

GROSMONT PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES

MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER 2021 AT 7.30PM
IN HAZELWOOD TEA ROOMS

Present: Cllr Williamson
Cllr Beesley
Cllr Naylor
Cllr Smith

Apologies: Cllr Wootton

- 1 Apologies and approve reasons for absence**
Apologies were received from Cllr Wootton.
- 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 14th July 2021**
The minutes for the meeting held in July were read. It was proposed by Cllr Naylor and seconded by Cllr Smith that the minutes be approved as a true and accurate record. All were in favour.
- 4 Matters arising for information only unless defined**
None.
- 5 Police Report**
No report had been received.
- 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 23.06.21 – 22.07.21 with balance of £8897.65.
Bank statement from 23.07.21 – 22.08.21 with balance of £8787.25
It was proposed by Cllr Naylor and seconded by Cllr Smith that the bank balances be confirmed as a true and accurate record. All were in favour.
 - 8.2** To approve the following payments:
 - a. Clerks fees and expenses (£193.72 Clerk, £67.40 PAYE, Fuel £9)
 - b. F W Scarth (£324.00) second grass cut

It was proposed by Cllr Naylor and seconded by Cllr Smith that the above payments and receipts be approved. The additional payment of F W Scarth was accepted as this is an annual cost incurred at an agreed price as per the contract. All were in favour
Cllr Williamson discussed that the previous clerk was paid annual costs for use of home, costs of electricity and phone etc. It was proposed by Cllr Smith and seconded by Cllr Naylor for the clerk to put in an invoice for £80 per annum for provision of homebased services. To be back dated to 2019. All were in agreement.

9 Items for Discussion:

a Local housing update

Cllr Williamson discussed that he had been in contact with Scarborough Borough Council but there is no update. The intention for the site to be at Priory Park is very doubtful as no costings have been received for a footpath. Cllr Williamson has a map for the ground at the bottom of Fairhead and will pass onto the clerk to send to Scarborough Borough Council.

b Grosmont Suspension Bridge

The clerk was in receipt of an email from NYCC who accept responsibility for the bridge. It will be added to their asset register but due to cuts in the budget the repairs will not be done until the next financial year and dependant on the costs of the repair work it may have to be done over two years and an inspection will be taking place in the next few months with a scheme then put in place. Cllr Naylor expressed a wish to be present when the survey is carried out.

C Policies

The clerk forwarded Privacy Policy for staff and residents, Records Management Policy, Security Breach Policy, Security Incident Policy and Terms of Reference Policy. It was proposed by Cllr Naylor and seconded by Cllr Williamson that the policies be adopted. All were in favour.

d Tennis courts – white paint

Cllr Naylor has kindly painted the lines on the court and was thanked by all for doing such a good job. To remove from the agenda.

e Tree in main river

Despite contacting all agencies this has not moved any further and now the council are being asked who owns the land but none of the councillors are sure who this would be.

f Flooding – Priory Park/junction near bridge, roadway washed away

Water has washed the bank away near the bridge near the turn for Priory Park. The clerk was asked to chase this up again.

g Priory Park – Paths

Cllr Williamson reported that the surface on the paths is still very poor and uneven, also the gullies need clearing, these were done in the village but left Priory Park. The clerk was asked to chase up again.

h SBC – Welcome Back Funding

Cllr Williamson informed the meeting that he has not had chance to speak to the Cricket Club about new benches. It was also discussed that a “wish list” is needed for possible grants the council may be able to obtain in the future.

i Waste bin/Fly tipping – Station Woods

The clerk was asked to report this again as it has not been cleared up. All were in agreement.

j Co-option of councillors

The council still have two vacancies.

k HGVs and Grosmont Bridge

The clerk was asked to chase up these signs again.

- I Esk Valley Bank**
Cllr Naylor reported pot holes in the bank, these have been marked with white paint but nothing has happened yet, the clerk was asked to chase up.
- 10 Correspondence:**
White Rose Updates
Law & Governance Bulletin
Code of Conduct Survey
Local Government Reorganisation
Minerals & Waste Joint Plan
NYM Youth Voice
Threat to Esk Valley Services/Northern Trains
Whitby Demand Responsive Shopper Services
Draft Cultural Strategy for the Borough of Scarborough
Consultation on residential design guide
Standards of behaviour expected of someone holding public office
Esk Valley Railway Line Stakeholder Forum – It was noted that this has been put on hold for now and a meeting is due to take place shortly.
- 11 Minutes of Meetings**
None.
- 12 Publications**
None.
- 13 Forthcoming Meetings**
None.
- 14 Chairman's Questions**
Cllr Beesley informed the meeting that a drain is blocked outside her house on Front Street and the clerk was asked to report. All were in agreement.
- 15 Items for next agenda**
- 16 Date of next meeting:**
Tuesday 12th October 2021, 7.30pm Hazelwood Tea Rooms, Grosmont