

GROSMONT PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES

MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 13th NOVEMBER 2019 AT 7.30PM
AT THE OLD COFFEE SHOP, GROSMONT

Present:	Cllr Wootton	Apologies:
	Cllr Beesley	
	Cllr Williamson	
	Cllr Smith	
	Cllr Naylor	

One member of the public was in attendance.

1. Apologies and approve reasons for absence

None.

2. Declarations of interest in respect of any of the agenda items to be discussed

None.

3. Confirmation of the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 9th October 2019

The minutes for October were read. It was proposed by Cllr Beesley and seconded by Cllr Williamson that the minutes be approved as a true and accurate record. All were in favour.

4. Matters arising for information only unless defined

Cllr Wootton asked the clerk regarding the Coast to Coast signs. These have been ordered and once received NYMNP will install.

It was discussed that the planning application for 2 Fairhead Cottages has been approved with conditions.

Cllr Wootton briefly discussed the webinar training and proposed the clerk tries a course at the cost of £15 for one hour. This decision was seconded by Cllr Beesley.

5. Police Report

A police report had not been received and the clerk was asked to chase this up.

6. Public Participation - members of the public are invited to address the Council

One member of the public was present with concerns over trees and land drain pipes. Also concerns were raised over the use of tennis courts from people who do not live in the village. Cllr Wootton would be happy to facilitate any usage of the tennis courts and all other councillors were in agreement.

7. Planning:

Planning Applications

None.

8. FINANCE

8.1 To confirm the bank statement for 23.09.19 – 22.10.19 balance of £8484.79

It was proposed by Cllr Beesley and seconded by Cllr Smith that the bank balance be confirmed as a true and accurate record. All were in favour.

8.2 To approve the following payments:

a) Clerks fees £129.58 and HMR&C PAYE £32.40

It was proposed by Cllr Beesley and seconded by Cllr Williamson that the above payments be approved. All were in favour.

b) Yorkshire Ambulance defibrillator packs and batteries

Cllr Naylor confirmed that no costs were incurred and currently there are two sets of spare pads.

c) Receipt of Model Agreement (£847.06) and Precept (1852.50) payment of £2699.56

It was acknowledged the receipt of the above payment.

It was briefly discussed that Cllr Naylor will attempt for the third time to be a signatory on the bank account.

9. Items for Discussion

9.1 Local housing update

The clerk reported she is no further forward with this and will keep chasing.

9.2 Grosmont suspension bridge

The clerk reported that despite emailing Nigel Trotter on numerous occasions she is no further forward. The clerk was asked to go direct to Chris Price.

9.3 Seats re grass cutting

Cllr Wootton discussed that he has now been to Fairhead and cut some grass from near the cattle grid and he is still working on the inventory.

9.4 Tennis courts

Cllr Wootton discussed he has cut down the saplings and some grass but it still needs tidying up.

9.5 Fairhead Gritting

It was confirmed that the price of £75 from NYCC is for one heap and one re-fil. It was proposed by Cllr Smith and seconded by Cllr Beesley to go ahead and order 3 heaps for Fairhead.

9.6 Policies

Cllr Beesley to have a look to see if she has any policies previously emailed to her.

9.7 Subsidence of footpath near Grosmont Villa

The clerk reported this has been acknowledged by Highways and they will visit the area.

9.8 Model Agreement

Amendments were made to balance out the model agreements figures based more on what costs are incurred by the council. It was proposed by Cllr Beesley and seconded by Cllr Naylor the adjustments are made.

10. Correspondence for information or decision

- 10.1 Woodland Trust – Tree Charter Day & Free Trees
- 10.2 NALC Chief Executive Bulletin
- 10.3 Rural Community Energy Funding
- 10.4 RSN Rural Funding Digest – October 2019
- 10.5 Internal Auditors
- 10.6 Consultation for the Parish Sector
- 10.7 White Rose Update – October 2019
Cllr Wootton briefly discussed the Redmond Review is coming out in March 2020.
- 10.8 Esk Valley Railway – Enhancement Project No. 3 September 2019
The councillors discussed that although the new timetable is good the first train does not stop at Grosmont. The clerk was asked to raise this point.

11. Minutes of Meetings

None.

12. Publications

None.

13. Forthcoming meetings/events

- 13.1 Local Councils & VE Day 75 – 8th May 2020
- 13.2 YLCA Branch Meeting Dates & Speakers – Autumn 2019
- 13.3 Chairmanship Training Events
- 13.4 Training in Freedom of Information
- 13.5 Finance related training sessions

14. Chairman's Questions

It was discussed how dog fouling is a problem outside the Old School Coffee Shop, if this continues to contact SBC.

Cllr Wootton asked to clerk to look at budgeting for next year.

An email had been received with concerns about the road at Esk Valley and the state of the tarmac. The clerk was asked to forward this to Highways.

It was noted that at least one Rail Trail board has been put up.

An email had been received confirming the reasons the Parish Council wish to keep both phone boxes. The clerk was asked to ensure the reasons for both to remain are the same on the return to SBC.

It was discussed that the 26th November is Beaver Release Trial at Dalby Forest.

It was noted that YLCA are increasing the fees in 2020/21

Cllr Naylor discussed that he will look at the outflow pipes as raised in public speaking.

15. Items for the next agenda

Date of next meeting: Monday 6th January 2020