

## Church Fenton Parish Council

### Minutes of Church Fenton Parish Council held on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2016 at the Village Hall, Main Street, Church Fenton

Present: Cllr Sarah Chester (Chair), Cllr Craig Blakey, Cllr Jo Mason, Cllr Andrew Mason (from item 55b), Cllr Nick Mossman

Jeremy Sherlock (Clerk);

Tansy Shearston (Sherburn Group Practice), Paul Doherty (Sherburn-in-Elmet Community Trust)

16 members of the public

#### 50. Apologies, Declarations, and Dispensations

Cllr Stephen Newbould - work, Cllr Rebecca Slade - personal

#### 51. Public Session

Representatives from Sherburn Group Practice were in attendance to discuss the closure of Church Fenton clinic that was considered at the last meeting. They advised that the Village Hall lacks facilities to meet modern standards – it lacks clinical and IT facilities. Providing additional facilities for 1 hour per week is not cost effective. Equivalent sessions will be held in Sherburn, so there will be no overall loss of service.

#### 52. Reports

None

#### 53. Minutes of the Last Meeting 15<sup>th</sup> September 2016

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

#### 54. Matters Arising

A meeting with Network Rail; has been arranged for Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November to discuss electrification proposals and the impact on the Railway Bridge.

#### 55. For Discussion

a. **Sherburn and Villages Community Library** – a background paper had been circulated to Councillors, and Paul Doherty from the Community Trust was in attendance. Sherburn Library will become a Community Library from April 2017, mainly staffed by volunteers. Without this change it would have closed. A Community Trust has been set up to run it, and it has 2 requests:

1. Additional volunteers – it was agreed to put up posters and promote in Fenton in Focus
2. Funding – the Library will receive a core grant of £10,000 from North Yorks CC. A Business Plan has been prepared which proposes contributions from local parishes that are proportional to the size of parish. For Church Fenton the proposal is £175 contribution from 2017-18.

**Resolved that a contribution of £175 towards Sherburn Community Library for 2017-18 be approved**

b. **“Garden Town”** – there had been rumours in the village about housing proposals on the Airfield site. Cllr Blakey had spoken to Cllr Musgave who advised that Selby DC were preparing a “Garden Town” proposal. A national request for potential sites has been circulated, and an announcement is due in the government’s autumn statement.

Parishioners at the meeting raised concerns about the lack of information, and the potential impact of a major proposal on the village.

In the last week Councillors have met with the local District and County Councillors and MP to try to find more information. The District and County Councillor confirmed that a proposal did exist.

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They advised that they could not give any further information as they had signed confidentiality agreements and that the proposals had not been discussed by either Council.

In the light of this Freedom of Information requests have been submitted to a number of parties, including Selby DC. A letter will also be sent to the HCA advising that the proposal has been developed without and community consultation or support.

It was agreed that a press release would be issued and a letter sent to the Selby DC Leader raising concerns about a proposal of this nature being developed in secret.

- c. **Neighbourhood Plan** – an inception meeting has been arranged for tomorrow.
- d. **BT Consultation on the removal of phone boxes** –. BT are undertaking a consultation on the removal of the 2 phone boxes in the village. This consultation runs to 15<sup>th</sup> December 2016. If the preference is for them to remain the Council can either object (which may not be successful) or adopt the boxes (at cost of £1 per box). Councillors felt there were feature of the village and would like them to remain with the preference of adoption. In these circumstances the telephone equipment would be removed, and alternative uses considered. It was agreed to report this opportunity in Fenton in Focus.

**Resolved that the Council adopt the Phone Boxes at a cost of £1 per box**

- e. **Council and Parish Council referendums** – the government have included the option of extending referendum principles to Parish Councils for proposals for “excessive” increases in the precept. The Clerk advised that this is opposed by NALC in that it is against the principles of localism and would add an additional burden to small organisations.

**Resolved that the Council submit an objection on the above grounds**

- f. **Community Infrastructure Levy payments** – the Clerk has received a letter from Selby DC regarding arrangements for receipt of any CIL payments. Any funding due is payable every 6 months. The Council can either accept payments immediately, or leave them with Selby DC until needed. Whilst nothing is due at the moment, the timescale for this decision when funding is due is short, so it is sensible to agree a policy. The Clerk felt that there was no difficulty in accepting funds as soon as they are available as this can be clearly recorded in the Accounts.

**Resolved that Community Infrastructure Levy payments be accepted as soon as they become available**

56. For Information

None

57. Planning

Applications for Consideration

2016/1155/HPA - Proposed single storey extension and internal alterations at Partridge Hill, Oxmoor Lane, Church Fenton

**Resolved that no objections be raised**

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)

**Resolved that an objection be submitted on grounds of expansion beyond the village envelope, existing housing numbers approved, and traffic impact on Nanny Lane**

Applications approved

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2016/0505/OUT – Outline application for the erection of 5 new dwellinghouses with access (all other matters reserved) at land adj Station Mews, Church Fenton

Applications refused

2016/0444/FUL – Proposed erection of accommodation block in connection with an outdoor pursuits centre on land west of Busk Lane, Church Fenton

### 58. Finance

#### a. Clerk's Finance Report

An up to date receipts and payments analysis has been undertaken which shows a balance of £45,747.65. Excluding the Sandwath Endowment there is a general balance of £17,609.36. The receipt of the second tranche of the precept and the VAT recovery has substantially improved the cash position.

#### **Resolved that this report be noted**

#### b. Payments

Sherburn-in Elmet PC - Grass Cutting - £410.03

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HAGS-SMP - Playground Inspection - £84.00

HMRC – Tax - £163.20

J Sherlock – Salary - £165.99

S Fisher – Salary - £51.48

#### c. Income

Selby DC – Precept - £9,550.00

Selby DC – Grant - £244.17

HMRC - VAT refund - £3,219.67

#### **Resolved that the above payments and income be noted**

### 59. Representatives Reports

Cllr Jo Mason identified reports for Fenton in Focus as the Garden Town proposal, Library, Phone boxes, and Christmas arrangements

Cllr Chester advised that a mature tree at “The Laurels” subject to a TPO had been felled. The clerk will write to Selby DC requesting a replacement.

It now seems likely that the refurbishment and reopening of the White Horse will not take place until after Christmas.

### 60. Agenda Items for Next Meeting

“Garden Town”, Neighbourhood Plan, Railway issues, HS2, Phone boxes, grant application

### 61. Date and time of next meeting – Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November October 2016 – venue to be confirmed

Meeting closed at 9:15pm

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