

GREWELTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting 9th March 2022

7.30pm Village Hall Main Room

1. **Present**
Cllr Dawson (Chair), Cllr Kerr (Vice Chair), Cllr Exelby, Cllr Lofthouse, Cllr Simms (District). Cllr Atkinson (County) joined the meeting at 8.30pm
Parish Clerk
One member of the public
2. **Apologies**
Cllr Rhodes – accepted by the meeting
3. **Declaration of Interest**
None
- 4 **Minutes** of Parish Council Meeting held on 12th January 2022 were approved as an accurate record and signed by the Chair
- 5.0 **Matters arising from the last meeting**
 - 5.1 **Asset register – operational items.**
Cllr Kerr provided an updated schedule of works for the Asset Register.
It was agreed that this item should remain on the Minutes as an operational item.
 - 5.2 **Playground Safety check**
Cllr Rhodes has the identified wear and tear on a swing chain as WIP.
Resolved: Cllr Rhodes to update at next meeting and to carry out a Playground Safety check.
 - 5.3 **Bank Accounts and Online Banking**
The Clerk confirmed that the Cash Management Account has now been closed and the funds transferred to the Clubs and Societies Account (now the sole account).
Resolved: Moving the Council to online banking will be held over for the incoming Clerk.
 - 5.4 **Speed Concerns**
Tim Harrison had confirmed that he has registered a Community Speedwatch Group for the village with the Police and is awaiting a contact from the Traffic Unit
Mr Harrison did point out that the Group will need a minimum of four residents for it to be recognised and to operate. A WhatsOn has been circulated to seek volunteers.
Resolved: Clerk to liaise with Mr Harrison re volunteers
 - 5.5 **Memorial Bench – this is still WIP.**
Resolved: Cllr Lofthouse to action.
 - 5.6 **Pond Pier**
The last Council meeting had agreed to remove the existing pier as a potential safety hazard. A replacement may be considered in due course.
Resolved: Cllr Lofthouse to action
- 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 March 2022.
The Clerk also produced a Bank reconciliation report as at 1st March 2022.

Clubs and Societies Account statement £8286.41. (1st March 2022)
Cash Management Account is now closed and funds transferred to above.

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) £0.02 – closing interest received on Cash Mgt Account
- 6.4 Authorisation of expenditure**
None required
- 6.5 Payments to be recorded** - The Council recorded the following payments:
i) £84.20 – Clerk salary and allowance for December 2021
ii) £234.00 inc vat – Fresh Mango fee for laptop setup and data transfer
iii) £101.00 – GVHCC room hire charge for July 2021 – Jan 2022
iv) £201.95 inc vat – Grewelthorpe School goalposts
v) £15.00 – YLCA charge for recruitment ad placement (Clerk)
- 7.0 Correspondence**
- 7.1 Church Bank wall repairs**
A resident had been in touch with Highways and HBC regarding the long delay in repairing Church Bank and reopening the access road. After some correspondence, HBC have confirmed that they will be carrying out the repairs shortly and possibly around Easter. This was confirmed by Cllr Simms.
- 8.0 Decision on planning applications, appeals, enforcement investigations received**
- 8.1 Application 6.18.38.ULB** – application to amend prior application for an illuminated hanging sign, plus 2 illuminated and 3 non-illuminated signs at The Crown Inn
Resolved: Council had no objections - Clerk to respond. Proposed Cllr Kerr, Seconded Cllr Dawson
- 8.2 Application 6.18.58.E.FUL** – The Old Vicarage. Application to move existing windows and add additional window to rear elevation, plus alterations to the annexe roof to create a gable end and window.
Resolved: Council had no objections. Clerk to respond. Proposed Cllr Exelby. Seconded Cllr Kerr.
- 9.0 Queens Platinum Jubilee 2nd- 5th June 2022**
The Clerk updated the Council on progress with the working group on the Jubilee. Plans across the 4 day weekend include a firepit “beacon” and social, a School “Coronation”, St James Church service, televised “Party at the Palace” in the V Hall, extended opening hours at the Hall Café (with thanks to the volunteers !) and a Big Street Party on Sunday 5th June (including a fancy dress parade, a BYO Tea Party with tea provided by the GSSA with an evening village Barbeque and Singer. There will also be exhibitions of Arts and Crafts, and village history in the village hall and in St James’ Church.
(Plans are all at early stages and tbc)
The group requested funding and support from the Parish Council for the following:
c.£400 to provide 200 decorated mugs for the children of the village
c. £200 to fund the Singer on Sunday 5th June
Approval to use the Village Green area for the Firepit Beacon on Thurs 2nd June
Use of the village Barbeque half-barrels (provided by Cllr Lofthouse)
- Resolved:** Whilst there are details to be confirmed, the Parish Council agreed to provide funding for mugs and singer, approved the use of the Green for the firepits and will provide the Barbeque barrels (although we may need to find more)

10.00 School Playing Field Goalposts

These have now been replaced and the School has been refunded. There is an amount of £33.67 VAT due to be refunded to the Parish Council. This is in progress. The Clerk has applied for Commuted Sum funding to assist with this cost.

Resolved: Clerk to follow commuted sum funding.

11.0 Defibrillator

Following the last meeting, a mask has been purchased to be kept in the defib casing. At present, the casing is locked and requires a phone call to 999 to get a code to open and access the defib. This process delays response time in getting the defib to the patient. The Council discussed the option of leaving the casing unlocked and agreed that the benefit of response time saved outweighed the risk of theft or damage.

Resolved: Clerk to ask the administrator of the defib to leave the casing unlocked.

The Clerk will also approach the Village Hall to ask for a security camera to cover the Defib location to minimise risk of theft or damage.

Training is also being organised for the defib, plus general First Aid training is being organised by the Village Hall.

12.0 Litter Picking Payment

Council agreed a payment of £140 to Sally Graham in recognition of her efforts in keeping the village litter-free.

Cllr Lofthouse will speak with Sally regarding future litter picking.

13.0 Pinfold Lease

Council agreed the lease for the Pinfold for the year from 1st June at £50 (as previous)

Resolved: Clerk to action

14.0 Quarry Field Lease

Council agreed to hold a Sealed Bid Auction to rent out the Quarry Field for the 12 months from 1st May

Resolved: Clerk to action. Notice of the GMTR to be included in the Lease.

15.0 National Joint Council Pay Award

Council agreed to implement this Pay Award (which is effective from 1st April 2021)

Resolved; Chair to approve an authorisation letter to Yorkshire Accountants for Payroll action

16.0 Councillors Reports

16.1

Cllr Exelby raised a proposal by some residents to enter into a pilot scheme under Which Highways leave some specified verges uncut to improve wildlife and wildflowers. These The proposed verges are mainly on Nutwith Lane/ Ilton Road and Foulgate Nook. The School are designing some information signs.

Landowners whose land is adjacent to these verges will receive further communication .

16.2

Cllr Exelby raised a request from some residents for the Parish Council to assist in an initiative to support potential refugees from Ukraine. This is an initiative for local families with spare space to offer accommodation to refugees.

The role of the Parish Council would be to act as a co-ordinating body with national and County authorities to match up offers with refugee needs.

Resolved: Council agreed to register as a coordinating body and the Clerk was asked to action.

- 16.3** **Cllr Kerr** raised the damage done to a section of village green at Wapping by a Poorly driven delivery lorry. The Clerk is aiming to trace the owner by the registration plate through the Police and to seek compensation for repair.
- 16.4** **Clerk** had been approached by Nidderdale AONB just prior to the meeting, asking for Permission to carry out a survey of frogs and toads in the Village Pond. Council gave approval for this.
- 16.5** **Cllr Atkinson** informed Council that NYCC Highways were focussing on potholes during March month. Cllr Atkinson also covered progress with the setting up of the new Unitary Authority for North Yorks.
Both Cllr Atkinson and **Cllr Simms** mentioned that grants would be available from HBC for Jubilee events – details to follow.

17.0 Questions from Members of the Public – none received

Agenda Items for next meeting

Annual Governance Meeting of Parish Council

Local elections will be held on 5th May 2022., including for Parish Councils.
The Notice of Election has been published, with contact details for Nomination Papers for Prospective Candidates.
The Parish Clerk has a few sets of Nomination Papers.

Date of Next meeting-

Planning Meeting (if required)
Annual Parish Council meeting

Weds 13th April
Weds 11th May

7.30pm Cafe
7.30pm Village Hall

Meeting closed at 8.45pm

Signed as a correct record

Name:

Date:

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