



GRASSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Grassington Parish council held in the Council office
Thursday 25th January 2018 at 7.30pm

Chairman: Cllr M Rooze
Councillors: Cllr Darwin, Cllr Lofthouse, Cllr Smith, Cllr Wood, Cllr Johnson & Cllr Booth
Officer: Mrs L Close (Clerk)
Present: 2 Electors
County Councillor G Quinn

Chairman's Remarks

Cllr Rooze welcomed everybody to the meeting and thanked them for their attendance

Item 1 – Apologies for Absence

Councillor Charlton & Councillor Kendall

Item 2 – Disclosures of Interest and Dispensations received in respect of this meeting

None

Item 3 – Minutes of the previous meeting

Proposed by Councillor Lofthouse

Seconded by Councillor Johnson

Resolved with the following amendment to item 5, insert 'On the expectation there will be no more funding for this project' that the minutes of the ordinary meeting of the council held on Thursday 11th January 2018 to be approved and signed by the chairman as a true and accurate record.

(Unanimous)

At this stage the meeting was proposed by the chairman to be adjourned and seconded by Councillor Smith to invite Councillor Quinn and the public to discuss items 9 & 10

Item 10 – Planning

C/33/521 – New Dyke Barn, Hebden Road

The councillors had been issued with a report from Highways department and some amended plans. The matter was discussed at length and Cllr Quinn confirmed she would attend the site and give her views to YDNPA planning department. All of the councillors agreed that using a different site entrance would make the access safer however as the application had changed to holiday let and not residential this potentially increases the traffic even more. There was also concern that the entrance would be used for farm traffic which in that situation would be an additional hazard. It was decided that it was very doubtful Highways had visited this site and the Councillors could not support this application.

The Planning approvals were received and noted

Item 9 – District / County Councillors

Councillor Quinn advised that there was a web cam on the B6265 which gave information on weather and road safety conditions via the NYCC website.

She advised the budget would be set by February.

Cllr Quinn was asked what was happening with the rural bus service which so many residents rely on. It was advised that she would investigate and ask Dom McKenzie what stage the council were at and report back to us. It was noted that this service is vital to our rural areas and many many people rely on this to maintain their independent day to day life. Cllr Quinn noted the comments and would find out the information needed.

It was also confirmed to Cllr Quinn that a request for a grit bin on the corner of Garrs lane had been requested and the grit bin in wood lane car park was empty and how could we get it filled. We await Cllr Quinn's comments.

At this stage the Parish Council meeting reconvened

Item 4 – Financial Matters

Schedule of Payments and Receipts (January 2018)

Proposed by Cllr Lofthouse

Seconded by Cllr Smith

Resolved that the schedule of payments totalling £552.96 be approved (unanimous)

Bank Reconciliation (19th January 2018)

Proposed by Cllr Lofthouse

Seconded by Cllr Smith

Business Money Manager £40,266.44

Resolved that the Bank Reconciliation be approved (unanimous)

Item 5 – Lighting

Both lighting issues reported last month had been repaired

LP49 has been reported as out

Item 6 – Property Matters

Confirmed that the planning application for the window was now being treated as a priority and the deadline extended to February 12th.

Mr R Charnley quote of £168 was accepted and authorised to repair the walling on the allotment

Item 7 – Playground Matters

The Clerk is waiting for Pennine Playgrounds to write back and advise of moss removal on rubber matting.

Item 8 – Highway Matters

It was advised that the pot holes on Chapel Street and Wood Lane were of a significant size, however they had been circled so it was presumed they are due to be repaired.

The water that runs down Main Street is of danger and is due to blocked gullies and grates and causes road corrosion. The Clerk is to contact highways of both of these matters.

Item 11 – Farmers Market

The issue of the lack of support for the Farmers Market was discussed. The Councillors had been asked to support a new proposal to bring the cost of the stalls down in the hope that more stall holders would stand.

A proposal was put forward to the councillors and accepted

Proposed by Councillor M Rooze

Seconded by Councillor P Johnson

RESOLVED to keep the existing arrangement of £120 per market based on 8 stall holders, if more arrive then the price is £15 each. If between the months of November and February the organiser cannot guarantee the attendance of at least 8 stall holders at each market, and as a result he wishes to cancel the market he may do so, but must give the parish council adequate advanced notice so that the square may be put to other uses. If he fails to give such notice and the market takes place with fewer than 8 stall holders then the Council will expect to receive the previously agreed sum of £120 per market.

Item 12 – Emergency Planning

It was advised that there was a meeting scheduled for 15th February and an update would be given at the next parish council meeting.

Item 13 – Standing Orders

It was advised this item would be discussed further in February

Item 14 – Matters requested by Councillors

The Chairman discussed his concern of the future viability of the village. He asked for the Councillors to agree and support him in arranging a meeting with different personnel in the area with a view to holding an open forum of different ideas to bring more tourism to the village. This was agreed and supported and Councillor Lofthouse and Councillor Booth would join him at the initial meeting.

Item 15 – Correspondence Received

A request for Morris Dancing in the square was received, this clashed with the date of the festival so the Clerk would reply and ask them to liaise with them.

A request from Kate Beard of the Festival was received asking the Parish Council to support the 2018 Festival and events. It was agreed that the festival would receive full support however it was asked that Grassington festival ensured that all residents that were affected by the road closures were informed well in advance.

Item 16 – Matters Raised by the public

Dates were given to arrange a meeting with the trustees of the Town Hall. These would be agreed and moved forward.

It was stressed that the window planning application needed to be dealt with some urgency

The meeting closed at 20.23pm

The next meeting of full Council Thursday 22nd February 2018 at 7.30pm

Notification of business for future agenda should be given to the Clerk 7 clear days of the next meeting