**Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting of Grassington Parish Council held on**

**Wednesday 27th March 2024 at 7.00pm in the Jackson room of the Town Hall, Grassington**

**Those Present.**

Chairman: Councillor R Charlton

Councillors: Councillor B Kendall, Councillor K Darwin, Councillor Lofthouse, Councillor Smith & Councillor Booth, Councillor Shenton.

Officers: Mrs L Close (Clerk),

5 members of the public

Cllr R Foster, North Yorkshire Council

**2324/128 ITEM 1 – Chairmans Remarks**

Everybody was welcomed to the meeting.

**2324/129 ITEM 2 – Apologies and Reasons for Absence**

Cllr M Newman had an emergency engagement – *reason accepted.*

Cllr M Egan had a prior engagement – *reason accepted.*

**2324/130 ITEM 3 – Disclosures of Interest**

None

**2324/131 ITEM 4 – Dispensations**

None.

**2324/132 ITEM 5 – Minutes of the previous minutes**

Proposed by Councillor T Lofthouse

Seconded by Councillor N Shenton

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Ordinary meeting of the Parish Council held on 24th February 2024 as a true and accurate record. *Unanimous.*

**2324/133 ITEM 6 – Lighting Matters**

Councillor Lofthouse gave an update of the lighting matters and confirmed that contact had been made with NYC, however, no further work had been completed since the last meeting. Cllr Foster would raise this with NYC again.

Intake Lane – Complaints had been received regarding the removal of a streetlight on Intake Lane. Residents had advised they would attend the meeting to discuss but no representation was made. Cllr Lofthouse read out a response to the complaint, copy attached, and this would be sent to the residents.

**2324/134 ITEM 7 – Finance**

The Bank Statement was received and noted.

The Budget was received and noted.

The Bank Reconciliation was received and noted.

Proposed by Councillor B Kendall, seconded by Councillor N Shenton, **resolved** to ringfence the remaining funds of the street light repairs from this year’s budget as the involve explanation from NYC was still to be given from them.

**2324/135 ITEM 8 – Properties**

It was confirmed that the lease had been signed and was with the appropriate legal bodies.

Councillor Kendall gave the meeting an update and overview of the recent Town Hall Committee meeting. The minutes would be completed and circulated.

Councillor Shenton advised that the documents proving the Parish Council ownership of land still need to be secured to enable the registration. He would contact County Hall at Northallerton to ask if records were moved from Wakefield back in the 70’s and report at the next meeting.

It was reported that the bench outside the library needed the back repairing. Councillor Charlton and Kendall would investigate and arrange the necessary repair.

**2324/136 ITEM 9 – Allotments**

The Clerk confirmed that she was still waiting for outstanding agreements to be sent back to confirm which plot was available, but most had been returned and payments made.

Councillor Darwin advised the wall had been knocked down again by the Dairy and Councillor Charlton would speak with them.

Councillor Darwin also advised that she was waiting for a price for the repair to the wall inside the allotment space.

**2324/137 ITEM 10 – Playground**

The Clerk advised that she had spoken with the Chair of the playground committee and confirmed that she is happy to accept the donation from them of funds given, with the understanding that the playground committee were permitted to do so from their donor.

The Clerk advised the meeting that the associations had submitted the following advice, *The YLCA recommends that the council appoint a solicitor to review the Memorandum of Agreement as it may not provide sufficient protection to the council or the charity. Some of the wording implies, without being specific, that the charity might commission or carry out work on the council's land. That carries risks for both parties and the council should get the validity of the agreement checked by a solicitor.* Councillor Shenton advised that he did not think this was necessary as the committee simply passed funds to the Council for them to procure and manage their asset.

It was confirmed that the Clerk would liaise with the Chairman of the Committee and discuss this agreement in her legal capacity.

Councillor Booth advised that panels were missing in the bottom playground and the surfaces needed some cleaning, Councillor Charlton would investigate this.

Councillor Darwin would complete the checks in April.

**2324/138 ITEM 11 – Planning**

Moody Sty Lane – It was confirmed that following an email to the planning authority, the potential for the hearing of this application would be July but the Parish Council would be consulted.

**2324/139 ITEM 12 – Football Club land**

Councillor Shenton advised that historical evidence shows that the Parish Council was in ownership of the land including where the school stood however the registration had not taken place. He would contact North Yorkshire Council and ask for the title deeds of the land and any potential documents associated with the area.

**2324/140 ITEM 13 – Highways**

It was confirmed that temporary repairs had been made again to Station Road at the bottom of Wood Lane but they have not lasted. Capital works would be completed in June and is subject to monthly inspections from Highways.

**2324/141 ITEM 14 – Matters raised by the public.**

Cllr Foster asked if the Parish Council could write into the Chief Exec of NYC, copying him in to advise of the extra pressure the closure of Kex Gill is bringing to the village and surrounding areas. The large vehicular movement is adding to the poor condition of Station Road and many walls being damaged as they pass through.

It was confirmed the Clerk would submit a request for double yellow lines along Hebden Road but this was unlikely to be actioned by Highways.

It was confirmed no updates or information had been given regarding the upkeep of the footpaths and verges from any authorities.

A question was raised regarding the legalities of installing new boilers in the Town Hall which Councillor Shenton answered.

It was reported that the large wagons moving from the Dairy along Wood Lane were causing a lot of damage to the surfaces.

It was advised that meeting dates would change for April / May.

*With no further business transacted the meeting closed at 20.21pm*

*The next ordinary meeting of the Parish council will be held on 17th April 2024 at 7pm*

*The Annual Town Meeting would be held on 15th May at 6pm*

*The Annual general meeting of the Council would be held on 15th May at 7pm*