

GARGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting
held Monday 13 November 2017

Councillors: Peter Ward, Janet Turner, Janet Sugden, David Syms, Derrick Evans, Martin Banks, Brian Atkinson, Cnty Cllr Gillian Quinn, Clerk-Kath Ashby and several parishioners.

1. To receive apologies for absence: Cllr Alan Robinson, District Cllr Simon Myers.

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 9 October 2017 were accepted as a true record. Proposed by DE and seconded by JT. All in favour and accepted unanimously.

4.1 Matters Arising:

4.1a) The subject of speeding is actually an agenda item this evening.

4.1 paragraph 5, regarding the Woodland Walk, PW told the meeting that this was something we needed to include in the grounds maintenance contract. We can also discuss whether we should consider a lines man for some of these jobs.

Page 1, paragraph 6, the fencing has now been erected on Middle Green so we now need to think about putting in some willow and blackthorn. PW will contact the contractor.

6.2 Public Participation, PW told the meeting that the street light No 26 has now been repaired. We also need to speak to our electrical contractor regarding changing any lights he now repairs, to LED.

On the matter of dog fouling, we have received a proof of signs back from the Printers of the signs we wish to fasten onto gates leading to the canal banking. We have this week gone back to them asking for some of the wording to be made more prominent. We have also written to the Canal and River Trust who have given their permission for these signs to be erected. They have however asked for our name to be clearly marked on these so as not to confuse members of the public/boaters who could ring them asking about the sign information.

Page 5, first paragraph, the Village Hall Chairman advised the meeting last month about the removal of some of the trees in the car park and we have received confirmation from CDC to this effect.

Second paragraph, regarding the state of the Summer Seat and Gormless and Notice boards, JT confirmed she has cleaned the Summer Seat and Telephone Box. PW said this was something which needed further discussion and should be brought to the Budget meeting. The Clerk is at the moment getting quotes for replacement Notice Boards and an application for funding from the Community Grant Fund towards these has been completed and forwarded to District Cllr Myers for his attention.

Fourth paragraph, the matter of the “Keep Clear” road marking, we have further emails in our correspondence this evening. PW told the meeting that he made a decision at the time after speaking with NYCC which he felt was in the best interest of the village to allow the resident to be able to access his own drive at all times. The resident also agreed with NYCC to pay for this work himself.

JT asked for the following to be included in the minutes this evening relating to the above. This type of road marking is not enforceable and it only acts as a request.

5. Matters requested by councillors:

5.1. County Cllr Gillian Quinn:

Cnty Cllr Quinn informed the meeting that you can now get a daily update on the gritting programme by using something called Twitter Gritter. MB to put the link to this information onto our website.

Also on Sundays during January and February 2018 CDC are going to provide free car parking in the Coach Street and Cavendish Street car parks.

Cnty Cllr Quinn also told the meeting that she was still trying to obtain further information on the land owned by NYCC in the village where it is planned to build an Extra Care facility.

NYCC are urging landowners to cut back trees and hedges for safety. Each year NYCC Highways teams receive many calls about overgrown trees, hedges and bushes and have to pursue landowners to cut these back. Overgrown trees and hedges can also reduce visibility for drivers at junctions and can obscure street lights and road signs, all of which affects safety of the county’s roads. These issues can now be reported online at www.northyorks.gov.uk/reportit and more information about the responsibilities of landowners can be found at www.northyorks.gov.uk/verges.

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:

PCSO 5512 Lee Brittain was unable to attend tonight’s meeting but set out below is his report.

You will be glad to know that after last month’s ‘crime wave’ in Gargrave, we have only had one crime this month which was a domestic related incident. We have had 2 anti-social behaviour incidents which were:

19/10 report of door to door sellers on Skipton Road.

08/10 manner of driving complaint on the A65.

6.2 Community Speed Watch:

PW told the meeting that he had recently spoken with a member of staff from Julia Mulligan’s office at NYCC regarding where we start with the speed limit and where we stop (Details of which are set out below). We have already submitted data showing the extent of accidents on the stretch of A65 approaching and through the village.

- To start at the end of Thorlby straight, going to 50mph.
- Go to 40mph around Beckwith's Farm from the canal bridge.
- At the other end of the village, Hellifield Road 30mph from canal bridge to village.
- 40mph Canal Bridge to Anchor Logs.
- Anchor Logs to Coniston bridge 50 mph.

What they would like us to do is form a Community Speed Watch Group of volunteers to take on this task and we need to advertise for people willing to do this. This is something we need to drive through ourselves.

Several parishioners did put their names forward on the evening and it was decided to advertise in the Parish Magazine and also on the website.

The Clerk will put some wording together to go into the Parish Magazine before the end of the week.

6.3 Public Participation:

A parishioner reported that the hand dryer in the gent's toilets is not working at all and suggested this needs either repairing or replacing.

JT will arrange to take our contractor up to have a look as soon as possible.

The same parishioner reported on Swire Croft someone has dug into the grass banking and put in some flags, presumably to pull a car onto.

Clerk to enquire with NYCC regarding this matter to see if permission has been obtained for this work to be carried out.

Also the signs the Parish Council have affixed along Mark House Lane, warning people of the leaning wall were not very informative.

JS suggested that we should continue to try and find out who the wall actually belonged to before it falls down completely.

MB pointed out that the wall will only show on the Land Registry online site if it is actually registered to someone.

Another parishioner asked if the leaves along South Street could be swept and removed. PW confirmed that once all the leaves are off the trees we would request CDC to do a road sweep. We will also ask if we could have at least 3 days' notice and put bollards along the road so that cars can be moved to allow the sweeper to clear the whole area.

DS asked if we could record in this evening's minutes a request to arrange for the Ford in the River Aire to be listed. Clerk to make enquiries of how we go about this. MB asked the question, would this then become an asset for the village and recorded accordingly?

6.4 Budget Items:

As our meeting is fast approaching, suggestions were put forward to compile a list of items to be discussed on Monday 27 November 2017.

6.5 Emergency Plan:

PW and the Clerk met at the CDC offices for a meeting recently to gain more information on producing an Emergency Plan for the village. We were provided with a lot of information including flood maps and an A0 size is also being prepared for us. We now have an up to date template to work with provided by NYCC and we will soon be asking for volunteers to become involved and for their contact details to be included in the plan.

6.6 Boxing Day Hunt:

We have again been approached by the Pendle Forest and Craven Hunt for permission to meet for the Boxing Day Hunt on Middle Green, as in the past. Permission has been granted and we have today received their donation.

6.7 Toilets – Lease/Freehold:

PW told the meeting that CDC have requested they wish us to put the toilets onto a proper lease. JT explained a little about the history of how the Parish Council came to take over the toilets and how in 2010 it was decided rather than a lease, an agreement would be preferred and this was drawn up by their then legal team at CDC.

We have contacted Cllr Simon Myers for his advice. He advised that CDC have recently transferred the freehold on those in Crosshills to the Parish Council.

MB told the meeting he felt the toilets were an asset to the village and we should keep these open.

PW asked for comments to be forwarded to the Clerk and we will go back to Cllr Myers for his advice on this matter first of all.

7. To consider the planning applications and decisions:

See attached list.

8. Financial Matters:

8.1 To approve the accounts for payment.

INCOME

HMRC VAT	1280.92
Hunt Donation	60.00
Honesty Box	52.42
Playground Grant	7405.00

EXPENDITURE

Village Hall Rent	152.00
Wage 1	517.66
Wage 2	499.58
Wage 3 Holiday Cover	119.98

1 & 1 Internet	
October	1.19
November	1.19

Yorkshire Water- June-Oct	403.71
CDC Playground trade waste	159.84
Andrew Pilkington Hedge work	60.00
Ellesmere Press - Neigh Plan	112.50

Craven Stationery	86.15
JC Cowgill	1529.17
Craven Energies	1733.27
Scott Janitorial Supplies	76.90
PAYE	366.89

SBS A/c £22,819.64
 Nat West £32,851.95
 Barclays £32,085.41

DE proposed the accounts for payment, PW seconded. All in favour and accepted.

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

See attached list.

3. Send the information onto the Playground Association relating to the funding opportunity.

12. There is no requirement for low cost housing within that development and therefore no contribution will be available.

13. Sam Hutchinson will attend our December meeting to explain a little more about the Community Mapping Scheme.

16. Posters to be displayed on the Wheels2Work Scheme.

20. Response to be sent to CDC.

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 11 December 2017**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.15pm.