

GROSMONT PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES

MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 12TH FEBRUARY 2020 AT 7.30PM
AT THE OLD COFFEE SHOP, GROSMONT

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

Apologies:

2 members of the public were 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

Cllr Naylor declared an interest in planning application 1, NYM/2020/0033/R3, tree sculpture.

3. Confirmation of the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 6th January 2020

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

4. Matters arising for information only unless defined

The clerk confirmed that the precept figure had been submitted by the deadline.

Cllr Wootton informed the meeting that the grit which the council agreed to purchase has now been delivered to Fairhead.

The clerk confirmed that an invoice had been raised for grass cutting and payment has been received.

Cllr Wootton asked for an update on Priory Park with regards to grass cutting, street cleansing and the pavements. The clerk informed the meeting that she had contacted Beyond Housing who denied any responsibility. The clerk was asked to chase NYCC.

5. Police Report – January

Cllr Wootton discussed the police report. Various incidents have occurred including poachers on land in Danby, theft of the charity box in Grosmont and also antisocial behaviour in Sleights.

Signed: _____ Chair, Grosmont Parish Council Dated: 11th March 2020

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

Two members of the public were in attendance and addressed the council.

7. Planning:

Planning Applications

1 – NYM/2020/0033/R3 Application for application under Regulation 3 (Town & Country Planning General Regulations 1992) for creation of tree sculpture at Esk Valley Mine located north east of Holme House Farm, Grosmont

The tree sculpture was discussed and it was proposed by Cllr Beesley and seconded by Cllr Smith that the application be approved with no concerns raised.

2 – NYM/2019/0846/FL Application of conversion of adjoining buildings to form 2 no. holiday cottages at Lease Rigg Farm, Lease Rigg, Grosmont

Cllr Wootton provided the plans for all councillors to look at. The application was discussed at great length with many concerns raised. The clerk was asked to reply to NYMNP stating the council would be unable to support this application. The concerns raised were, is the farmhouse being retained as a farmhouse on a working farm as a permanent residence, concerns were over the outbuildings being made into more holiday accommodation when local housing needs are not being met, recommendations were made by the ecologist and the council supported this delay over bat and bird conservation and finally concerns over access with the additional accommodation. All councillors were in agreement not to support this application.

3 – NYM/2019/0866/FL Application for construction of two storey rear extension at 3 Ings Terrace, Grosmont (Grid Ref: 438007 505302)

The councillors reviewed the plans provided and no objections were raised. The clerk was asked to feedback to NYMNP though that as stated in the application this is not visible from the road, it is actually highly visible.

8. FINANCE

8.1 To confirm the bank statement for 23.12.19 – 22.01.20 for £7604.15

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.

An additional bank signatory was discussed and Cllr Wootton was happy to go forward to be a signatory on the account. This was proposed by Cllr Beesley and seconded by Cllr Naylor. All were in favour.

8.2 To approve the following payments:

a) Clerks fees and expenses, £145.92 and HMRC PAYE £36.40

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

b) St Matthews Church £400.00

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

8.3 Draft budget forecast 2020/21

The clerk was asked to add in administration to the forecast to include stamps, fuel and supplies

9. Items for Discussion

9.1 Local housing update

The clerk informed the meeting that comments are still waiting back from NYCC.

9.2 Grosmont suspension bridge

The clerk has been in contact with NYMR asking who to contact at NYCC but unfortunately, they have not yet provided contact details. The clerk was asked to chase again.

9.3 Seat Inventory

The seat inventory has been circulated to all councillors. If any changes are made the clerk needs to amend the inventory.

9.4 Policies – ongoing

The clerk was asked to make a couple of amendments to the Financial Regulations Policy, 4.8 change to each financial year and not quarterly. 5.2 Retain the first sentence. All were in agreement.

9.5 Subsidence of footpath near Grosmont Villa

Cllr Wootton discussed a notice in the Whitby Gazette regarding funding for a project in Grosmont. The clerk was asked to get clarification if this is to repair the footpath and if so when will work commence.

9.6 Coast to Coast signs

Cllr Wootton informed the clerk that a sign is needed near Front Street on the way to Fairhead. The clerk was asked to liaise with NYMNP.

9.7 Webinar Training

The clerk informed the meeting that she is booked onto Finance and Budget Training on Wednesday 19th February 2020 6 – 7pm at a cost of £15 as previously agreed.

9.8 Renewal of Bench and Grass Cutting Contracts

Renewing of the contracts was discussed and the clerk was asked to put up a notice in the Parish Council notice board to obtain some quotes. The clerk was asked to circulate the posters beforehand.

9.9 Polling station

The council were in receipt of an email from Scarborough Borough Council asking if they could recommend any venues for the polling station. Comments from Scarborough Borough Council had referred to bad access with mud and poor lighting. The councillors discussed that there is no other venue other than the cricket club which is suitable. The councillors asked the clerk to respond stating they fail to understand the concerns raised. All were in agreement.

9.10 Proposed changes to local bus service no. 95, Whitby – Sleights – Lealholm

The clerk was in receipt of an email with regards to changing the bus route. The clerk was asked to respond as it was felt the bus is very large and would struggle to pass on a single track road like Fairhead, also having a very dangerous bend at the bottom on a road that isn't gritted. It was felt very few people live up Fairhead compared to Eskdaleside and Hardstruggle. Although the bus stops at Ings Terrace and below on return trips, it is not safe to stop anywhere from Fairhead corner to the junction and past the villas, this will again impact numbers. The clerk was asked to raise these concerns to NYCC.

9.11 Budget Consultation

For information only.

10. Correspondence for information or decision

1. Chief Executive Bulletin x 2
2. White Rose Update, 31.01.20 & 10.01.20
The clerk was asked to pass this information onto the Cricket Club as it mentions money available for community clubs and organisations.
3. Esk Valley Railway Enhancement Project – Update No. 4
Cllr Wootton informed the meeting that this is an update on the new timetable.
4. NYMNP – Retirement
5. NYMNP Consultation – Farming without BPS
6. YLCA – New website
Cllr Wootton informed the councillors that everyone now has access with their own user details.
7. Rural Bulletins

11. Minutes of Meetings

None.

12. Publications

12.1 – Governance & Accountability – Joint Practitioners Guide

13. Forthcoming meetings/events

13.1 – NALC Study Tour 2020/21

13.2 – YLCA Spring Training Conference, 28/03/20, The Holiday Inn, Leeds

13.3 – Yorkshire Day, 1st August 2020

13.4 – Webinar Training, Jan – Mar 2020

13.5 – Scarborough Branch Meeting, Thursday 6th February, 7pm, Scalby Library

14. Chairman's Questions

Cllr Beesley mentioned that near Hillside Farm and also near Port Cullis is flooding. The clerk was asked to report this.

The clerk was also asked to see what is happening with the phone boxes after objections were made by the council for these to be removed.

15. Items for the next agenda

Date of next meeting: Wednesday, 11th March 2020