

GROSMONT PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES

MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 9TH OCTOBER 2019 AT 7.30PM
AT THE OLD COFFEE SHOP, GROSMONT

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

County Councillor Clive Pearson was in attendance.

1. Apologies and approve reasons for absence

Cllr Naylor and Cllr Smith sent their apologies to the meeting.

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 11th September 2019

The minutes for September 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 confirmed with the clerk that the cover on the insurance policy is correct and what the council should be covered for according to YLCA advice.

The clerk reported the Coast to Coast sign is currently temporary and once an order is received from NYMNP a permanent sign will be put up.

The Financial Regulations Policy was discussed and the clerk was asked to draft up the policy for the councillors to check.

The clerk was asked about the councillor vacancy notice. A notice has been placed in the noticeboard with no end date and the clerk asked the Gazette to place a notice for a few weeks.

A response had been received from NYMNP regarding permitted development with regards to 5G. NYMNP will likely make representations to the consultation to see if sites can be located with minimal impact on the environment and surrounding areas.

5. Police Report

Cllr Wootton briefly read through the Police Report highlighting lots of crimes especially in Mulgrave. There have also been stock theft and poaching.

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

None.

7. Planning:

Planning Applications

NYM/2019/0391/FL – Amendments to planning application for 2 Fairhead Cottages, Grosmont.

The clerk had received notification that the above planning application was going to the planning committee at NYMNP. The councillors again discussed this application in depth and wished for the following points to be raised: It was felt if the downstairs proposed en-suite to the study/bedroom was removed it would sit better in scale with the overall property plus with the additional benefit of reducing the occupancy and therefore reducing the parking issues. All were in favour and asked the clerk to submit these comments.

8. FINANCE

8.1 To confirm the bank statement for 23.08.19 – 22.09.19 balance of £5917.63

It was proposed by Cllr Beesley and seconded by Cllr Williamson 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 £186.30 and PAYE £46.80

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

b) Re-issue of cheque for The Old School Coffee Shop (previous cheque issued in wrong name) £100.00

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

c) F W Scarth – grass cutting £324.00

The above invoice missed the agenda but the councillors wanted to make the payment as it was in line with contract.

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

9. Items for Discussion

9.1 Local housing update

Colin Huby from SBC updated the Clerk. He has asked NYMNP planners to get back to Ged Lythe from Highways to clarify their position about the requirements for the Priory Park sites and once he has an update he will let us know.

9.2 Grosmont suspension bridge

The clerk was asked to see if a timescale of works is known and if it will address all the concerns raised on survey report.

9.3 Seats re grass cutting

Cllr Wootton reported he has been and looked at the majority of the seat locations and taken photos and taken note of how they are constructed. There are a few more seats to look at and will feedback shortly.

9.4 Tennis courts

Cllr Beesley reported the Trustees of the tennis courts are happy for the council to work on the tennis courts. Cllr Wootton will attempt to cut down the saplings and Cllr Beesley and Cllr Naylor will look at clearing the rest.

9.5 Fairhead Gritting

Cllr Williamson informed the meeting he had obtained a quote for grit at £150 for a one tonne dumpy bag. NYCC quoted £75 per heap with two additional refills throughout the winter. The clerk was asked to get clarification on the price from NYCC and it was proposed by Cllr Wootton and seconded by Cllr Beesley that if the NYCC quote is correct to go ahead and have 3 heaps between Lower Fairhead and Higher Fairhead. All were in favour

10. Correspondence for information or decision

10.1 UK roadsides on verges becoming wildlife corridor

10.2 Rural bulletin 24th September 2019

10.3 YLCA launches webinar training

The clerk was asked to keep note of when the webinar training launches.

10.4 YLCA internal audit service 2019/20

10.5 NYM Planning Consultations

10.6 White Rose Update September 2019

10.7 Rural Bulletin

10.8 Chief executive bulletin x 2

10.9 NALC policy consultation e-briefing

11. Minutes of Meetings

None.

12. Publications

None.

13. Forthcoming meetings/events

13.1 Scarborough & Whitby Area Constituency Committee Meeting 25.09.19

13.2 NY Branch training day at Poppleton, York, 12.10.19

13.3 Northern Area Parish Forum, 03.10.19, Sunnyfield House, Guisborough

Cllr Williamson attended this meeting. The Glover Report was discussed with a review of National Parks and a reduction of the board. It was also noted that this area is one of the worst for Bird of Prey being persecuted.

13.4 Understanding VAT for local councils, 13.11.19 9.30 – 12.30pm, Sheffield

13.5 Scarborough Branch Meeting 03.10.19

13.6 Community Led Housing, 15.10.19, Leeds

14. Chairman's Questions

It was discussed that the footpath near Grosmont Villa has started to subside. The clerk was asked to report this to Highways.

The clerk was asked to add Yorkshire Ambulance defibrillator packs and battery to the agenda for next month as it was thought Cllr Naylor may have an invoice for this.

15. Items for the next agenda

None.

Date of next meeting: Wednesday, 13th November 2019