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Minutes of the meeting held after the Annual Parish Council Meeting
on Wednesday, 11 May, 2016 at The Old School Coffee Shop.

Present: Cllrs D Templeman, R Wootton, I Smith, P Naylor, N Moore and C Williamson;
L Fletcher, Clerk, and 6 members of the public.

1. **Apologies:** Cllr M Beesley

2. **Declarations of interest:** None.

3. **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

The minutes were read, agreed and signed a true record, proposed by
Cllr P Naylor and seconded by Cllr N Moore.

4. **MATTERS ARISING**

None.

5. **POLICE REPORT**

Circulated.

6. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

6.1 Public Toilets, 6 members of the public attended, with apologies from others, to express their concerns over the proposed closure of the public toilets. SBC have suggested raising the precept but the Parish Council feel this would mean parishioners paying twice for an asset they rarely use. Government cutbacks are driving the closure of all rural toilets, the facilities at Grosmont would be closed in April 2017. The Parish Council to request an extension on the time allowed for a decision for 3 months in order to consult with locals and businesses. The NYMR are willing to extend the opening period of the Railway toilets.

Possible ways of generating financial assistance:

- Grants
- Charging 20p to use the toilet
- Donation box
- Increasing the rates
- Contributions from businesses/locals/Facebook giving page
- The National Park Authority community facility improvement grant

Expenses incurred in running the toilets:

- Electricity £300
- Water rates £750
- Maintenance of the building £600
- Cleaning £1,848. (This figure could be reduced by employing a local cleaner.)

The Grosmont Business Group are also to discuss the toilets at their next meeting. Concerns were raised about the period when the cafes are closed and public toilets are a necessity. Quotes to be obtained for the repairs needed to the exterior of the building as the repairs carried out by the Borough Council were botched and the whole roof needs relaying. If the Council took it over they could have outside support, the Parks Authority are willing to talk about possibilities and may be willing to act as an underwriter if a contingency budget of £5,000 is available from SBC. Local businesses have an interest in keeping the toilets open, not residents, 22,000 visitors per year use the facilities. Charging for overnight stays by camper vans in the NYMNPA car park has been suggested as a source of revenue.

Donation boxes have been shown to bring in more than charging a set fee.

Action:

- Delay to be requested while feasibility study undertaken
- Estimate of costs, Cllr N Moore to pursue
- Estimate of the funding available
- Reply again requested from the Park Authority, and meeting to be arranged
- Grant for solar panels to be investigated

6.2 Children's play area next to the railway.

A children's play area was discussed, the NYMR Trust is not keen on this idea as the main problem is insurance as costs can be prohibitive.

7. PLANNING

NYM/2016/0119/FL Application in respect of installation of oil tank at The Hollins Institute, Institute Row, Grosmont – No objections.

The retrospective application for stone cleaning at the Station Tavern has been refused.

8. FINANCE

8.1 Bank Statement balance as at 22.04.16, £1,798.15

8.2 HSBC – Important Changes to Business Banking Terms, circulated.

8.3 SBC – Precept Payment Instalment 1, £1,650.00; Model Agreement Instalment 1, £798.27 - Total £2,448.27.

8.4 Debit - Clerk's fees and expenses, £152.20, cheque no 671, proposed by Cllr R Wootton and seconded by Cllr I Smith.

9. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

9.1 Local Housing update, carried forward. There has been further water ingress at 2 properties at Egton and flooding at the new housing at Sleights.

9.2 "Grosmont" village sign, it was agreed to purchase a plain sign, Cllr R Wootton to action.

9.3 Highways issues:

9.3.1 Fairhead road sign, now replaced.

9.3.2 Priory Park road, reply still awaited.

9.3.3 HGV signage at Fairhead, Highways Dept. still unwilling to install sign.

9.4 Public Toilets, discussed under Item 6, Public Participation.

9.5 Local Bus Services for April 2016, Cllr Phil Trumper following up.

Public notice of the meeting has been given in accordance with Schedule 12, Paragraph 10 (2) of the Local Government Act 1972

9.6 Wood carvings, Tammy Naylor requested support from the Council in applying for a grant from "Sharing Heritage" for the installation of wood carvings around the village, this was agreed, proposed by Cllr N Moore, seconded by Cllr D Templeman.

9.7 "This Exploited Land" update, funding granted for April 2016 to April 2021. First conservation to be carried out in Rosedale, then Glaisdale.

10. CORRESPONDENCE for information or decision

10.1 NYMNPA – Community Grant, leaflets in NYMNPA shop, Grosmont. Carried forward to next meeting.

10.2 YLCA – Access to the website of the NALC. Under the new Transparency Code ruling all agendas, minutes and financial statements must be uploaded onto the NYCC www.datanorthyorks.gov.uk website, a grant to enable compliance has been obtained and the Council will now purchase a scanner/printer, proposed by Cllr I Smith, seconded by Cllr R Wootton.

10.3 YLCA – New Edition of "Governance and Accountability", The Financial Guide, circulated.

10.4 NYCC - Whitby to Lealholm summer bus timetable, noted.

11. MINUTES OF MEETINGS

11.1 YLCA – Minutes of the Meeting of the Joint Executive Board held on 17 October, 2015 at Wetherby, circulated.

11.2 YLCA – Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Joint Executive Board held on 20 November, 2015 at Wetherby, circulated.

11.3 YLCA – Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 4 February, 2016 at Scarborough, circulated.

12. FORTHCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS

12.1 YLCA – Scarborough Branch Meeting at 7.00pm on Thursday, 2 June at Whitby Town Council, Pannett Park, Whitby.

13. PUBLICATIONS/NEWSLETTERS

13.1 "White Rose Update"

14. CHAIRMAN'S QUESTIONS

14.1 Waterloo Place – grass cutting, the Clerk requested the grass be cut, this has been carried out, thanks to be conveyed and information to be sought on how often the Borough Council intend to cut the grass this year.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

The meeting closed at 10.00pm, the next meeting will be held at 7.30pm on Wednesday, 8 June 2016.