

.GARGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting
held Monday 8 January 2018

Councillors: Peter Ward, Janet Turner, David Syms, Janet Sugden, Martin Banks, Alan Robinson, Bryony Lebeter, Clerk – Kath Ashby and several parishioners.

1. To receive apologies for absence: 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 11 December 2017 were accepted as a true record. Proposed by DE and seconded by DS. All in favour and accepted unanimously.

4.1 Matters Arising:

JT has now met with the electrician who did not think he would be able to repair the dryer. There is of course water and soap but at the moment no hand drying facility.

JS suggested that we get in touch with the firm who looked at it before. It was agreed to get a quote for them to repair and weigh up the options.

The Clerk to contact the firm and request a call out for a quote.

PW confirmed that no further progress had been made to date on finding the owner of the leaning wall along Mark House Lane. Nothing is listed in the Land Registry records.

We did request a street clean but not sure if this has happened. DE advised that certainly nothing had been done up Neville Road area.

District Cllr Simon Myers told the meeting that he would make sure that this happened.

5. Matters requested by councillors:

5.1. County Cllr Gillian Quinn: told the meeting that she had nothing much to report this time as we have had the Christmas break but passed over a leaflet advising that NYCC Yorwaste are installing recycling banks at household waste recycling centres, where you can dispose of your old electrical equipment safely. These containers will be clearly signed to show that they can accept small items such as laptops, tablets, games consoles, mobile phones, digital TV boxes.

County Cllr Gillian Quinn added that she still has some funds available to her which may help towards a new hand dryer for the Gents toilets. The Clerk to email for details once a quote has been obtained.

5.2 District Cllr Simon Myers: told the meeting that the Local Plan has now been passed and is in a six week consultation period and then it will go to the Secretary of State.

We do think that it will have some weight which will mean your Neighbourhood Plan will too. David Smurthwaite has promised that ours will go through soon.

The other exciting news in this year's major roadwork's document from Central Government is the A65 is in there and if you are in that, when it comes to it, there is £100 million for bypass schemes. NYCC will have to support us with this. Bearing in mind there are 18,000 vehicles pass through the village each day, this is the first time in thirty years to actually raise the possibility of the bypass. The A65 is now on a potential list that they would pay for this.

Let's keep this to the forefront as the road we have now is no longer fit for purpose. It was first mentioned in 1926 and described as urgent in 1980.

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

6.1 Police Report:

We apparently have a new PCSO based at Grassington Station, her name is Emily Hewitson. These are the figures she has provided for us.

01/01/2016 – 01/01/2017

285 REPORTS IN TOTAL

53 Crimes reported

- **7 VIOLENCE**
- **8 THEFT**
- **14 CRIMINAL DAMAGE**
- **13 BURGLARYS**
- **11 AUTO CRIMES**

GARGRAVE 01/01/2017 – Present

294 REPORTS IN TOTAL

47 Crimes reported; a slight reduction in crime

- **13 VIOLENCE**
- **9 THEFT**
- **7 CRIMINAL DAMAGE**
- **5 BURGLARIES**

➤ 13 AUTO CRIMES

Emily Hewitson

**Collar Number: 3761 PCSO
North Yorkshire Police**

6.2 Neighbourhood Plan Update: JT told the meeting that a meeting was held on 4 January 2018 because as you have just heard from District Cllr Simon Myers the Local Plan is going forward. We were hoping our Neighbourhood Plan would get passed before that as it has been ready for almost a year. CDC are holding back so we will go through together or maybe ours will be a month or so behind theirs.

David Feeney agreed to carry on working on the SEA/HRA over the Christmas holidays and so our Clerk contacted him for an update. JT read out the relevant paragraph:-

As discussed with Peter, yes I have been working on the SEA/HRA report over the Christmas break and I will have this work completed and sent to Natural England by the end of this month. I will notify you when the document has been sent to them, and I also will be in contact with Natural England shortly after that to get an idea of progress regarding their analysis of the document.

Ruth and I look forward to receiving the updated Neighbourhood Plan once some minor changes are made that Peter referred to.

Best regards, David

JT went onto say that we are taking this opportunity, as we were told by our Consultants, that with the Neighbourhood Plan, not just to concentrate on housing numbers but also to think about what the village will look like and the type of buildings and material used. We have actually managed to put some extra wording into the Neighbourhood Plan to keep the feeling of the village. Thursday's meeting pulled together all that information and to make the Neighbourhood Plan look a little bit more professional.

6.3 Public Participation:

One parishioner wished to complain about the amount of dog fouling around the village and on the greens. This can be found in the leaves on the footpaths and is especially bad on the footpath from North Street, up to Meadow Croft.

The problem she felt was getting worse and asked what could be done about it.

PW explained that we have had some signs made and these are now ready to collect. These will be affixed in hotspots around the village and we have gained permission from the Canal and River Trust to fasten to gates leading to the canal banks. We will then see how it goes.

JT told the meeting that we could go down the legal process whereby we can update our own bylaws. PW confirmed the signs will be erected very soon.

Another parishioner told the meeting that a fire had been lit on Low Green, probably burning the old hawthorn tree which has been recently removed but also the resident was burning his own garden waste.

Clerk to contact the resident.

Another point he wished to raise was along Middle Green, one of the trees opposite the bungalows there, is a loose branch which could prove dangerous if it fell. Clerk to report to our contractor.

He also asked for an update on the proposed Community Speed Watch.

The Clerk advised that she had several names on the list now but when she contacted the Police requesting further information on training and equipment needed to set up in the village, they would not provide this information.

They advised they already had a main contact who they were dealing with but unfortunately the Parish Council do not know who this is. Further enquiries are to be made as soon as possible.

JT is to advertise in the Parish Magazine for more volunteers and it is already on our website.

The first parishioner asked if she could just add one more concern which is the speeding problem through the village. PW explained that we have been trying for a very long time to get NYCC Highways to listen to our requests to reduce the speed limit.

We will go back to the Crime Commissioner once again. County Cllr Gillian Quinn suggested going through the complaints procedure at NYCC and will send through the necessary details to the Clerk.

6.4 Playground Completion:

PW told the meeting that the work in the Playground is now complete we understand and he will go down to do a final inspection and check off the equipment against the final invoice we have recently received.

Anyone wishing to go down and have a look, their comments would be welcome.

6.5 Grounds Maintenance Contract:

The contract has now been amended to include the extra work we wish him to undertake. If everyone is happy with this, we will then send out to our contractor.

6.6 Railway Station Car Park:

PW advised the meeting that NYCC have today sent through a contract to take over the car park. We can do this on a six year lease and hopefully at no cost. There is a break clause in favour of either party subject to six months' notice in writing.

7. To consider the planning applications and decisions:

See attached List.

8. Financial Matters:

8.1 To approve the accounts for payment.

INCOME

SBS Cheque from Playground Association	700.00
CDC Overpayment	31.97
Honesty Box	58.15
Honesty Box	94.78

EXPENDITURE

Village Hall	152.00
Salary 1	413.12
Salary 2	499.58
Salary 3 (Holiday cover)	174.60
PAYE	688.70
JR Turner - Toilet Cleaning Materials	9.24
JC Cowgill	478.51
Craven Stationery	75.53
Craven Energies Xmas Lights	2949.60
Craven Energies	937.75
I & I Internet	1.19

NatWest Current A/c	27,780.71
Barclays	32,085.41
SBS	22,819.64

BL proposed the accounts, seconded by DE, all in favour and accepted.

JS told the meeting she went round with the contractor to look at all the trees that need attention. He has obtained the application form from CDC to get the permission to do the tree work.

Clerk to sign off the form.

MB raised the question of late payment of salaries when the 1st of the month falls on a Bank Holiday. A general discussion took place to decide a suitable day that does not involve a bank holiday (Mondays and Fridays). The last Thursday in the month avoids these days.

A budget meeting was set for Tuesday 16 January 2018 at 7pm.

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

See attached list.

1. To respond.
2. Leave in abeyance until May 2018.
5. Cllrs Janet Turner and Janet Sugden to attend.
6. Request an update from CDC.

7. To write to resident raising concerns.
9. Final check at Playground prior to signing Certificate of Acceptance.

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 February 2018**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10pm.