

GARGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting
held Monday 8 May 2017

Councillors: Peter Ward, Janet Turner, Janet Sugden, David Syms, Derrick Evans, Brian Atkinson, Alan Robinson, Martin Banks, Clerk – Kath Ashby and several parishioners.

1. To receive apologies for absence: None received.

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 10 April 2017 were accepted as a true record. Proposed by DS and seconded by JT. All in favour and accepted unanimously.

4.1 Matters Arising:

4.1a) PW advised the meeting that has arranged to meet with a representative on Monday 15 May with a view to determining the right of way to the Railway Station and the footpath.

The gentleman on Middle Green plans to do the work into July, however we will probably do some temporary works now.

4.1 Fourth paragraph) JT spoke to Jon Grey and BA understands they were going to do new signs. Jon Grey asked if we would like some more trees for our Woodland Walk. He has promised to see what he can do and has been in recent talks with the Environment Agency about this. PW will get an update.

6.5 The Motor home has now been removed from the Railway Station car park but we will still erect the sign which has been ordered.

5. Matters requested by councillors:

Gill Quinn will now take over from Cnty Cllr Shelagh Marshall and we will invite her to our next monthly meeting.

5.2 District Cllr Simon Myers: No apologies received for this evening.

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

6.1 Police Report:

Not a great deal has happened this month. We have only had 2 crimes recorded and 2 anti-social behaviour incidents reported:

ASB:

1) 13/04/17

Nuisance phone calls received.

2) 25/04/17

Parking complaint, Neville Road.

Crime:

1) 20/04/17

Domestic related incident.

2) 04/05/17

Violence related incident:

Coach travelling through Gargrave carrying 14 intoxicated males. Males started fighting amongst themselves and consequently smashed a coach window. One male was arrested and enquiries are still ongoing.

6.2 Neighbourhood Plan update:

JT told the meeting that we have actually got a meeting this Wednesday evening with the Neighbourhood Planning Group who has been working on it for a long time. We are looking at about four items. We have recently received a response from CDC about the NP which we were not expecting because we thought the January meeting was the final response. CDC have now sent several pages of comments and suggested amendments. Our Consultant has prepared some ideas for a reply.

We have received more information from the developer relating to the planning application adjacent to the Cricket Field and then we have had some correspondence relating to the Saw Mill site. As you will recall we agreed to take this site out of the Neighbourhood Plan and the owner wants housing on it. We will report back.

6.3 Public Participation:

A resident who lives on South Street and has done for over ten years raised her concerns regarding the problem of parking. Parking outside her property takes the light from her window and she confirmed she does approach people where possible and ask then politely if they would mind moving. She can rarely park outside her own property when she returns each day and wanted the Parish Councils views.

PW explained that the Parish Council have been approached very recently by a resident who lives on River place and has problems accessing her property due to badly parked vehicles which prevents people getting their vehicles in and out of the archway.

We have written to NYCC as another resident has suggested parking permits for residents but people would have to pay to park outside their own house.

People who are new to the village are amazed how many people park over the weekend and bank holidays and that is an issue.

PW agreed to approach both CDC and NYCC for suggestions for resident's parking permits.

Another resident raised the problem of people leaving dog bags around the village.

PW confirmed we have recently received from CDC signs which will be erected on the village greens to try and encourage people to use the bins provided.

The resident told the meeting that last year and the year before he cut back the grass around the benches on Chew Lane as the grass was growing through the seats and last year he placed his own sign up as someone decided to put bags underneath that seat.

The same resident raised the matter of NYCC signs which have recently been affixed to A-Boards and asked how legal these really are. They are not dated. PW explained that we have received many complaints regarding the A-boards around the village and therefore passed the matter onto CDC who reported onto NYCC who eventually affixed the signs onto the A-Boards. Prior to this we did write to everyone asking if they could remove the signs for some part of the week.

6.4 Playground update:

PW told the meeting that the drainage in the playground has been completed a few weeks ago now. Currently they are still closed but a few new items have been installed and we understand that one area has had turf put down over this weekend. The Playground group have raised all the money and the Parish Council put in a contribution.

JT told the meeting that our contractor had raised concerns with her regarding the quality of the soil which had been put down before the turf and also the lack of water.

PW confirmed that he has spoken to the contractor today and arrangements are in place by a group of people to water this area regularly.

We have a Certificate of Acceptance which needs to be signed by the Parish Council to take over the responsibility for the equipment.

PW asked if the Parish Council would like to think about making a further contribution towards the Playground.

6.5 New Website now live:

PW told the meeting that thanks to MB our new Website is now live.

6.6 Extra Litter Bin/Dog Bin-Priest Holme Bridge:

PW proposed a new litter bin to be placed near Priest Holme Bridge so that people could throw their dog bags or rubbish into this when either leaving the canal or just before they go through the gate onto the canal bank. All in favour.

Clerk to place the order with CDC.

7. To consider the planning applications and decisions:

See attached List.

8. Financial Matters:

8.1 To approve the accounts for payment.

INCOME

Precept	£22,000.00
VAT repayment	2,725.13
Wayleave	20.00

EXPENDITURE

M Banks Laptop	£352.97
Village Hall Rent	152.00
Wage 1	528.57
Wage 2	499.58
Wage 3	32.00
Yorkshire Water	350.56
Shorrock Trichem	38.92
Proludic	38717.31
RWS Drainage	5400.00
I & I repay P Ward	7.18
Came & Co Insurance	1568.93
S Claxton	314.00

To consider:

Community a/c £72,542.88

SBS a/c £22,738.19

DE proposed the accounts, seconded by PW, all in favour and approved.

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

See attached list.

1 To express concern from the Parish Council.

3. Advise CDC to proceed with Keep Clear sign and advise resident.

5. Letter to Stonewater and NYCC to qualify.

9. War Memorial information and grant application form passed to AR to source quotes for the repairs.

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 12 June 2017**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.30pm.