



Minutes of the Grassington Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 31st March 2017

Present: Cllr Rooze (Chairman), Cllr Charlton, Cllr Darwin, Cllr Lofthouse, Cllr Smith, Cllr D Wood, Cllr P Wood

Also in attendance: P.Sugden (Clerk), Sgt Moorhouse (NY Police), PCSO Brittain (NY Police), 2 members of the general public

- 1. To receive apologies for absence-** Cllr Brooksbank
- 2. To receive any declarations of interest or applications for dispensations under the Council's Code of Conduct-** None declared
- 3. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 2nd March 2017 and the extraordinary meeting held on 17th March as a true and fair record-**Minutes of these meetings were approved.

4. Report from Sgt Moorhouse

Sgt Moorhouse gave crime statistics for Grassington and surrounding areas. Crime in Grassington has further reduced from an already low base with 14 crimes this year compared to 29 in the previous year. Sgt Moorhouse introduced PCSO Brittain who has responsibilities for Grassington and will shortly be joined by a second PCSO.

5. Financial Matters

5.1 Accounts approved for payment

Wages and salaries £430.14

Use of home as office £16.00

Wetpour Ltd playground repair £1389.60

Harris Screen Print-car park permits £204.00

YLCA subscription £395.00

Merritt and Fryer-marker paint £28.56

M Koslow- street repairs £85.00

5.2 Cash received

The following sums had been received

Parking permits £40.00

Farmers' markets £240.00

Football field rent £335.00

Town Hall Trustees- contribution to Overton survey £1025.00

5.3 2017/18 precept. The Chairman and clerk will further investigate the increase for 2017/18

5.4 Cllr Kendall was appointed to the finance sub-committee

5.5 Expenditure of £100 on a planning application for Town Hall windows was approved.

6. Neighbourhood Plans

The Chairman will make enquiries as to what level of interest remains at Threshfield and Kettlewell for production of a joint neighbourhood plan

7. Lighting Matters

Two street lights have been repaired

8. Property Matters

8.1 Town Hall – a reply had been received from the Trustees to the most recent Council letter. I was agreed this exchange of correspondence should be shared with Mr Davies who is chairing ongoing discussions.

8.2 The issue of car park permits by the Hub has been implemented. A letter of thanks will be sent to the newsagents thanking them for past help.

8.3 Playing field inspectors were agreed for the next 3 months.

9. Highway Matters

Cllr Kendall reported continuing lack of support from N Yorkshire Highways. These issues will now be escalated to a higher level as previously suggested by Cllr Marshall.

10. Thanks to Cllr Marshall

A letter of thanks is to be sent to Cllr Marshall for support over many years.

11. Planning Applications

C/33/512 42 Hardy Meadows- no objections.

C/33/184J; C/33/184K Town Head Farm agricultural buildings-the Council's objection to only seeing a partial scheme has been addressed

12. Planning Decisions

C/33/275C 19 Station Road. Withdrawal of application noted. The Council will oppose any new application which affects street lighting on Station Rd.

13. Matters requested by Councillors

13.1 Cllr Rooze reported on the Craven DC parish liaison meeting

13.2 Cllr D Wood reported on a presentation by YLCA on transparency requirements for smaller councils. Councils with total income or expenditure under £25,000 are now exempt from audit but must instead report a number of new things to enable public scrutiny, Grants are available to help with additional costs. Grassington PC is not directly affected by this legislation, however the Council agreed that, where practical, they should supply similar information. The finance committee will work towards improved disclosure of financial information.

13.3 A discussion took place on whether the Council should permit public participation in debate at its meetings. It was agreed that the Council should exercise flexibility and discretion where members of the general public are present who have a particular interest in topics under discussion. No general change to the format of meetings was necessary.

14. To discuss correspondence received and agree action if required

14.1 Dog fouling-the Council has received several reports of increased dog mess around the village. This is something which the Council takes a very dim view of. Follow up action will be supported where offenders can be identified.

14.2 Festival road closures-approved

14.3 Grant funding- a list of potential sources of funding will be shared with the Hub and the Chamber of Commerce.

14.4 List of cycling events-noted

14.5 Waste collection changes-noted

For Information

The next meeting is Thursday 27th April 2017 at 7.30 pm, Council Offices, Devonshire Institute.

P.Sugden
Parish Clerk