



## **Minutes of the Grassington Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> July 2016**

**Present:** Cllr Rooze (Chairman), Cllr Charlton, Cllr Brooksbank, Cllr Darwin, Cllr Kendall, Lofthouse, Cllr D. Wood, Cllr P. Wood, Cllr Smith

**Also in attendance:** P.Sugden (Clerk), Cllr Foster, 5 members of the general public

1. **To receive apologies for absence-** None. The Chairman welcomed the new councillors, Mr D Wood and Mr P.Wood to their first meeting as councillors.
2. **To receive and 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 6<sup>th</sup> July 2016 and the extraordinary meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> July 2016 as a true and fair record-**Cllr Brooksbank said that she had on 6<sup>th</sup> July not refused to pay a bill but rather had recommended councillors to obtain further information. The Chairman advised that this comment be noted. Subject to this the minutes of 6<sup>th</sup> July were approved. The minutes of 11<sup>th</sup> July were approved as presented.

### **4. Financial Matters**

4.1 The following accounts were approved for payment;

- a) wages and salaries £344.11
- b) use of home as office £16.00
- c) Broxap-bollards £534.00
- d) Broxap –litter bin £612.00
- e) walling repairs at Town Hall car park £264.00

4.2 Financial Report. The RFO presented a report on year to date income and expenditure and a revised estimate for the full financial year. Latest indications were that expenditure would be significantly over budget but that the Council had sufficient reserves to cover this

4.3 It was noted that the CAFS bank account had been closed and the funds had been reinvested at Barclays. The Council supported using our local bank and agreed that current interest rates were too low for the Council to consider investing elsewhere.

### **5. Lighting Matters**

Cllr Lofthouse gave an update on recent lighting repairs. The light in the Pig Pen requires repainting. Cllr Kendall agreed to investigate options and to commission repairs to not exceed £250.00.

### **6. Property Matters**

6.1 Cllr Charlton will follow up with Grassington in Bloom the proposal to site a planter to discourage parking in front of the notice board.

6.2 Cllr Brooksbank will follow up installation of the bollards with the person used previously; cost to not exceed £250.00.

6.3 Play area. The gate has been repaired. Repairs are needed to the rubber matting under the bottom swings, repairs to be considered at the next meeting.

**7. Highway Matters**-None to report

**8. Reports from Outside Bodies**-None to report

**9. To receive information and updates from** (*for information only*)

Cllr Foster, Craven DC

Cllr Foster gave an update on proposed changes to refuse collection. He reported that Craven DC finances are controlled but that the Council is being squeezed by reductions in business rates due to exemptions such as hospitals.

Cllr Foster reminded the council that he holds a personal budget of £1,000 for local use,

**10. Planning Applications**

**C/33/102F** Application to divide 7 The Square into separate retail and catering areas-supported conditional on existing limits on hot food preparation being retained.

**C/33/155B** Windows at Wharfesmead, Wood Lane-supported

**11. Walking Festival**

Cllr Rooze reported that a public meeting had not proceeded due to insufficient support. However since that time a large feature has appeared in the Craven Herald which it is hoped will generate sufficient interest for the project to proceed.

**12. Neighbourhood Plan**

A September meeting will be set up with representatives of Threshfield and Kettlewell councils to get this process underway. Cllr Charlton will make a further attempt to involve Kilnsey and Conistone

**13. Matters Requested by Councillors**

13.1 Hedge Trimming on Wood Lane. The Clerk was instructed to again write to NYCC. This is a NYCC highways responsibility but if the Council cannot convince then of the need to take action consideration will be given to obtaining a local quotation for this work.

13.2 Grassington Ambulance Station-It was reported the WYMAS will not close any further ambulance stations for at least one year; no further action.

**14. To discuss correspondence received and agree action if required**

14.1 An objection to Grassington not commemorating the Somme. The Council received no requests to consider such an event which have been well represented in Skipton. The village has no cenotaph which would be the usual venue for such an event. It was pointed out that the events of the Great War were remembered in our churches.

14.2 An objection to the 1940's weekend was not supported. As the 1940's were dominated by the war and the immediate post war years, it is inevitable that it will be focused on war events. The suggestion that this in some way glorifies war is not accepted. The weekend brings a lot of visitors to the village, it brings music and dancing which the writer appears to endorse and it includes a church service. The Festival organisers are aware of the needs of sensitivity.

### **Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> August at 7.30pm in the Council Office.

### **Public Participation:**

No requests were received from members of the public present.

