacent to the Airport, Budget including Election costs

### 129. Date and time of next meeting – Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May at 7:30 at the Village Hall, Main Street, Church Fenton (Parish Meeting and Annual Meeting)

Meeting closed at 9:26pm

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