

Church Fenton Parish Council

Minutes of Church Fenton Parish Council held on Thursday 16th March 2017 at the Village Hall, Main Street, Church Fenton

Present: Cllr Sarah Chester (Chair), Cllr Craig Blakey, Cllr Jo Mason, Cllr Andrew Mason, Cllr Nick Mossman, Cllr Rebecca Hunt, Cllr Stephen Newbould

Jeremy Sherlock (Clerk);

Cllr Andrew Lee

12 members of the public

98. Apologies, Declarations, and Dispensations

None

99. Public Session

There are a number of potholes at the entrance to the Station Car Park. Northern Rail maintenance staff are due to visit.

The poor state of the pavement and a small area of grass, subject to dog fouling, near the Old Vicarage was reported. This has previously been reported to North Yorks CC.

The Cricket Club have held a meeting with Groundwork regarding their nets proposals. Planning permission is needed before they can progress on grants. There was a request for funding assistance for sight screens (£1,320). The Clerk advised that application forms for grant assistance are available on the Village website, but that the total identified would exceed the available budget.

The Council were thanked for their representation regarding issues surrounding the Laurels development.

100. Reports

Cty Cllr Lee advised that he believed that the new 40mph limit had helped reduce traffic speeds in the village.

101. Minutes of the Last Meeting 16th February 2017

Resolved that the minutes represented a true record of the meeting.

102. Matters Arising

The Clerk advised that he was still awaiting a response from BT about the phone boxes.

An e-mail had been received from North Yorks CC setting out the reasons for changes to the school bus services to Tadcaster Grammar. The County Council can provide their statutory service with one bus, so a paid service for others is no longer available. Tadcaster Grammar are exploring alternatives with commercial operators. Some concerns were expressed about whether changes were consistent across all areas.

103. For Discussion

a. **Church Fenton Station** – this item was deferred until the next meeting as Richard Issac from Northern Rail was unable to attend.

b. **Neighbourhood Plan** – the meeting on 2nd March had been well attended. There is now a web address www.planchurchfenton.org.uk. A set of initial objectives is being prepared. The working group have agreed to add Makin Enterprises, Ulleskelf PC, and Selby DC to the distribution list for future meetings. The consultants are looking for heritage information as part of the background research. There will also be work undertaken with the school to engage with younger residents. The next meeting will be held on 6th April at 7:00 at the Village Hall.

The position regarding the White Horse and Post Office had been discussed as there are concerns that they will close permanently. It was agreed that they should be considered for submission to

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Selby DC as Assets of Community Value, and it was agreed that the Clerk will draft some submissions for consideration at the next meeting.

- c. **Community Governance Review** – the Clerk advised that any formal link with Little Fenton would require a Community Governance Review which would be undertaken by Selby DC. This would include community consultation. The 2 Councils could merge, or be run by a joint Council. It is best triggered by a request from Little Fenton residents. It was agreed that the Clerk would write to Judith Sugden at Little Fenton PC to advise.
- d. **Section 106 priorities** – the Clerk had consulted with Selby DC regarding eligibility of various options for the S106 funding. This position is as follows:
 - Cricket Club nets – Selby DC have asked for additional information
 - Bowls Club maintenance equipment – not eligible as for maintenance
 - Trim trail - eligibleThe Clerk was asked also to explore an all-weather games facility similar to the one installed in Ulleskelf, and to report on all the options to the next meeting.
- e. **HS2** – comments on the compensation consultation have been submitted. The MP did not submit any comments. Following a Freedom of Information request about the consideration of alternative routes put forward, a response has been received from HS2 advising that they have been considered, but were dismissed for a variety of reasons.
- f. **Tree Main Street/Northfield Lane** – the Council had previously agreed to relocation this. However the clerk has been contacted by a local resident who has offered to maintain it, and asked the Council to reconsider in view of its small size. The original complainant felt that the tree would have a house insurance impact.

Resolved that the tree not be relocated at this point
- g. **Meeting with Selby DC** – the Chair and vice Chair will be meeting with Cllr Crane shortly and asked for suggestions for items to raise.

104. For Information

Tadcaster Library have asked for funding support for the Community Library and offered to attend a meeting. It was agreed that the Clerk would invite them to a future meeting.

A response has been received from the Airfield PR firm with regard to concerns raised over the Garden Village. They advised that they had submitted a letter of support as it was an option that the landowner was willing to consider as a commercial opportunity. However they are committed to engagement with the local community as part of any further development of the airport site.

Selby DC have organised planning training. It was agreed that the Chair would attend on behalf of the Parish Council.

105. Planning

Application refused

2016/1162/OUT – Outline application with all matters reserved for the erection of 9 dwellings on field adjacent to Kennel Garth Farm and demolition of one building (shed) at Kennel Garth Farm, Nanny Lane, Church Fenton

Application withdrawn

2016/1368/FUL – Erection of 6 dwellings at Old Forge Cottage, Main Street, Church Fenton

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106. Finance

a. Clerk's Finance Report

There is a balance of £36,101,74 which is made up of £8,070.33 in general funds and £28,031.41 in the Sandwath endowment.

Resolved that this report be noted

b. Payments

Church Fenton Village Hall - Room Hire - £12.00

Plan Ahead Communities Ltd – Consultancy - £4,096.00

G M Adamson - Grass clearance - £22.00

Viking – Stationery - £104.19

Groundwork UK - Grant refund - £362.60

Sherburn-in Elmet PC - Grass cutting - £410.03

RSS Playmakers - Playground repairs - £108.00

HMRC – Tax - £145.68

J Sherlock – Salary - £215.59

S Fisher – Salary - £96.48

Resolved that the above payments be noted

107. Representatives Reports

Cllr Jo Mason had received an e-mail regarding commercial flights at Leeds East Airport. As Selby DC had previously advised that this would trigger a planning application the Clerk was asked to write to Selby DC planning enforcement

Cllr Chester advised that the Post Office was due to close on 30th April. It is on the market for £420K. Concerns have also been raised about the future of the pub. In the light of this she has arranged a meeting on 29th March at 8:00 at the Village Hall to see if residents have an appetite for a community venture to retain the shop.

Cllr Mossman advised that this was his last meeting as he is resigning from the Council. He was thanked for his contribution. The Clerk advised that he would commence the process for a replacement.

108. Next Meeting

Northern Rail, Meeting with Selby DC, Neighbourhood Plan, S106 funds, Airfield, Assets of Community Value

109. Date and time of next meeting – Thursday 20th April 2017 at 7:30pm at the Village Hall, Main Street, Church Fenton

Meeting closed at 9:16pm

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