

# GROSMONT PARISH COUNCIL

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## MINUTES

MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 10<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 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 9<sup>th</sup> December 2020**  
The minutes for the meeting held in December were read. It was proposed by Cllr Beesley and seconded by Cllr Naylor 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 police report was available.
- 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 statements as follows:  
Bank statement from 23.11.20 – 22.12.20 with balance of £8813.33  
Bank statement from 23.12.20 – 22.01.21 with balance of £8723.21  
It was proposed by Cllr Smith and seconded by Cllr Williamson 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 £152.68 and HMR&C £38.20  
It was proposed by Cllr Smith and seconded by Cllr Williamson that the above payments be approved. All were in favour.
    - b. Grosmont Cricket Club £320.00

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

c. R Thurston Bench Maintenance £360.00

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

d. St Matthews Church £400.00

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

**9 Items for Discussion:**

**a** Local housing update

The clerk reported that Scarborough Borough Council are waiting to hear back from Beyond Housing. Cllr Williamson raised the issue of 3 properties being vacant in Egton and apparently no one is on the Housing List. The clerk was asked to inform Scarborough Borough Council of the empty properties and the potential of more houses being built.

**b** Grosmont Suspension Bridge

Documents had been circulated which were received from NYMR. Currently we are waiting for NYMR to liaise with NYCC Bridge Manager. The clerk was asked to contact NYMR and ask how discussions are going. All were in agreement.

**c** Policies – ongoing

**d** Tennis courts – white paint

Cllr Naylor is waiting for the weather to improve.

**e** Resurfacing from Grosmont Village to bottom of Fairhead

It was discussed that NYCC have informed the council that this road is not currently a high enough priority but will continue to be monitored. The clerk was asked to remove from the agenda but diary date for 6 months' time.

Cllr Williamson also mentioned a large gap between the curb stone and the road opposite Alum Garth. The clerk was asked to report this.

**f** Ash and Chestnut tree in main river

Cllr Williamson discussed that the tree which was wedged under the bridge has now gone but further upstream a tree is wedged on the island. Cllr Smith to send the clerk photographs and for this to be reported to the Environment Agency. All were in agreement.

**g** Flooding – Priory Park

Cllr Williamson recently spoke with the Environment Agency who are looking to spend some money on the area and look at piping. The clerk had raised the problems with Highways, NYMNP and the Environment Agency in December. Highways are planning to raise the curb stones and look at additional ways to try and prevent flooding. Works in this area should be commencing anytime, delays have been down to bad weather. The clerk was asked to chase this up with all agencies once again.

**h** Priory Park – Paths

The clerk informed the meeting that she had contacted Scarborough Borough Council informing them this is dangerous. The clerk was asked to chase up again.

**i** Road surface along Eskdaleside

Cllr Wootton emailed through a map of an area of road on Eskdaleside where the road is breaking up under the surface and this is gradually getting worse. Concerns were raised that if one drainage issues gets resolved this tends to then create a problem further on. The clerk was asked to raise this problem with Highways but also ensure that the problem is resolved correctly.

Cllr Smith also mentioned that opposite Birds Cottage water is coming up through a BT duct, the clerk was asked to report this. All were in agreement.

- 10 Correspondence:**  
White Rose Updates  
View of YLCA members to hold remote meetings  
Training Bulletin & Training Programme  
YLCA Cllr website login details  
Right to Regenerate  
NYY Parish Council Offer 2021  
Local Elections 06.05.21  
North Yorkshire Landowners warned over river maintenance duties  
Open letter from Cllr Baxter, NALC
- 11 Minutes of Meetings**  
None.
- 12 Publications**  
None.
- 13 Forthcoming Meetings**  
Scarborough Branch Meeting 04.21.21  
Scarborough & Whitby ACC 20.01.21
- 14 Chairman's Questions**  
Cllr Williamson had been approached about a bench being repaired at the cattle grid near Fairhead. The resident would like to take over maintenance of the bench, put some steps up to it along with some flowers. All the councillors were in agreement for the bench to be looked after by the resident.
- 15 Items for next agenda**
- 16 Date of next meeting:**  
Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2021, 7.30pm, Zoom Meeting