

# **GARGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting  
held Monday 13 March 2017

**Councillors:** Peter Ward, Janet Turner, Janet Sugden, David Syms, Derrick Evans, Pearl Holmes, Alan Robinson, Brian Atkinson, Martin Banks, District Cllr Alan Sutcliffe, Kath Ashby-Clerk and several parishioners.

**1. To receive apologies for absence:** 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 13 February 2017 were accepted as a true record. Proposed by DE and seconded by AR. All in favour and accepted unanimously.

**4.1 Matters Arising:**

4.1a) PW told the meeting that there is still no support for an extension to the footpath at the Railway Station and asked the meeting to think about whether we could cut back the trees on the footpath side of the bridge to give people a place to stop and stand safely when traffic is passing on the road.

4.1c) A number has now been placed on the front of the Defibrillator box.

6.2 We have received a response from the new landowner down on Middle Green who is happy to come to some arrangement to make good the muddy area and has sent a map showing the boundary of his land. We will contact him accordingly.

6.5 We have a way forward with the public toilets and we are continuing to provide the facility.

DS raised the matter of the river and PW confirmed that he had spoken with Jon Grey recently regarding the tree in the river and they plan to come back to review it. Unfortunately, if the river is up, you cannot see the tree so therefore it will be better to wait for the better weather when they plan to take more of the tree out. It was discussed whether planting some willow and dogwood would be a good idea. The Environment Agency has cleared a lot of the vegetation from the river recently.

**5. Matters requested by councillors:**

**5.1. County Cllr Shelagh Marshall-** no apologies received for this evening.

**5.2 District Cllr Simon Myers-** sent his apologies.

**District Cllr Alan Sutcliffe** did however attend tonight's meeting and advised that at the end of this month we will see the end of the blue bags and all paper and cardboard will have to be placed in our blue bins. If you do not have a blue bin, ask a friendly neighbour.

The recent planning application for the proposed development of 45 dwellings off Skipton Road, adjacent to the Sports fields will not come to the planning committee until the May meeting as they are so busy.

This week it will be published in the Craven Herald the cost to date of the Local Plan which is £1,122,000.00, all funded by the council tax payments. His expectation is that it will cost another £150,000 on top of this figure to complete.

Cllr Sutcliffe told the meeting that he had brought with him this evening Jill Quinn to introduce her as the new candidate hoping to replace County Cllr Shelagh Marshall, who will be a difficult lady to follow.

Jill Quinn introduced herself to the meeting and gave a little background information. She told the Parish Council that if successful at election she will attend every Parish Council meeting and feels that it is really important to get involved in community things. She plans to be knocking on a lot of doors, handing out leaflets and aims to find out what people's concerns are.

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

**6.1 Police Report:** PCSO Lee Brittain attended tonight's meeting and introduced himself to the Parish Council.

He confirmed that there had been 3 reports of anti-social behaviour, 2 crimes, concerns for safety and a road related incident.

A lady had received a letter from China advising that as her husband had died she was entitled to millions of pounds, but her husband is still alive.

Two youths started a fire in a skip in the School grounds, on the 5 March 2017. Two officers attended the event, both youths were given strong words of advice in front of their parents. Secondly a report of a drone up Marton Road was causing concern and possible spying into a conservatory window. An officer attended, located the suspect and has now looked into the rules around drones which are not to fly above 400feet and not to come within 50ft of a building or structure.

Next, some anti-social behaviour concerning a post on Facebook.

A more serious offence was committed down Airedale Avenue where a van was broken into and tools stolen. The offenders apparently had a master key. No CCTV unfortunately and the tools were valued around £600.00.

One incident was de-crimes which took place at St Andrew's Church where a man had stolen from the collection box. The CCTV shows the man in church going to the table only. It is unclear how much was in the box and therefore we cannot prove a crime has taken place.

Concerns for safety incident was three youths reported as sitting on the railway lines by the bridge up Marton Road. An officer attended but could not find them.

The road related incident was basically road rage.

PSCO Lee Brittain then excused himself from the meeting but advised that if he is not able to attend, he will make sure a report is sent through each month to be circulated.

## **6.2 Public Participation:**

DE told the meeting that he has recently spoken to a resident at Goffa Mill regarding cleaning the pipe out to clear the access water off his driveway and asked if he can take out that pipe and build a step and stone it up.

PW asked that the gentleman write in to the Parish Council asking permission and making clear what he plans to do.

A parishioner told the meeting that he had been speaking to residents at the end of River Place, bottom end near the stepping stones and had a question to raise.

In front of the cottages, where they park their cars, a large puddle has formed and there is nowhere for the water to go. Is this something that the Parish Council could help with?

PW confirmed that the land in question is their own property and therefore it is up to the residents to make good their own areas.

A lady parishioner asked if she could thank the Parish Council for all their help and support relating to her concerns over a recent proposed planning application near her home.

**6.3 Neighbourhood Plan update:** JT told the meeting that in view of the recent planning application received for 45 dwellings on land adjacent to the Sports Fields, which is not included in our Neighbourhood Plan it made sense to bring our Consultants on board. They will now prepare a planning objection response on behalf of the Parish Council and the Neighbourhood Planning group.

The advice given by CDC to remove the Saw Mill site and part of the plot of land on Marton Road has been done. The upshot is that we now have the amended version of the Neighbourhood Plan with all the amended up to date information included.

Therefore here is the final Neighbourhood Plan and we need our Parish Council to agree and approve this tonight so that we can re-submit this to CDC by the end of this week. All in favour and approved.

**6.4 War Memorial update – site visit:** The Clerk advised the meeting that the application for possible funding to repair our War Memorial has been received by the Trust and they have now suggested several dates for a site meeting with someone from the Parish Council to have a closer look at the damage. AR said he was quite happy to ring them and arrange to meet at a mutually convenient time.

**6.5 Railway Car Park:** PW pointed out that we did not have a sign up at the car park stating clearly that parking should not exceed 24 hours a day. We do already have a similar sign across the road at the Village Hall.

lighting. JT pointed out that they will maintain the car park going forward but we do not own it because if we did it would pull us into business rates.

All in favour to erect a sign on the street light pole. Clerk to obtain quotes for a sign.

**6.6 Recreational Facilities Consultation:** PW read out to the meeting the email received from Bruce Dinsmore which has been sent to all groups within the village connected to sports of any kind.

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

See attached List.

With regard to the recent planning application for a development of 45 dwellings on land off Skipton Road, adjacent to the Sports Fields, PW asked the meeting for their thoughts on the comments made in the letter from the Coulthurst Trust regarding possible access to this site. The question is, to either share the access from the Cricket and Football field or to put in a roundabout?

CLlr Alan Sutcliffe suggested a site meeting and also said he would contact Highways as nothing has been decided yet.

PW told the meeting that if a roundabout was to be put in, it would slow traffic down into the village.

A parishioner advised that he understands Systagenix have already been approached and that they are very happy with the idea of a roundabout.

Claire Bradley, from our Consultants, Kirkwells, is currently preparing an objection to this planning application on behalf of the Parish Council which will be submitted to CDC before the end of this month.

A list of key points will be forwarded through to the Clerk which can then be distributed around the village to assist people in making their comments.

## **8. Financial Matters:**

8.1 To approve the accounts for payment.

### **INCOME**

VAT	£1,799.85
Playground Monies	34,825.00
Toilet Honesty Boxes	179.13

## EXPENDITURE

Room Rent	£304.00
Staff Wage	410.21
Staff Wage	419.40
Staff Wage	32.00
CDC Return of unused grant	30.00
Village Hall Room Hire	25.00
Rural Action Membership	35.00
S Claxton Defibrillator installation	120.00
Craven Energies	759.36
S Claxton	832.28

Community Account	£36,803.98
SBS Account	£22,738.19

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

JT told the meeting that last month she forwarded an article on Law and Governance which confirms that finally we can do online banking. If we can agree as a Parish Council that we wish to move forward with this.

We should also review whether we wish to change from our existing bankers. A discussion took place with suggestions for an alternative Bank and it was agreed that the two RFO's would look at different options and report back.

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

See attached List.

2. PW read out the letter sent to James Malcolm NYCC on speeding concerns, we are still awaiting his response.

6. PW to arrange a site meeting with the new owner on Middle Green.

## **7. NORTH YORKSHIRE POLICE PROPERTY FUND CASH AVAILABLE FOR COMMUNITY PROJECTS**

North Yorkshire Police is calling on local community and voluntary groups to apply for funding for initiatives which benefit the region and its residents, particularly those which could have a positive impact on reducing crime and disorder.

Monies from the North Yorkshire Police Property Fund are generated from the auction of property which has either been seized or confiscated as part of criminal investigations and which, despite its best efforts, the Force has been unable to return to its rightful owners.

Previous successful project applications include conservation experiences for young people, the provision of multi-cultural pre-school learning resources and riding experiences for the disabled.

North Yorkshire Police chief constable, Dave Jones, said: “The auction of this property and the resulting monies raised, offers us the opportunity to give those organisations that carry out worthwhile work in our region that little bit of extra support to run initiatives which benefit our whole community. I welcome applications from our valued community groups and look forward to seeing the positive differences the Fund can make to our region and its residents.”

Julia Mulligan, police and crime commissioner for North Yorkshire, added: “It is often local people with good ideas who can make the biggest difference in their community, so if you know of a good project that needs a boost, or have an idea yourself, make sure you make the most of the Police Property Fund.”

Applications for this round of funding, the first of two planned for 2017, closes on 30<sup>th</sup> April. Full details and eligibility criteria can be found at [www.northyorkshire.police.uk/grant](http://www.northyorkshire.police.uk/grant)

11. Details passed to AR to make contact with the War Memorial Trust to arrange a site visit.

JT told the meeting that last month we discussed closing the public toilets when the cleaner took annual leave. JT is happy to report that she has found a couple who will be happy to cover and would appreciate the work, thereby keeping the toilets open. All in favour for JT to confirm this to them.

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 10 April 2017**

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