

GREWELTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of Meeting 8th September 2021
Village Hall

1. **Present**
Cllr Dawson (Chair), Cllr Kerr (Vice Chair), Cllr Lofthouse, Cllr Rhodes, Cllr Simms (District). Cllr Atkinson (County) joined the meeting at 8.30pm
Parish Clerk
One member of the public
2. **Apologies**
Cllr Exelby – accepted by the Council
3. **Declaration of Interest**
Cllrs Lofthouse and Rhodes both declared an interest in Planning agenda item 8.3
- 4 **Minutes** of Parish Council Meeting held on 14th July and Planning Meeting held on 5th August 2021 were both approved and signed as correct records
- 5.0 **Matters arising from the last meeting**
 - 5.1 **Asset register – operational items.**
Cllr Kerr had revisited the maintenance items on the Asset Register and highlighted that all of the benches and signs could do with a clean. The Clerk was asked to circulate a request for volunteers via the village WhatsOn.
Additionally, it was noted that the emergency sandbags kept at Wapping needed replacement. Clerk was asked to source via Harrogate Borough Council.
Resolved: Clerk to action both items
 - 5.2 **Playground Safety check**
Cllr Rhodes had carried out a bi-monthly safety check with no issues reported.
- 6.0 **Finance**
 - 6.1 **Balance of Accounts**
The Clerk produced a financial pack providing a summary of receipts and payments.
The financial position as outlined below was reported as at 1st August 2021.
The Clerk also produced a Bank reconciliation report as at 1st August 2021.

Business Account statement £5674.09 (1st August 2021)
Cash Management Account £3078.64(1st July 2021)

Resolved: That the position be noted.
 - 6.2 **Budget statement** –The Clerk provided a budget projection for year ending March 31st 2022.
Resolved: That the position be noted.
 - 6.3 **Monies Received** - The Council noted the receipt of the following monies:
 - i) £59.73 – Northern PowerGrid Wayleave payment
 - 6.4 **Authorisation of expenditure**
 - i) £72.00 inc vat - Annual Playground Inspection due October
 - ii) £29.95 plus vat – Anti-Virus software renewal due 8th September
 - iii) £22.50 – webinar training cost. This approval was no longer required as this training session was cancelled.

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- 6.5 Payments to be recorded** - The Council recorded the following payments:
- i) £92.32 – Clerk salary, allowance and expenses for June
 - ii) £169.70 – Clerk salary and allowance for July
 - iii) £277.20 – Farm and Land Services grasscutting for June, July and August
- 6.6 Bank Letter** – additional item under Finance. Notice received from Virgin Money of the Intention to levy a monthly charge of £6.50 (£78 pa) on the Business Current Account. Cllr Kerr has requested a review of this charge by the banks' Customer Services.
Resolved: Clerk to follow, and to obtain advice from YLCA.
- 7.0 Correspondence**
- 7.1 Unitary Authority Decision confirmed** –notice received that North Yorkshire will move to a single Unitary Authority, with York becoming a separate, small unitary authority.
- 7.2 Parish Council audit exemption** – notice received that the Parish Council Annual Governance and Accountability return has been accepted as being exempt from external audit.
- 8.0 Decision on planning applications, appeals, enforcement investigations received**
- 8.1 FUL.21/03569/FUL Camp Farm** – application to demolish existing building and erect a replacement dwelling. Council noted that the replacement dwelling was of the same footprint as the existing building and that the application would be subject to any applicable requirements regarding building materials.
Resolved: All Councillors agreed to respond with no objections
- 8.2 FUL 21/03596 Holly House-** application to convert a storeroom to a home office.
Resolved: All Councillors agreed to respond with no objections
- 8.3 21/03470/PNA – field at grid ref 423088/476436** - prior notification for erection of an agricultural storage building.
Resolved: With two declarations of interest from Councillors, the Council was inquorate for this item. A separate Planning Meeting will be held w/c 13th September
- 8.4 Public Footpaths Modification Order** relating to Public Footpaths numbers 15.5/53 and 15.5/52 (Hackfall Woods) has been received. The Council are not asked to respond but are required to publish the notice
Resolved: Clerk to action
- 9.0 Queens Platinum Jubilee 2nd- 5th June 2022**
The Clerk reported that positive responses had been received from the main village Organisations and that there was a consensus to hold a village event.
The Clerk was asked to co-ordinate a working party with other organisations.
Cllr Exelby would be invited to represent the Parish Council.
Resolved: Clerk to action.
- 10.00 Speed Concerns**
The Police have not yet accepted a request to provide an occasional mobile Speed Monitoring unit for the main street.
The Clerk had contacted Masham Parish Council and reported that the two radar signs now in place in Masham were at a total cost of c. £7k (although a grant had been available last year).The decision and installation process had been with full consultation with Highways.
The Parish Council were receptive to the idea of Speed Radar although the costs are prohibitive for a small council.
Resolved: Clerk was asked to investigate support, grants etc.

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11.0 Memorial Bench

The Council had agreed to replace the bench by the Church with a Memorial Bench, in conjunction with Ms T Dobson.

Resolved: Cllrs Rhodes and Lofthouse agreed to remove the existing bench, which is a concrete structure.

Cllr Lofthouse agreed to source a replacement bench and to co-ordinate the Memorial with Ms T Dobson.

12.0 Councillors Reports

12.1 Duck population – Cllr Rhodes. It was noted that the duck population had again increased beyond the normal level.

Resolved: Cllr Rhodes will source a relocation of a significant number.

12.2 Parking on Village Green triangles- Cllr Kerr. It was noted that parking was again becoming an issue on some of the green triangles

Resolved: Where damage occurs, Council will contact the relevant residents.

12.3 District/County Councillors reported that NYCC have invested £2.2m in new Gritters in advance of winter for better servicing of the existing road network. A significant shortfall of Care Workers was impacting the Council Care Homes and a Recruitment campaign has started.

The new YORBUS service has been well received and it was reported that the take-up in Grewelthorpe and Kirkby Malzeard has been the highest in the area.

13.0 Questions or Comments from Members of the Public

It was highlighted that the bench at the Playground end of the Pond was damaged .

Resolved: Clerk was asked to include this in the request for volunteer support.

14.0 Agenda Items for next meeting

2022/23 Annual Budget and Precept

Parish Council meeting dates for 2022

Review process for additional Planning Meetings

Christmas arrangements

15.0 Date of Next meeting-

A Planning Meeting will be held w/c 13th September - TBC

Parish Council meeting – Weds 8th September 2021. 7.30pm Village Hall

Meeting closed at 8.45pm

Signed as a correct record

Name:

Date:

