

# **GARGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting  
held Monday 9 January 2017

Councillors: Peter Ward, Janet Turner, David Syms, Martin Banks, Derrick Evans, Pearl Holmes, Alan Robinson, Cnty Cllr Shelagh Marshall, Clerk – Kath Ashby and several parishioners.

**1. To receive apologies for absence:** Cllr Janet Sugden, Cllr Brian Atkinson and 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 12 December 2016 were accepted as a true record. Proposed by DE and seconded by DS. All in favour and accepted unanimously.

**4.1 Matters Arising:**

4.1a) PW told the meeting that following a request to NYCC for suggestions to improve the access to Gargrave Railway Station, they have responded to the effect that no funding is available in the area at the present time, all money is being spent on maintenance. Therefore he asked if all could think about what the Parish Council could do and DS suggested a site meeting be arrange to discuss how we can improve the access.

4.1c) PW explained that unfortunately the Defibrillator has still not been installed but he understands that this is now going to be fitted on Thursday 12 January 2017. After which hopefully this will be up and running for the village.

6.5 With regard to the proposed work at Goffa Mill, we have received an email thanking the Parish Council for their generous contribution towards the cost of these works.

6.3 JT asked if the subject of Christmas Lights could be placed on the August Agenda to sort out new lights. JS had mentioned last month that in September there is usually a sale on.

6.4 PW updated the meeting that he has spoken with Jon Grey recently and he just needs to send some photographs through.

8.1 JT advised the meeting that within this section, the cheque to Craven Energies for £4327.65 has been cancelled and amendments now made.

**5. Matters requested by councillors:**

**5.1. County Cllr Shelagh Marshall:**

City Cllr Marshall advised the meeting as follows:-

Each local Authority is restricted to limiting the council tax rise to 2% each year, In the Government's Autumn statement it is offering councils the flexibility to increase their C.T. by an additional 3% in 2017/18 and 2018/19, but in the third year no increase except the current limit of 2%. This increase must be used to spend on the Care Services.

The County Council has set up a flood relief unit. [Kathy.Stevenson@northyorkshire.gov.uk](mailto:Kathy.Stevenson@northyorkshire.gov.uk) is the flood Risk Management project engineer. The Environment Agency is responsible for flooding relating to named and designated rivers. County the rest.

There is an excellent publication called 'Living on the Edge' which sets out the responsibilities of riparian owners.

The County Council has a programme called 'Stronger Communities and if the PC was thinking about setting up a group to help other villagers e.g. A Good Neighbours Scheme, a befriending scheme or a volunteer car scheme, there are grants available.

Marion Tweed-Rycroft is the officer to connect at the usual North Yorks. Email address.

**5.2 District Cllr Simon Myers:** Cllr Simon Myers sent his apologies for this evening but emailed to advise that there is to be a Budget Briefing at the end of the month, so he will have a better idea but at the moment it looks like they will have to make further substantial savings or generate additional income, or probably both.

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

**6.1. Police Report:** No report received this month.

### **6.2 Budget ratification for Precept Request:**

PW confirmed that there has been a budget meeting this evening, it was agreed to stay with the existing precept.

### **6.3 GMPWG Chairman's Report:**

As anticipated, there has been minimal progress with the neighbourhood plan (NP) over the last two months. As I mentioned in November, we are awaiting completion of the Strategic Environmental Assessment before the NP can be submitted for 6 weeks public consultation.

Other issues to be dealt with are the Sawmill site (in flood zone 3 and objected to by the Environment Agency) and the southern 0.3 hectares of the Marton Road site (Natural England concerned about its proximity to The Pennine Way)

Fortunately, we have a meeting with CDC planners tomorrow morning and we expect to agree to omit the above two sites from the NP thus allowing timely progress of the plan once the SEA is completed in February.

I have been informed by the agent dealing with the site adjacent to the cricket field that he intends to apply for planning permission in late January to build 45 houses. This site was previously discounted for both the Neighbourhood and Local Plans because it is currently in

Flood Zone 3. Apparently, recent flood surveys commissioned by the owner have indicated that the land should be re categorised as being in Flood Zone 1.

We await developments with interest.

#### **6.4 Public Participation:**

A parishioner advised of a street light out along the little footpath from Meadow Croft, it was thought this was either No 93 or 94. Clerk to report onto our Electrical contractor.

DE advised the meeting that nothing had been done about the closed footpath over the Christmas period but he would now be chasing this matter up.

#### **6.5 Update on Dog Fouling and Goit issue:**

PW read out the email confirmation from Graham Tarn who advises he has passed our concerns regarding dog fouling onto Wayne Gray in the Cleaner Neighbourhoods Team to deal with the problem. In relation to the Goit issue he will revisit early in the New Year and advise accordingly.

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

**Appl. No. 30/2016/17586** – This application was discussed in detail and comments agreed to send onto CDC with an email request to Cllr Alan Sutcliffe to call-in this application. A couple of parishioners attended the meeting who are objecting to the proposed development and confirmed they are both willing to speak up when required.

Clerk to email Cllr Sutcliffe to request the application be called-in.

### **8. Financial Matters:**

8.1 To approve the accounts for payment.

#### **INCOME**

Toilet Honesty Boxes	163.42
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#### **EXPENDITURE**

Village Hall Rent	152.00
Staff Wage	551.00
Staff Wage	419.40
Staff Wage	40.00
Staff Wage (Holiday Cover)	132.25
PAYE	355.52
S Claxton	6541.19
Craven Energies	4347.65
Whitelocks Plant Hire	840.00
JC Cowgill	61.92
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JC Cowgill	72.00
JC Cowgill	240.00

SBS A/c	22,738.19
Barclays Comm A/c	36,592.95

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

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

See attached list.

1. Information passed to JT.
9. Complaint read out to the meeting and the response.
11. Enquiry made for one sign to be fitted at a time and if this would incur further costs.
15. Letter of support to be sent to Craven Lawn Tennis Club.
18. The Parish Council approved the new trustee of Gargrave's Poor Lands Charity.
  
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 13 February 2016

The meeting closed at 9.20pm.