



Minutes of the Grassington Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 24th November 2016

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

Also in attendance: P.Sugden (Clerk), Sgt L Moorhouse NY Constabulary(part only), 1 member of the general public

- 1. To receive apologies for absence-** Cllr Charlton, Cllr Brooksbank
- 2. To receive and declarations of interest or applications for dispensations under the Council's Code of Conduct-** Cllr Darwin; items 8, 10.3 and 10.4
- 3. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 27th October 2016 as a true and fair record-**Minutes of this meeting were approved.

4. Financial Matters

- 4.1 The following accounts were approved for payment
 - Salaries and wages £425.41
 - Use of home as office £16.00
 - Merritt and Fryer £25.06
 - Matt Koslow £75.00 repairs to cobbles in Square
- 4.2 The Council has received a donation for a commemorative bench. It was agreed that a plaque would be purchased and affixed to the bench in front of the Town Hall. The clerk will write to the donor expressing thanks.
- 4.3 Future financial planning and 2017/18 budget
 - The Council needs to set a budget for 2017/18 and also to establish longer-term financial planning. Upon the return of the RFO the clerk will be advised of the date for a formal meeting of the Finance sub-committee. This meeting is to take place in December to enable recommendations to be put to the full Council on 5 January 2017.

5. Lighting Matters

Cllr Lofthouse updated the Council on recent street lighting repairs

6. Property Matters

- 6.1 Town Hall lease negotiations
 - Cllr Rooze will approach a local architect about the costs of a report on possible internal alterations
 - a pre-meeting of the Council will take place in January ahead of the next meeting with trustees.
- 6.2 The need for a roof survey was agreed; the Clerk will follow up.and was authorised to make an appointment subject to a maximum cost of £500.00.
- 6.3 Purchase of paint for remarking Wood Lane car park was approved

6.4 The Council agreed to accept the tender from Wetpour Ltd to repair the surface under the swings at a cost of £1,389.60 including VAT.

6.5 The Playing Fields Assn is to be thanked for their offer of financial help. They will be asked to accept Cllrs Smith and Kendall as Council members.

6.6 Playing Field inspection Schedule

December-Cllr Kendall

January-Cllr Rooze

February Cllr Darwin

It was agreed that inspection reports should be kept in a book form which can be passed between councillors.

6.7 Use of PigPen power supply for lighting-agreed

7. Highway Matters

7.1 The Council approved the emergency repair of cobbles (4.1 above) and thanked Mr Koslow for his prompt action.

7.2 Additional work by the caretaker on clearing debris from recent floods was acknowledged.

7.3 A pothole between Sigg Barn and Wood Lane will be reported.

8. Planning Applications

8.1 C/33/379A Conversion of barn on Garrs End Lane to holiday cottage (Cllr Darwin left the meeting for this item)-fully supported

8.2 C/33/109B 3 Station Road-Construction of two houses on site of former garage-seen to be a major improvement to a prominent village centre site.

9. Planning Approvals

The following approvals were noted

C/33/508 12 Wood Lane

C/33/509 3 Springfield Rd

C/33/213E 5-7 Main St

10 Matters requested by Councillors

10.1 It was agreed to introduce a table of follow-up actions.

10.2 Grassington BID-it was noted that the Grassington Bid initiative has been abandoned. The organisers of various events in the village will continue to hold joint meetings .

10.3 Broken Fence posts on footpath to Gaistrills-to be reported to YDNPA

10.4 Wall at Ratcliffe Corner, The was deemed unsafe and Ratcliffe corner to be closed off. A letter will be written to the adjacent landowner.

10.5 Dates of future meetings was agreed; 5th January 2017, 2nd February 2017, 2nd March 2017, 30th March 2017

10.6 Walking Festival Cllr Rooze had not received sufficient support for this proposed event. Cllrs were given until 9th December to come up with initiatives to support this; otherwise it will be cancelled at that time.

10. Reports from Outside Bodies

Sgt Moorhouse gave an update on police activities. There has been a further fall in reported crime in our area.

For Information

The next meeting is Thursday 5th January 2017 at 7.30 pm, Council Offices, Devonshire Institute.