

GATE & UPPER HELMSLEY PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF A PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD REMOTELY
ON MONDAY 08 MARCH 2021 AT 7.30PM**

Councillors Present: Janet Buckley Charlie Dodds
Robert Grabowski Michael Harrison

In Attendance: Fiona Hill - Parish Clerk
NYCC/RDC Cllr Caroline Goodrick

Public Present: 1

21/29 a) To receive apologies for absence given in advance of the meeting:

None

b) To consider the approval of reasons given for absence:

None

21/30 To record declarations of interest in items on the agenda:

Cllr Buckley, Proposed crematorium, had already submitted a letter of objection

The Parish Clerk reported that Cllr Richardson, since giving apologies, which were accepted, at the meeting on 10 September 2020, had not attended the meetings on 10 December 2020 and 08 March 2021. His reason, not wanting to attend a remote meeting, was not accepted, so unfortunately he was therefore disqualified as a member of the Parish Council due to the "Persistence Absence" legislation. (Local Government Act 1972, s 85(1) and (2)) The Parish Clerk would inform Ryedale District Council.

21/31 To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 10 December 2020:

Resolved - The minutes were approved

21/32 To discuss matters arising from previous minutes:

1. NYCC Highways:

- crossing between village hall and carpark – Done/Remove
- outside BATA garage – NYCC Cllr Caroline Goodrick would ask Highways about bollards
- Back Lane – No simple solution/Remove

2. Defibrillator:

New batteries and pads had been fitted. Cllr Grabowski was conducting the regular governance checks. It would not be moved from the public house to the village hall at this stage. Cllr Harrison would ask BATA, if it could be fitted there, if the public house closed.

21/33 To discuss the vacancy resulting from the resignation of Rachel Gibson:

Ryedale District Council had authorised that the vacancy could be filled by co-option

21/34 To discuss long-standing matters:

1. Grass-cutting

Nigel Fargher was doing a good job, so this agenda item could be removed.

21/35 Public Session:

Cllr Buckley reported that there had been a post on Facebook about moving the dog poo bin and there had been no ideas, so it should stay where it is.

Cllrs reported that all three bins are full.

21/36 To discuss new planning applications received: None

21/37 To report planning decisions by Ryedale District Council: None

21/38 To discuss matters raised by Parish Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer:

1. Bookkeeping records to date

Parish Councillors noted the content of the spreadsheet circulated by the Parish Clerk

2. Financial Management – Internal Control Checks, Internal/External Audit

Parish Councillors noted the copy bank statement circulated by the Parish Clerk, which verified the bank balance.

3. Matters raised by/with Yorkshire Local Councils

3.1 Preparing for the possible return to face-to-face meetings

The current legislation, which allows Parish Councils to meet remotely, expires on 07 May 2021. The Parish Clerk had contacted the Village Hall Committee and would await further guidance from YLCA

4. Adopt/Re-adopt policies – would now be dealt with at APCM

5. Website/Social Media

The Parish Council documents are uploaded to the NYCC Datasets, which is compliant with The Transparency Code. The Parish Clerk would post details for meetings on the village Facebook page.

6. To approve the following payments:

Parish Clerk	Salary	£
NYCC	Lighting Energy	£656.21
YLCA	Subscription	£128.00
ICO	Subscription	£35.00
Bank	Charges	£12.69

Resolved – Approved (Unanimous)

21/39 To report correspondence received by the council:

1. Claxton & Sand Hutton PC - Proposed crematorium at Sand Hutton

Resolved – The Parish Council would Object, due to the likely increased traffic around narrow country roads.

21/40 To receive matters raised by members:

As litter picking events could not yet be organised, Parish Councillors would conduct litter picks in areas close to where they live.

21/44 To confirm the dates of the future meeting(s):

07 May 2021, 09 September 2021, 09 December 2021

Resolved – The date of the next meeting was moved from 13 May 2021 to 07 May 2021, to enable the meeting to be held remotely. On this date, the Annual Parish Meeting, would be followed by the Annual Parish Council Meeting, which would be followed by a Parish Council Meeting.