

# GARGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting  
held Monday 12 February 2018

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

1. **To receive apologies for absence:** County Cllr Gill Quinn, 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 8 January 2018 were accepted as a true record. Proposed by DE and seconded by DS. All in favour and accepted unanimously.

**4.1 Matters Arising:**

JT confirmed the electrician was meeting with her at the Gents toilets tomorrow to investigate the problem with the hand dryer.

PW told the meeting that work has started on erecting the signs around the village. He has managed to speak with the Dog Warden who advised they are unable to act on a photograph but a letter can be sent out if details are obtained. Apparently there is a lady with three dogs who refuses to pick up. If we can provide a photograph of the person and send through to the Dog Warden she will send them a letter.

The loose branch on Middle Green has now blown off during the high winds recently.

Details on the Community Speed Watch will be discussed later in the meeting within correspondence.

**5. Matters requested by councillors:**

**5.1. County Cllr Gillian Quinn:** apologies received for this evening by email, advising she can chase up the matter of slowing down the traffic if there is going to be a delay in receiving a response.

**5.2 District Cllr Simon Myers:** apologies received for this evening but emailed through to advise he has passed the by-pass papers onto David Smurthwaite and raised the matter with Julian Smith MP who will lobby on our behalf. He wouldn't want to get peoples hopes up but at least it has returned to the realms of the possible.

Council Tax will be increased by the minimum of £5 per month although this is likely to be dwarfed by the Police and North Yorkshire's increase.

No news on the land adjacent to the Cricket Field but he will be keeping a close eye on it.

He has also been trying to get some more road sweeping done and get some of the verges outside the village, litter picked. They are a disgrace, not least opposite the Anchor which is largely down to their ever present skip. A joint letter suggesting that we pride ourselves on the appearance of our village for both residents and visitors, they might like to contribute by helping to keep that area free from rubbish.

Nothing else pressing but he is trying to push for some more of a lead from CDC on Environmental Issues, both at a household level but with increased responsibility being placed on businesses, retailers, builders and the like. He will advise in due course what comes of it.

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

### **6.1 Police Report:**

Crime figures for the past month **(01/01/2018 – 08/02/2018)**

Gargrave has had a total of 4 Crimes reported:

03.01.18 – Stolen motor vehicle (Church Street, during the evening)

05.02.2018 – Criminal damage (Vehicle, MARTON RD)

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These last three accounts of criminal damage all related to the same incident, however refer to separate vehicles.

Other reports during this time period include accounts of: road related offences and lost/found property.

Most vehicle crime is preventable, it can take only ten seconds for a thief to steal something from a car or make damage to it. The best way to prevent it is to lock the car doors and not leave any valuables on display or in the boot of the car.

- Close the sunroof
- Cover the boot
- Remove everything from the car, even coats and jackets
- Think about the location you park in, good lighting, CCTV, busy area
- Always take keys out of ignition
- Keep windows up when not inside vehicle

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

**6.2 Heritage Group-Additional Names on War Memorial** – The group will not now attend this evening as they are still gathering their information together.

**6.3 Public Participation:**

The Chairman of the Library told the meeting that they wished to have some more Walk Leaflets printed and asked the Parish Council for their permission.

All were in favour for these to be printed.

A parishioner asked the Parish Council how to go about organising a litter pick around the village. PW explained that we usually undertake this task at the start of the season around Easter time. It was agreed to do this on Saturday 17 March at 10am.

JT confirmed that purple bags will be provided along with litter pickers. The full bags can then be left by the main bins by the summer seat so that these can be collected and taken away when the bins are emptied.

The same parishioner advised the meeting that the Angling club plan to do a river clean to remove litter from the water.

It was agreed to write to the Premier Inn and ask them to clean up their area and cover their skip with a net to stop litter blowing across the road.

Another parishioner reported the top of one of the seats in the plantation has come loose and needs attention. Clerk to make a note to report onto the contractor.

PW told the meeting of the locations planned for affixing the dog fouling signs around the village.

The river banking down Airebank Terrace was raised and PW advised that he was hoping our contact was going to drop the large tree and tie in place but this cannot be done until the weather improves. We will contact him for an update.

DE raised the problem of the gullies and manholes which are sinking again and need attention.

The Clerk will report through the Parish Portal to NYCC this week.

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

See attached List.

**8. Financial Matters:**

8.1 To approve the accounts for payment.

**INCOME**

Yorventure Grant for Playground	£24,291.00
Honesty Box	93.74

## EXPENDITURE

Salaries	512.77
Salaries	680.73
Village Hall Rent	152.00
1 & 1 Internet	5.98
Shorrock Trichem	40.09
Ingham Cleaning Services	225.00
Yorkshire Water	319.40
JR Turner – 1 <sup>st</sup> Class Stamps	7.80
Proludic Ltd	46,567.20

Nat West	£41,292.06
Barclays	£32,085.41
SBS	£7,819.64

Agreed to make the Proludic payment made up of £15,000 from the SBS account 12.02.18 and £31,567.20 to be withdrawn from NatWest account on 13.02.18  
DE proposed the accounts, seconded by BL, all in favour and accepted.

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

See attached list.

1. Send note to Yorkshire Dales National Park.
2. Review the wall in May 2018.
3. Information passed round.
6. Training for Community Speed Watch planned for Tuesday 6 March at 10.30am.
7. Response to be sent to Julia Mulligan on speeding issues.
8. Reply to be sent to NYCC regarding business rates at Station Car Park.
11. Awaiting paperwork back from District Cllr Myers.
12. Response to be sent to Area 5 re: the flooding issue at Ray Bridge Lane raised by local resident.
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 March 2018**

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

