

# GROSMONT PARISH COUNCIL

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## MINUTES

MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2020 AT 7.30PM  
AT THE OLD COFFEE SHOP, GROSMONT

**Present:** Cllr Wootton  
Cllr Beesley  
Cllr Naylor

**Apologies:** Cllr Williamson  
Cllr Smith

### 1. Apologies and approve reasons for absence

Cllr Williamson 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 13<sup>th</sup> November 2019

The minutes for November 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

None.

### 5. Police Report – November and December

The police reports for November and December were discussed with quad bikes being stolen, thefts and a vehicle collision with a fatality.

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

None.

### 7. Planning:

#### Planning Applications

None.

### 8. FINANCE

8.1 To confirm the bank statement for 23.10.19 – 22.11.19 for £8022.11 and also 23.11.19 – 22.12.19 £7665.71.

It was proposed by Cllr Beesley 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 £218.56 and expenses of HMR&C PAYE £54.60

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

8.3 To set the Precept figure

The councillors discussed the precept and were looking at an increase of around 2%. The current precept is £3705 and this would increase it to £3779. It was proposed by Cllr Beesley and seconded by Cllr Naylor to increase the precept by 2%. All were in favour.

8.4 Draft budget forecast 2020/21

The councillors discussed the draft budget forecast and the clerk was asked to work on this further and make some amendments. All were in favour.

**9. Items for Discussion**

9.1 Local housing update

This was briefly discussed and an update from the engineers is still awaited.

9.2 Grosmont suspension bridge

No further update has been received regarding the suspension bridge. The clerk was asked to contact Chris Price to find out who their contact is with NYCC and then write to them with regards to the joint approach to repair the bridge with NYMR and NYCC and ask them how they are looking to proceed. All were in favour.

9.3 Seats re grass cutting

Cllr Wootton asked the clerk to rename this to Seat Inventory. Cllr Wootton will complete now a couple of photos have been received from Cllr Naylor. The clerk was asked to add bench and grass cutting contacts to the council diary for February.

9.4 Tennis courts

The clerk was asked to add this to the council diary for April.

9.5 Policies

Cllr Beesley looked through her records but unfortunately could not find all the policies required. The clerk was asked to work through the mandatory policies required and asked to check to see if there is a Risk Management Policy. The financial regulations policy was read through and the clerk was asked to make several amendments.

9.6 Subsidence of footpath near Grosmont Villa

The clerk was asked to contact Highways for an update.

9.7 Coast to Coast signs

To keep on the agenda.

9.8 Webinar Training

The clerk is waiting for more training dates to be issued and will complete a course when an appropriate one is available. To keep on the agenda.

9.9 Outflow pipes

NYMR have acknowledged the information sent to them regarding the outflow pipes. The clerk was asked to remove from the agenda.

10.0 Grit – Fairhead

The clerk was asked to chase up the grit delivery for Fairhead. This was initialled order in November but Highways lost the email. The councillors discussed that if the weather does turn there is the potential for an accident.

## **10. Correspondence for information or decision**

10.1 Grass cutting payments 2020/21

10.2 Volunteering in North Yorkshire – notice displayed on noticeboard

10.3 Chief Executive Bulletin

10.4 Yorkshire Beaver Project Update

10.5 White Rose Update

Cllr Wootton briefly discussed that the Parish Council give money to the church which is received via the Model Agreement.

10.6 Esk Valley Railway Developments

The councillors discussed the new timetable and how the train doesn't stop at Grosmont. The clerk was asked to send a formal response highlighting that there are lot of other stations where you have to pay for parking, Egton Bridge is quite an unsecure car park with a limited population and Grosmont has the higher population. All were in agreement.

10.7 Road verges – biodiversity

10.8 NALC open letter to all councillors

10.9 NALC Legal Topic – Grievance Policy

The councillors discussed adopting the Grievance Policy. The clerk was asked to amend and circulate to all for further discussion.

## **11. Minutes of Meetings**

None.

## **12. Publications**

None.

## **13. Forthcoming meetings/events**

13.1 Clerk's discussion webinar

13.2 YLCA webinar training for November & December

13.3 YLCA Spring Training Conference, 28<sup>th</sup> March 2020, The Holiday Inn, Leeds, Wakefield

## **14. Chairman's Questions**

Cllr Wootton asked to clerk to contact Beyond Housing to find out who is responsible for the grass cutting, pavements and street cleaning at Priory Park.

## **15. Items for the next agenda**

**Date of next meeting:** Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup> February 2020