

GREWELTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting 10th November 2021

7.30pm Village Hall Main Room

1. **Present**
Cllr Dawson (Chair), Cllr Kerr (Vice Chair), Cllr Exelby, Cllr Lofthouse, Cllr Rhodes, Cllr Simms (District). Cllr Atkinson (County) joined the meeting at 8.30pm
Parish Clerk
Two members of the public
2. **Apologies**
None
3. **Declaration of Interest**
None
4. **Minutes** of Parish Council Meeting held on 8th September and Planning Meetings held on 16th September, 30th September and 26th October 2021 were all approved and signed as correct records
- 5.0 **Matters arising from the last meeting**
 - 5.1 **Asset register – operational items.**
Sandbags – The Clerk had previously reported that sandbags were available from HBC to assist with flood prevention. The existing stock had decayed over time and is past using. Council discussed the need for sandbags, given that the drains and gulleys at the Wapping end of the village have been improved and that the existing stock of sandbags had not been utilised in many years.
Resolved: Clerk to cancel sandbag order with HBC. Cllr Lofthouse to discuss ways of clearing the gulleys near Hackfall.
 - 5.2 **Playground Safety check**
Cllr Rhodes covered these items under the Annual Playground Inspection report later in the meeting.
 - 5.3 **Future Bank Charges**
The Clerk reported that no further contact has been received from Virgin Money bank and that the monthly charge of £6.50 would be applied from November 1st. Contacts had been made with other Council Clerks and all are facing similar charges.
Resolved: Clerk to investigate a transition to online banking for the Parish Council and to check if this move would remove the monthly charge.
 - 5.4 **Speed Concerns**
Clerk reported that no grants had been identified to assist with the costs of installing 2 speed radar signs in the village (estimated at previous meetings at c. £7k for 2 signs and seen as beyond the budget of the Council).
Clerk also reported several recent contacts from residents concerned at traffic speeds through the village.
Council were made aware of a national lobby group named “20’s Plenty”, comprising in this area, a number Councils across N Yorkshire who have signed up to a petition to be presented to NYCC requesting that 20 mph be set as the maximum speed in their parishes (the exact designation of the 20mph zone would be with local consultation)
There have also been requests made to the police to provide a “spot check” mobile camera – this has not yet been committed and the police do prioritise areas where there are recorded incidents.
At the last Annual Parish Meeting, an initiative known as Community Speed Watch was discussed and a resident offered to assist with this. Covid has prevented this from happening to date and it is hoped that this can be revisited soon.
Resolved: Clerk to co-ordinate Community Speed Watch.
 - 5.5 **Memorial Bench – this is still WIP.**
Resolved: Cllr Lofthouse to action.

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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 November 2021. The Clerk also produced a Bank reconciliation report as at 1st November 2021.

Business Account statement £7596.40 (1st November 2021)

Cash Management Account £3078.72 (2nd October 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) £65.00 – GSSA contribution to annual school playing field rental

6.4 Authorisation of expenditure

- i) Clerk was authorised to obtain 3 quotations to replace the Council laptop.

6.5 Payments to be recorded - The Council recorded the following payments:

- i) £70.00 – HMRC PAYE/NIC Q3 2021
- ii) £66.20 Clerk salary and allowance for August
- iii) £35.94 – anti-virus software renewal
- iv) £36.00 – Yorkshire Accountants payroll charge for Q2 2021
- v) £72.00- HBC Annual Playground Safety Inspection report
- vi) £130.00 – NYCC annual rental of school playing field
- vii) £199.12 – Clerk salary, allowance and expenses for September

7.0 Correspondence

7.1 Local Police Report July-November 2021

This was discussed and noted by Council

Action: Clerk to display on website

8.0

8.1

Decision on planning applications, appeals, enforcement investigations received Application 6.18.168.C.DVCON – Orchard Cottage.

Application to vary condition 2 of the Planning Permission granted and allow a revision to a detached garage and a relocation of the new house on the plot.

Resolved: Parish Council resolved to respond with no objections. Clerk to action.

8.2

Notification of Conditional Planning Approval granted

Extension at Mowbray House given conditional approval. Council had responded with no objections (Meeting on 26th October . Item 4.4)

9.0

Queens Platinum Jubilee 2nd- 5th June 2022

The Clerk confirmed that positive responses had been received from the main village Organisations and that all had nominated people to join a working party.

Cllr Exelby will represent the Parish Council.

Resolved: Clerk to co-ordinate a working party meeting for January 2022

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10.00

School Playing Field Goalposts

The school has reported damage to the goalposts on the playing field. These goalposts are constructed of plastic tubing, are relatively flimsy and do require replacing over time. Since the school replaced the last set of damaged goalposts, the Parish Council agreed to replace this set at an estimated cost of £200 total. This was proposed by Cllr Lofthouse and seconded by Cllr Rhodes.

Resolved: Clerk to co-ordinate with school and to investigate if Commuted Sums can be used.

11.0

Annual Playground Safety Inspection report

Cllr Rhodes reported that the Safety Report highlighted 2 potential issues.

Firstly, the benches at either end of the playground require attention- these are already identified for action under the Asset Register work and may be able to be linked with 2022 Platinum Jubilee activity.

Secondly, there are two worn connecting chains on one of the playground swings.

Action: Cllr Rhodes to investigate replacements.

12.0

2022/23 Parish Council Budget

The Clerk presented a proposed budget for next Financial year and this was accepted by Council. Proposed by Cllr Kerr and seconded by Cllr Exelby.

Resolved: Clerk to publish on website

13.0

2022/23 Annual Precept

The budget contained a recommendation for an annual precept for next financial year of £5550 (the same precept as for 2021/22). This was accepted by Council – proposed by Cllr Lofthouse and seconded by Cllr Dawson

Resolved: Clerk to submit request to HBC for precept of £5550.

14.0

Xmas Arrangements

Cllr Lofthouse confirmed that he has locally sourced a Christmas Tree for the green and Cllrs Lofthouse and Rhodes will put this up

Cllr Rhodes proposed to light up the village pond island this year, with 2 sets of new lights costing c. £168.00 inc vat.

These costs were proposed by Cllr Dawson, seconded by Cllr Kerr and passed by Council unanimously.

Action: Cllr Rhodes will action and pass invoice to the Clerk.

15.0

Process for Additional Planning meetings

Council had included additional meetings to the schedule during 2021 to allow for timely and transparent responses to be agreed to planning applications which arrive between full Council meetings. It had been agreed to review this process at the November meeting - Council agreed to continue with this process for 2022.

16.0

Parish Council meeting dates for 2022

These were proposed by the Clerk, agreed by and Council and will be published on the Noticeboards and the Parish Council website

Action: Clerk to action.

17.0

Councillors reports

17.1

NYCC and Hackfall footpaths – There is a national review in process requiring County Councils to review current footpaths prior to a change in legislation which may fix those Footpaths in place. **Cllr Dawson** reminded Council that NYCC have communicated a review of 2 Permissible footpaths in Hackfall with a view to regrading these to Public Rights of Way. (This has been published on Noticeboards and village WhatsON) Council will have an opportunity to comment when the report is published.

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- 17.2 Cllr Atkinson(County Cllr)** was made aware that the mounds of earth created during the recent roadworks on the Masham road were still not removed. Cllr Atkinson reported that Highways were aware and this was WIP.
- 17.3 Cllr Rhodes** was asked to assist in assessing the condition of the drain pipes around The pond, as several residents has mentioned that these appear to be damaged and create large puddles on the road next to the pond.
- 17.4 Cllr Atkinson (County Cllr)** gave an update on the transition to a Unitary Authority as Approved by Govenrment. There will be 90 “County” Councillors (replacing 72 currently) and the existing District Councils will be removed. Elections will take place in May 2022. These will also be Parish Council elections and elected Councillors will be elected for a 5 year term.
- Cllr Atkinson also reported that the new YORBUS service was running well, with Kirkby Malzeard and Grewelthorpe as high volume users of the service.
- 18.0 Questions from Members of the Public – none received**
- 19.0 Agenda Items for next meeting**
Annual review of Governance policies
Annual review of Risk Assessment
- 20.0 Date of Next meeting-**
Parish Council meeting – Weds 12th January 2022. 7.30pm Village Hall
- Meeting closed at 8.50pm**
- Signed as a correct record**

Name:

Date:

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