

GARTHORPE AND FOCKERBY PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting of Garthorpe and Fockerby Parish Council held at

Garthorpe Village Hall on 6th December 2016 at 7.30 p.m.

1. Present: Councillors J. Martinson, B. Reed, D. Armstrong, S.A. Johnston, J. Preston, J. Reed, J. Smith.

Apologies: S. Simms.

2. Declaration of interest: None.

3. Minutes of the last meeting: The minutes of the last meeting were signed as a true record. This was proposed by Councillor J. Smith and seconded by Councillor J. Preston.

4. Matters Arising:

i, Councillor J. Martinson enquired whether the Parish Council could purchase another dog waste bin for The Mount / Station Road area. The Councillors agreed to review at the next meeting.

ii, The War Memorial (first phase) is now complete. Good progress was made by the working party but the Parish Council felt that as it was nearing completion there was a breakdown in communication. After some confusion, the working party were asked if a meeting could be organised to update the Parish Council. This offer was declined and it was stated that after the Remembrance Ceremony all affairs relating to The War Memorial would be handed back to The Parish Council. The Clerk will write to Mr. Gilleard and Mr. Graham asking for written confirmation of this. This confirmation is

required as the Parish Council were worried regarding where any liabilities may fall should any incidences occur.

The Parish Council were asked why The Flagpole was purchased despite the Parish Councillors agreeing at the last meeting that it was best to wait. This was put down to the breakdown in communication.

The SSE Wind Farm Community Fund money will be used in the spring once the weather is better for planting. It was unanimously agreed that the present gardener, Mr. MacDonald should landscape the memorial beds and continue his good work around the Cemetery. All further works are to be carried out in the spring.

The Parish Councillors were concerned that the chain across the front of the War Memorial could be a trip hazard, with people stepping over it to read the names on the plaque. It was agreed to remove these chains in order to reduce this hazard.

The dedication and Remembrance Services have now taken place with a good attendance from the Village.

5. Financial Update:

i, The Parish Council are acting as administrators for The Playing Field and The War Memorial, looking after all monies in the Parish Council's main account. The micro grant funding is also allocated from this account.

ii, The current balance for the Playing field is £1,146-37. The loan payment of £880-16 for the purchase of the playing field was paid on 26th October 2016. The annual inspection of the Play equipment has also been carried out at a cost of £ 72-00.

iii, The War Memorial fund has received £133-00 royalties from the sale of Carole Mc Entee Taylor's book.

Payments were made for £500-41 for the benches and some plants, £ 70-97 was spent on the plaque and poppies, £160-70 was spent on refreshments, cakes and flowers for the dedication ceremony. A further £161-94 has been spent on the flagpole and flags. The current bank balance is £123-42 with the remaining £101-20 to be banked.

The micro grant funding for this tax year has now been spent and the balance is £0-00.

v, Current Account Summary:

Balance from previous Minutes £ 6,153-25

Payments received:

Royalties for the War Memorial £ 133-00
R. Wallace & sons Ltd £ 70-00
(Interment and admin fee in re Mrs. J. Nothard)

Sub Balance £ 6,356-25

Payments made since last Minutes:

Garthorpe Village Hall (Hall hire for dedication ceremony) £ 10-00
Mr. D. Graham (benches and plants War Memorial) £ 500-41
Mr. D. Graham (plaque & poppies War memorial) £ 70-97
Mr. D. Graham (buffet food and cakes for dedication ceremony) £ 160-70
Mr. R. Gilleard (Flags and Flagpole) £ 161-94
Mrs. M. Smith (Clerk's wages & admin fee) £ 81-68

Balance on 7thDecember: £5,370-55

Cheques were made out for:

Wicksteed Leisure (Play inspection) £ 72-00
Mr. A. MacDonald (Cemetery fees) £ 65-00
Mrs. M. Smith (Clerk's expenses) £ 100-00

Balance to date: £5,133-55

Inclusive of
P /Field Balance £1,146-37
War Memorial Fund £ 123-15

Parish Council Balance

£3,864-03

6. Correspondence: Read and circulated.

7. Playing Field: The annual inspection of the play equipment has taken place. All equipment is showing either no or low risk. The field is in good order and there have been no problems with the mower. Councillor J. Martinson advised that it may be a good time to have the mower serviced whilst it is not in use. It was suggested to leave the servicing until just before the mower will be needed in the spring.

8. Planning Applications:

I, None received.

9. Any Other Business:

i, Councillor J. Smith has managed to source the Christmas tree for the village again this year. Trees were obtained for the benefit of the Village and sited in the Churchyard and also inside St. Mary's Church. The Parish Council agreed to reimburse Councillor Smith

ii, Andy Fidell from North Lincolnshire Council attended a site meeting with the Chairman and Clerk. The hump on Shore Road is due to the road around the brick drain chamber sinking and it will be rectified but at the moment it is considered to be a lower priority.

The gritting of Shore Road was to be investigated by Mr. Fidell and he was to report back to Councillor J. Martinson. No correspondence has been received to date but it was stated that if the road was being gritted, then it would be assumed this would continue for the year. The gritter has been gritting Shore Road.

iii, Councillor J. Smith asked whether the Clerk could be reimbursed expenses for travel, printing costs and postage etc. It was unanimously agreed that the Clerk should receive 3 x payments of £100-00 throughout the year.

iv, Councillor S.Johnston pointed out that she had emailed apologies for the last Parish Council meeting and was considered absent. The Clerk apologised and stated that no emails had been received. Contact details have now been updated.

10. Date and time of next meeting: Next meeting to be held at 7.30pm on 21st. February 2017, in Garthorpe Village Hall.

Meeting closed at 8.40pm

Signed J. Martinson

(Chairman).....

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