

GROSMONT PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES

MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 12TH AUGUST 2020 AT 7.30PM
VIRTUAL ZOOM MEETING

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

Apologies: None

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 22nd July 2020

The minutes of the meeting held in July were read. It was proposed by Cllr Smith and seconded by Cllr Beesley 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 for confirmation that the letter objecting to removal of both phone boxes had been sent. The clerk confirmed that these letters had been sent and acknowledged.

Cllr Wootton discussed the tennis courts and the white paint for the lines. Cllr Beesley to enquire about obtaining the paint.

Cllr Wootton also discussed the chestnut tree near the suspension bridge which has now fallen down with a branch straddling the water. The clerk was asked to inform NYMNP and also inform them that they may need to contact the Environment Agency/other agencies that may have involvement. The clerk was also asked to chase NYCC as they had been sent a letter but they now need contacting to be told the tree has come down. All were in agreement.

5 Police Report

None.

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

None.

7a. Planning Applications – none

7b. Planning Decisions:

NYM/2020/0343/FL Application for conversion of barn to form residential annexe accommodation at Dog Tree Bank Farm, Grosmont

Cllr Wootton informed the meeting that this is yet to be considered.
NYM/2020/0404/LB Application for listed building consent for removal of stonework from the north portal east wing at Grosmont Station, Grosmont
Cllr Wootton informed the meeting that this has been granted.

8 Finance

8.1 To confirm the current bank statement from 23.06.20 – 22.07.20 with balance of £7896.25

It was proposed by Cllr Williamson and seconded by Cllr Naylor 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 and expenses

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

8.3 To confirm all payments made while in lockdown from 22.06.20 – 24.06.20

15.04.20 C Wiggins – Wages £188.64, HMR&C PAYE £47.00

13.05.20 C Wiggins – Wages £122.36, HMR&C PAYE £30.60, YLCA £130.00, Zurich Municipal £167.44

10.06.20 C Wiggins – Wages £92.29, HMR&C PAYE £23.00, N Stokoe £50.00

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

8.4 Confirm Model Agreement returned for year ending 31st March 2020 during lockdown

It was confirmed by all that the Model Agreement returned for year ending 31st March 2020 was a true and accurate record. All were in agreement.

9 Items for Discussion:

a. Local housing update

Further to the clerks email sent to all councillors, Scarborough Borough Council are waiting for feedback from Park Planners and Highways as there may be some concerns with regards to the requirements for a footpath.

b. Grosmont Suspension Bridge

The clerk informed the meeting that we are still waiting to hear back from NYCC.

c. Coast to Coast Signs

Cllr Wootton forwarded an email to the clerk marking on a map where the signs are required. The clerk informed the meeting that this has been sent on to NYMNP.

d. Priory Park, street cleansing, grass cutting, pavements

The councillors discussed that looking at the information provided by the clerk, NYCC look after the road and Scarborough Borough Council look after the grass and footways. Cllr Williamson informed the meeting that the grass is now being cut but the grass needs scraping away from the curb edges. The clerk was asked to contact Highways informing them of the grass which needs clearing. All were in agreement.

e. Policies – ongoing

The councillors were in agreement to defer to the next meeting.

f. Renewal of bench and grass cutting contracts

The clerk informed the meeting that as no new contractors came forward to bid for these works that two new contracts have been sent to FW Scarth and R Thurston. We are in receipt of the signed grass contract along with risk assessment and copy of insurance documents but are still awaiting the bench contract to be returned.

g. Cars in NYMNP car park late on an evening/police contact

The clerk informed the meeting that this has now been reported twice to the police. Cllr Smith informed the meeting that fortunately this appears to have stopped for now.

h. Hedgerows overgrowing onto carriageway

The clerk informed the meeting that despite contacting Highways no one had replied to the emails. Cllr Wootton to send the clerk a map of the area in question and it was decided to notify Highways. All were in agreement.

i. Grosmont village road from the level crossing to bottom of Fairhead

The clerk informed the meeting that Highways have been contacted and asked if this section of road could be resurfaced.

j. Grosmont Station Group – Land in front of Old School Coffee Shop

The councillors discussed that the bottom part of the fence is now down and the council had been asked for their opinion as to retain the wild flower garden or lawn the area. All councillors were in favour of a wildlife friendly area and to send thanks to the Station Group for their continued hard work in maintaining this area. It was also discussed if a sign could be put up relating back to the heritage of the site. Cllr Naylor to pass on the details of the Station Group to the clerk.

k. A-frames on pavement

Cllr Williamson discussed that he had been approached regarding concerns about the A-frames of businesses blocking footpaths. It was briefly discussed that NYCC are very tolerant with regards to A-frames, even more so in the recent climate, ideally though in order not to block footpaths it would be best if these could be placed against the wall.

l. Licensing laws

Cllr Williamson discussed that he had been approached regarding concerns about licensing laws on premises. Some premises only have licenses for food and drink to be consumed on the premises, others have only takeaway licenses and others have both. It was discussed that it is the businesses responsibility that they do not breach their licence agreements.

10 Correspondence sent out during lockdown:

White Rose Updates

Cllr Wootton asked the clerk to look at the White Rose Update for the 31st July and double check that all documents for the year end are uploaded on to the website.

Police Report – March

Coronavirus meetings and admin

Parish Elections – postponed until May 2021

Keeping the council functioning during COVID-19

Parish Forums March and April – Cancelled

SBC Electoral Update 01.04.20

Chief Executive Bulletin x 2

Offer of support from Arriva Plc

White Rose Update – Corona news

Coronavirus Government Support for Employers

PKF Littlejohn Instructions

Princess Countryside Fund – COVID-19 rural grants

NYCC COVID-19 hardship grant

NALC briefing Employment law changes

Community Support Update

Election Regs, Burials & Cemeteries update webinar

NALC advice re holding parish council meetings
Open letter to councillors
NYM Draft local Plan
NALC publication on website accessibility
NALC guidance – compliance and public sector bodies
SBC branch meeting 30.06.20
New model code of conduct for councils
Road closure Lease Rigg Lane
NALC face to face meetings
Dog control Public Space Protection Order Review
COVID-19 Impact & Perception Survey

11 Minutes of Meetings

None.

12 Publications

None.

13 Forthcoming Meetings

None.

14 Chairman's Questions

Cllr Wootton discussed that we will continue with Zoom meetings for the time being with all meeting IDs and passwords being available on all agendas.

Cllr Williamson discussed a meeting being held on the 19th August, Cllr Williamson to forward the details to the clerk.

15 Any other business

None.

16 Items for next agenda

None.

17 Date of next meeting:

Wednesday 9th September 2020 at 7.30pm via Zoom.