



Minutes of the Grassington Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 27th April 2017

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

Also in attendance: P. Sugden (Clerk), 4 members of the general public

- 1. To receive apologies for absence-** Cllr P. Wood
- 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 31st March 2017.** Minutes of this meeting were approved.

4. Financial Matters

4.1 Accounts approved for payment

Wages and salaries ££530.91

Use of home as office £16.00

NYCC- electricity for streetlighting £4,402.94

4.2 Cash received

The following sums had been received

Parking permits £50.00

Farmers' market £120.00

Town Hall trustees donation £4,000

4.3 It was agreed to convene a meeting of the finance sub-committee to consider preliminary results for year-ended 31 March 2017

5. Neighbourhood Plans

Cllr Rooze reported that Kettlewell have agreed to a meeting with their Chairman to discuss whether to proceed with this. A further reminder will be sent to Threshfield. Cllr Charlton commented on reported changes to our local schools which might be a topic for inclusion in any plan.

6. Lighting Matters

Nothing to report

7. Property Matters

7.1 It was reported that Town Hall trustees had failed to find a chairman to succeed Mr Wilson and had held discussions with the Hub on closer collaboration between the two organisations.

7.2 Cllr Kendall reported that a fence between the Town Hall and Town Head Guesthouse had been erected.

8. Highway Matters

Cllr Kendall again reported lack of responses from North Yorkshire Highways. The Council's dissatisfaction is now to be escalated. The Chairman suggested we might consider a formal complaint to the local government ombudsman.se issues

9. Planning Decisions

The following planning approvals were noted;

C/33/118F car parking at Ashfield House
C/33/491 Fume extractor at Grassington House
Permission to fell a tree within the conservation area at Grassington House

10. Matters Requested by Councillors

10.1 Dog Fouling

It was agreed to write to Craven DC suggesting they add this issue to their campaign against fly tipping. They will be asked to consider replacing existing notices as well as a poster campaign. Craven DC will be asked to move the bin from Moor Lane to the front of the Town Hall and also to consider another bin at the junction of Bull Ings Lane and Wood Lane.

10.2 Car Parking

It was suggested that the Council consider disc parking for the Square to discourage long-stay parking-the Clerk will write to Settle for more information on disc parking there.

There is also a problem with abuse of the Wood Lane parking. Cllr Brooksbank is to produce the notice previously applied to cars not displaying a parking disc.

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

11. To discuss correspondence received and agree action if required

11.1 Damage to the playing field wall. Mr P.Lambert had written to the council about several recent incidents including youths causing damage to walls adjacent to the skate park and setting fire to a litter bin. He, being in attendance, was invited to explain his concerns to the Council. The school had reported that they have found it necessary to lock the access gate during daytime. The following actions were agreed;

- Mr Lambert was asked to liaise with Mr Benson who will represent the council on agreeing the best means of repairing the wall and beck
- Police will be informed
- A letter will be sent to the Craven Herald. Festival road closures-approved

11.2 "Village of the Year" The Council agreed to apply to join this competition.

11.3 Fly Tipping-an incident of Fly Tipping at Shelterfield was noted. Such events have been much reduced since recycling bins were removed. It is hoped this was a one-off incident.

11.4 Annual report and accounts of the Town Hall Trustees-noted

12. Clerk's Report

Noted

Actions agreed-

wall to be repaired at Ratcliffe corner

finance committee to meet to discuss financial results

planning application to be submitted for replacement hardwood windows in Town Hall

For Information

The Annual Parish meeting will be held in the Gamesroom, Devonshire Institute on 25th May at 7.00pm. This will be followed by the Annual meeting of the Parish Council at 7.30pm.

P.Sugden

Parish Clerk