

# GROSMONT PARISH COUNCIL

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## MINUTES

MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 10<sup>th</sup> March 2021 AT 7.30PM  
VIRTUAL ZOOM MEETING

**Present:** Cllr Wootton  
Cllr Beesley  
Cllr Naylor  
Cllr Williamson  
Cllr Smith

**Apologies:** None

- 1 Apologies and approve reasons for absence**  
None.
- 2 Declarations of interest in respect of any of the agenda items to be discussed**  
None.
- 3 Confirmation of the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 10<sup>th</sup> February 2021**  
The minutes for the meeting held in February were read. It was proposed by Cllr Wootton and seconded by Cllr Beesley that the minutes be approved as a true and accurate record. All were in favour.
- 4 Matters arising for information only unless defined**  
Cllr Wootton raised the curb stone and damage to the road. These works have been completed by Highways.  
It was also noted that works have commenced on the bench at Fairhead.
- 5 Police Report**  
The February report was circulated prior to the meeting. It was noted there have been 14 tickets issued for Covid related breaches in February throughout the Esk Valley with 9 being in the Danby area.
- 6 Public Participation - members of the public are invited to address the Council**  
None.
- 7a. Planning Applications – none**
- 7b. Planning Decisions – none**
- 8 Finance**
- 8.1** To confirm the current bank statement as follows:  
Bank statement from 23.01.21 – 22.02.21 with balance of £8723.21(no transactions since last statement)  
It was proposed by Cllr Beesley and seconded by Cllr Smith that the bank balance be confirmed as a true and accurate record. All were in favour.

**8.2** To approve the following payments:

- a. Clerks fees £152.68 and expenses £38.20 (HMR&C)

It was proposed by Cllr Beesley and seconded by Cllr Williamson that the above payments be approved. All were in favour.

Cllr Wootton confirmed the Clerk will be due to go up an increment on the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021.

**9 Items for Discussion:**

**A** Local housing update

An email had been received from SBC as currently Beyond Housing are concentrating on current developments until the end of the financial year end. It will now be later in 2021 before an update is received. SBC commented on the vacant properties at Egton, these are advertised through a Home Choice System and ideally should be published more widespread. Egton are also likely to undertake a further housing survey.

**b** Grosmont Suspension Bridge

NYMNR have sent all documents to the County Councillor Bridge Manager. NYMR are still chasing NYCC for a response. The clerk was asked to chase up NYMR.

**c** Policies – ongoing

**d** Tennis courts – white paint

To be done in the better weather.

**e** Tree in main river

It was discussed that this is 100 yards upstream. Cllr Wootton to visit as near to the area as possible and provide a grid reference to pass on to the Environment Agency.

**f** Flooding – Priory Park

It was discussed that a road closure is in place from the 15 – 19 March for drainage works. Once the weather has improved works will commence.

**g** Priory Park – Paths

Feedback has now been received stating the paths are not currently a priority.

**h** Road surface along Eskdaleside

Highways have now informed the council that the road down from Eskdale House is not currently a priority but will continue to be monitored.

It was also mentioned that the BT duct near Birds Cottage has now been resolved.

**i** Cricket Club payment

This was discussed in depth. The minutes from the 21<sup>st</sup> May 2019 stated an increase to £370 but this is not allocated through the Model Agreement.

All councillors were in agreement to increase the payment from £320 (paid in February 2021) to £340 the revised amount. It was proposed by Cllr Wootton and seconded by Cllr Naylor to raise an additional cheque for £20, all were in agreement.

**10 Correspondence:**

White Rose Updates

Cllr Wootton discussed that according to the WRU the government are proposing to hold remote meeting up until the 7<sup>th</sup> May and to return to face-to-face meetings after this date. NALC are trying to extend this deadline and NALC will update guidance as soon as resolved.

Cllr Williamson suggested waiting to see what is announced by the government before proceeding. Cllr Beesley to speak to Hazelwood Tea Room to see if they are happy for meetings to be held there and also if social distancing etc criteria can be met.

To enable the council to meet remotely in May it was proposed by Cllr Williamson to move the meeting date forward to the 6<sup>th</sup> May, this decision was seconded by Cllr Beesley and all were in agreement.

YLCA Consultation on Local Governance reorganisation in North Yorkshire

YLCA Training Bulletin

NYMNP New Management Plan  
NYCC letter from the leader to Parish & Town Councillors  
YLCA Councillors discussion forum  
NYMNP Consultation on sites submitted for Local Plan Review

**11 Minutes of Meetings**

None.

**12 Publications**

None.

**13 Forthcoming Meetings**

YLCA Remote Conference 21 & 22 April 2021

Parish Forum April 2021

**14 Chairman's Questions**

None.

**15 Items for next agenda**

**16 Date of next meeting:**

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2021, 7.30pm, Zoom Meeting