

GARGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting
held Monday 11 December 2017

Councillors: Peter Ward(PW), Janet Turner(JT), David Syms(DS), Brian Atkinson(BA), Martin Banks(MB), Alan Robinson(AR), Clerk – Kath Ashby and several parishioners.

1. To receive apologies for absence: County Cllr Gillian Quinn, District Cllr Simon Myers, Cllr Janet Sugden and Cllr Derrick Evans.

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 November 2017 were accepted as a true record. Proposed by JT and seconded by MB. All in favour and accepted unanimously.

4.1 Matters Arising:

4.1 paragraph 5, the Woodland Walk was discussed last month and it was agreed to keep the cut monthly from the path down near the river and back up by the rear fence to the sewage works gate.

Page 1, paragraph 6, as the fencing has now been erected on the middle green, the willow whips and blackthorn will go in this week.

On the matter of dog fouling the signs are now ready for collection.

Within 6.3 Public Participation, first paragraph, PW asked JT if the hand dryer in the gents had been repaired. JT advised that the contractor has not yet been to look at this, so the matter is still pending.

Paragraph 2, PW told the meeting that the stone flags cut into the grass verge along Swire Croft have been reported to NYCC but we have not heard anything further.

Paragraph 3, regarding the leaning wall, MB told the meeting that he has found some details but one property in the area does not appear to be on the Land Registry online site. PW and MB agreed to meet to investigate the matter further.

Fourth paragraph, the Clerk confirmed that a request has been placed with CDC to do a street sweep of leaves and mud throughout the village.

Fifth paragraph, the Clerk gave an update to DS on the progress of trying to get the ford listed. Initial enquiries have been made with Historic England and the next step is to set up an account with them.

PW confirmed that all the gullies throughout the A65 in the village have recently been cleared. Also all the rattling manholes have been repaired and the holes have been filled in.

5. Matters requested by councillors:

5.1. County Cllr Gillian Quinn: apologies received for this evening.

5.2 District Cllr Simon Myers: apologies received for this evening.

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

6.1. Police Report: We have not received a report to date.

6.2 Sam Hutchinson – Community Mapping NY Police: Sam Hutchinson explained to the meeting what the aims of the project hopes to achieve. There are in fact two parts to this project.

He did stress however he was unable formally to pass on any concerns or complaints as this does not fall in the remit of his project but would do his best to pass on some of our concerns. He did however say he would contact the relevant departments and try and pass on the matters raised this evening.

Sam intends to visit as many towns and villages, parishes as possible. He is starting the fieldwork part of the project in the Craven district and would like to find out more about Gargrave.

JT passed over our parish magazine which lists a lot of the groups and the Village Hall Chairman was able to give useful information about all the activities which take place in the hall, most on a regular basis.

Once all this information is gained about what goes on in the village and the facilities, shops and groups the village provides, this will be loaded onto a database of useful local contacts for the Police and Commissioners' office to hold. A Fact File for them of the area.

PW informed Sam that the Parish Council are in the early stages of creating an Emergency Plan and the Clerk explained how this will be achieved and how she has already gathered a lot of information together to input onto the template provided by NYCC.

On the Crime and Policing issues, PW explained how we already use the automated speed signs purchased through NYCC but we are now trying to get Julia Mulligan interested in changing the speed limit. We are trying to obtain the support of the Police on the speeding issues.

PW will get back to Sam Hutchinson with the name of the contact he has already spoken to at the Police and Crime Commissioner's office.

6.3 Office – Christmas Closing: The office will be closed from Friday 22 December and re - open Thursday 4 January 2018.

6.4 Public Participation:

One parishioner wished to say that the new Christmas Lights looked well and he felt they were a lovely addition to the village.

6.5 Neighbourhood Plan/Local Plan updates:

JT explained to the meeting that the Parish Council need the agreement of all that the most recent copy of the Neighbourhood Plan is accepted and then it can go back to CDC as the final copy.

County Cllr Alan Sutcliffe and District Cllr Simon Myers have advised that the Local Plan is moving forward. It is expected that at the meeting which is to be held on Tuesday 19 December at CDC offices, the Local Plan will be accepted and move on to the Inspector. JT told the meeting there was now a copy of the Local Plan in the office if anyone wishes to peruse it.

There are just a few amendments which have been found which we will advise CDC on. It was agreed to hold another meeting early in the New Year to discuss certain design issues which have been put forward for planned housing by the canal and JT said it would be useful if both the Parish Council and the Neighbourhood Planning Group could attend to discuss and put forward any suggestions. The Clerk will check availability and book a room accordingly.

JT also pointed out that all comments people wish to make must come through the Clerk prior to being forwarded on to our Consultants. This applies to both Parish Councillors and the Neighbourhood Planning Group.

7. To consider the planning applications and decisions:

See attached List.

8. Financial Matters:

8.1 To approve the accounts for payment.

INCOME

Toilet Honesty Box	143.40
CDC Refund – Trade Waste	31.97
Groundwork UK Extra Consultant Work	1050.00

EXPENDITURE

Salaries	1220.56
Salaries	499.38
Martin Banks -2 Filing Cabinets	312.00
Kirkwells	1260.00
JC Cowgill Bin removal	54.00
JC Cowgill Chew Lane Beck	1200.00
1 & 1 Internet Ltd	1.19
Tony Blackwell Toilet work	69.00
Craven Energies Ltd (Late Nov payment)	134.75
CDC Dog Waste Bin	303.60
Janet Turner Xmas cards and Trimmings	28.99
Signs & Designs Ltd	480.00

NatWest Current Account	£27,780.71
Skipton Building Society	£22,819.64
Barclays	£32,085.41

DS proposed the accounts for payment, AR seconded, all in favour and accepted.

DS raised the matter of the three dead trees which are along Chew Lane. PW suggested that as the work has already been completed, we leave these for now and has advised our contractor accordingly.

MB asked if there was any reason why we could not close the Barclays account. JT asked if we could wait until JS returned and then they will arrange to go into the bank to do this.

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

See attached list:-

2. Pass information onto Playground Association and Village Hall.
3. Respond to NYCC.
6. Display posters.
7. To respond to all emails.
9. Make enquiries who is down as main lead for Community Speed Watch.
10. Give permission to resident to remove hawthorn tree on Low Green.

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 8 January 2018**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.50pm.