

# **GARGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting  
held Monday 11 September 2017

Councillors: Peter Ward, Janet Turner, Janet Sugden, David Syms, Derrick Evans, Alan Robinson, Martin Banks, Cnty Cllr Gill Quinn and several parishioners.

**1. To receive apologies for absence:** District Cllr Simon Myers and Cllr Brian Atkinson.

**2. To acknowledge those present.**

**3. To receive any declarations of interest:** Nothing declared.

**4. To confirm the minutes of the last meeting:**

The minutes of the last meeting held Monday 14 August 2017 were accepted as a true record. Proposed by DS and seconded by Cllr Derrick Evans. All in favour and accepted unanimously.

**4.1 Matters Arising:**

4.1a) PW advised the meeting that speeding was discussed last month, and hopefully we will get support from our local Police. We have submitted documentation to Julia Mulligan but we have not heard back from her yet.

b) With regard to our Neighbourhood Plan, amendments have now been made by our Consultant and she has returned the submission document for proof reading to both ourselves and CDC.

6.2

1. PW told the meeting that there is a lot of the Himalayan Balsam still around and we will write to the landowner of the field adjacent to Chew Lane this week, asking for permission for our volunteer to remove this plant from that area.

DE told the meeting that the best way to get rid of the plant is to pull it out of the ground with the roots and then snap in half and leave on the ground.

b) We have spoken to the owner of the area at the corner of Higherlands Close and asked for him to tidy this area.

c) The leaning wall concerns up Mark House Lane, we have ordered some signs to erect warning people of the dangers and to walk at the other side of the lane. We are awaiting confirmation of the order with a price.

It was agreed to write to the landowner of the wall advising that concerns have been raised.

2. PW told the meeting that following a site meeting along Chew Lane, it has been decided to cut back over hanging vegetation, remove overhanging branches, cut back to the trunk. A specification is being prepared which will be sent out to two contractors for their quotes to carry out this work.

DE asked if we needed to obtain permission to work in a water course. PW confirmed he would make enquiries.

6.3 We are still awaiting prices from our Electrical contractor on the suggested Christmas tree lights.

PW told the meeting that we have received complaints about verges looking a mess and also complaints regarding spraying of the weeds.

A discussion took place as to whether it would be effective to employ a lines man to do this type of work for the Parish Council.

Clerk to make enquiries with Hellifield Parish Council as it is understood they employ a man for this type of work.

Clerk to report to CDC the streets which need sweeping and the gullies which need emptying, in particular Neville Road, Neville Crescent and High Street.

Cnty Cllr Gill Quinn advised the meeting that Embsay do have a lines man who is self-employed. He undertakes work such as clearing up leaves and works to a schedule of jobs and works about 12 hours per month. He also organises a litter pick.

The Clerk advised the meeting that we have a parishioner only last week who volunteered to do a litter pick around the village and has filled two bags so far and intends to carry on a little bit longer. If anyone else is interested in undertaking this task, please get in touch as we have a few litter grabbers and plenty of bags in the office.

## **5. Matters requested by councillors:**

### **5.1. County Cllr Gill Quinn:**

Cllr Gill Quinn told the meeting that if you access NYCC website there is a Consultation document relating to hazardous waste, and if people have chance, please have a look at this as it is becoming quite a problem.

A reminder too that the Parish Liaison Meeting is on Wednesday 20 September to be held at Belle Vue Mills in Skipton.

The winter gritting programme has now been decided and this can also be found on the NYCC website.

Regarding planning officers, even at the National Park offices there is a great shortage because they cannot compete with the salaries that the cities can pay.

### **5.2 District Cllr Simon Myers – Apologies received.**

## **6. To receive information on the following ongoing issues and decide further action where necessary:**

### **6.1. Police Report:**

This month we have had 2 crimes in the Gargrave area.

03/09 – Domestic related incident

06/09 – Theft of cash from a property on Neville Crescent

17/08 – Report of dangerous driving on the a65

07/09 – Report of fish Sellers going door to door on North Street.

## **6.2 Public Participation:**

One parishioner had a few issues to raise

a) At the bottom stepping stones, there is a bench which seems to be sloping at one side and needs attention.

b) What is the plan for the Woodland Walk? JT explained that the plan was if people wishes to plant a tree in memory or a loved one or a bench the tree could be planted on the Woodland Walk. The tree must be between 1-2 metres tall. Sadly over the years no-one has donated a tree. Maybe at Budget time we could consider whether to buy some to plant in this area.

Jon Grey has said in the past he has access to some spare trees and that we could have some but we have not heard anything recently from him regarding this.

PW confirmed that we would review the strimming specification relating to this area.

c) Dog fouling is still a problem around the village, hot spots are West Street, and around a triangle of grass on Eshton Road, corner of Swire Croft and the High Street.

Clerk to report the matter and request a further pavement cleanse to the Waste Management Team, CDC.

After further discussion, it was suggested to purchase some brightly coloured spray paints which could highlight the fouling around the village.

**6.3 Audit Query:** PW explained that he requested this subject to be placed on the Agenda as we have recently submitted our Audit Return and we have reduced the value of the assets and he is concerned whether this should have been done.

He said he was not sure how this had come about, the War Memorial does not have a value but we have a value for the village greens as these were valued last year as instructed by our Internal Auditors but on the return the greens have been valued at only £1.

PW does not feel the greens should be valued at only £1 and MB also felt that these values were wrong.

JT responded to the meeting with a detailed explanation for these values. After further discussion, JT agreed to amend the draft response already prepared and the Clerk will send this to the Internal Auditors later this week.

**6.4 Playground Update:** PW told the meeting that there are two grant applications pending at the moment, one that the Parish Council applied for with Awards for All, and the other by the Playground Association to Yoreventure.

The equipment currently on order is really the second part of Phase 1 and is due to be delivered and installed hopefully in October this year.

JT had prepared a coloured coded page showing equipment already installed, equipment on order and the rest still needing funding to complete the project.

## 7. To consider the planning applications and decisions:

No planning Applications have been received this month from CDC.

## 8. Financial Matters:

8.1 To approve the accounts for payment.

### INCOME

Honesty Boxes	£87.55
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### EXPENDITURE

Village Hall Rent	152.00
Wage 1	400.92
Wage 2	499.58
SG Ives	67.22
JC Cowgill      Grass Cuts	1094.74
JC Cowgill      Playground Hedge	132.00
M Banks          USB for Office Use	9.99

Barclays Community a/c	£21,513.99
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NatWest a/c	9003.41
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SBS a/c	22,819.74
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DE proposed the accounts, seconded by PW, all in favour and accepted.

**9. To consider the following new correspondence** received and decide action where necessary.

See attached list.

5. PW and JT to attend this meeting.

9. Instruct contractor to carry out necessary repair to bench.

11. Awaiting response from Area5.

12. Clerk to suggest dates for site meeting.

13. Meeting of Group to be arranged.

10. Notify the Clerk of matters for inclusion on the agenda of the next meeting.

11. To confirm the date of the next meeting as **Monday 9 October 2017**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.05pm.