

GARGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting
held Monday 12 March 2018

Present: Councillors: Peter Ward, Janet Turner, Janet Sugden, David Syms, Brian Atkinson, Bryony Lebeter, Martin Banks, County Cllr Gillian Quinn, District Cllr Simon Myers, Clerk-Kath Ashby and several parishioners.

To receive apologies for absence: Cllrs Derrick Evans, Alan Robinson.

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 February 2018 were accepted as a true record. Proposed by DS and seconded by MB. All in favour and accepted unanimously.

4.1 Matters Arising:

PW advised the meeting that he has now erected the dog signs around the village. Some have been re-enforced with plywood as one had been ripped off one of the gates. Hopefully they will now stay in place.

JT asked if a letter had been sent to the Anchor Inn yet. It was confirmed that this had been sent on 26 February but no response had yet been received.

A litter pick will take place on Saturday 17 March, meeting at the summer seat where litter pickers and bags will be provided. When full, the bags can then be left back by the bins at the summer seat for collection.

5. Matters requested by councillors:

5.1. County Cllr Gillian Quinn: County Cllr Gill Quinn provided the meeting with information on the NYCC Gritting Programme which she felt would be useful for the village. She also asked the meeting how the parish had managed during the snow recently. It was confirmed that the main roads had been gritted, followed on by the road over to Broughton and then Eshton Road. Apparently part of Neville Road had also been gritted.

Cllr Quinn advised the meeting she was dealing with a parishioner who had highlighted the problem of the ongoing flooding problem along Raybridge Lane.

On the matter of dog fouling, when Cllr Quinn attended the Malham Parish Council meeting they have started a new initiative to try and solve their problem. This is by way of a new machine where the dog fouling is placed inside and by winding the handle this generates light.

5.2 District Cllr Simon Myers: Cllr Myers will also write to the Anchor Inn regarding litter around their area.

He told the meeting that Julian Smith MP has taken his views on the Bypass for the A65 up with the Secretary of State. This letter expresses his concerns and representation will be made when they review the matter very soon.

Roger Tempest at Broughton Hall has been turned down today on his plans to build a group of houses in Broughton village as it is in conflict with the Local Plan. This shows that Officers are now finally attaching weight to the Local Plan.

Craven District Council plan to put Council Tax up by £5.00 per year.

Cllr Myers told the meeting that they had attracted between 12-15million in grants for infrastructures and he has always encouraged the re-development of assets, not people selling things off to fund spending.

From 2020 there will be no more grants available.

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

6.1. Police Report:

PCSO 3761 Emily Hewitson attended the meeting this evening and read out the following report on crime figures for the past month to the present date.

08.02.18 to 12.03.18

Gargrave has had a total of 7 crimes reported:

08.03.18 Violence – Assault, workplace

02.03.18 Theft (family member)

13.02.18 Theft (Store)

10.02.18 Violence/Theft (store)

2 Others.

Other reports during this time period include accounts of:

Road Related offences

Concern for animals

ASB (personal)

Suspicious circumstances (Vehicles)

Concern for safety (whereabouts)

Highway disruption (Traffic lights stuck on red)

Lost/found property – Mountain Bike from river

6.2 Public Participation:

The local parishioner who has kindly taken the lead in the Community Speed Watch Programme gave an update to the meeting. Training has now been given to fourteen

volunteers. We have actually three locations set up for Church Street and one on Marton Road. He explained the process for keeping the kit to the meeting. On the A65 and Eshton Road, these should be covered by the Police Van or Motorcycle.

The Clerk advised that we have in correspondence this evening information from a parishioner who lives on Eshton Road who has provided us with 2 copy documents from the Road Safety Partnership. This parishioner is happy for his driveway to be used as a location for the Speed Watch Programme and willing to undergo the training. This email and information to be forwarded onto the lead member of the group so that they can make contact with each other.

One parishioner raised the matter of the triangle of land up near the Anchor where lots of dog fouling bags are thrown over the wall. He asked if we would be allowed to enter the field to clear these up please.

He also produced a sign he had made which he asked permission to erect in a few isolated areas which he feels are getting missed. However, the meeting felt that at the moment we had enough signs erected, although BL suggested an odd extra sign would be okay. BL advised the meeting that there is a lady who owns a boat on the canal who regularly picks up dog bags along the canal banks and asked if a letter of thanks could be sent to her for this work.

The Clerk asked BL to try and find out the name of the lady when a letter will be prepared for BL to pass onto her.

The matter of the condition of the grass verges on Smithy Croft was raised by Cllr Myers. JT explained that some time ago now the Parish Council contacted NYCC regarding the idea of dropping the kerb and putting in a type of rubber matting on the verge so that vehicles could drive onto it. Letters were sent to every property and a few responses were received, basically saying no they could not afford and some responses were rude and crude. Because this was the type of response we received and the Parish Council had no money to do this, this is where we are at today.

DS told the meeting that because there is still building work going on behind, this is creating a real mess. The last time we contacted CDC regarding the mess the builders were creating, action was taken to clean the area up. Also, the wall on the footpath next to the canal has cracked.

The Clerk to report this matter onto the Canal and River Trust.

The first parishioner asked the question, when a trench is dug, is it supposed to be put back as it was?

PW advised that of course, this should be reinstated to the condition it was before. On establishing the whereabouts of the area in question, it was found to be private land and therefore up to the owner of the property to deal with, not the authorities.

6.3 Gargrave Neighbourhood Plan:

JT advised the meeting that our Consultant has been working with the Officers at Craven District Council most recently and between the two groups we have now actually received this final draft of the Neighbourhood Plan which is ready to go through to Craven District Council tomorrow.

JT asked the Parish Council for their approval to put this draft copy through.

All in favour and accepted.

6.4 Village Defibrillator:

PW read out the letter received from Yorkshire Ambulance Service NHS Trust advising that they intend to replace the original cabinets and the defibrillator consumables, such as the battery and the electrodes which represent a significant investment for Yorkshire Ambulance Service. However, the replacement programme is subject to transferring ownership and maintenance of the defibrillator and cabinet back to the Parish Councils.

A discussion took place as to how this would work going forward and the cost of this to the Parish Council. Cllr Myers asked if this information could be forwarded onto him as soon as possible and he will then make enquiries with Craven District Council on our behalf.

6.5 Hand Dryer quotes – Gents Toilets:

We have been too late to apply for a grant with County Cllr Gill Quinn this period but she has confirmed that once the new financial year begins, she will contact the Clerk to help with the cost towards the repair of the hand dryer.

We had three options available, one to repair the heater motor in the current unit or have a separate new wall mounted hand dryer installed or supply hand gel and disconnect the current unit.

With the prices of these three options given, all were in favour to go ahead with having a new heater motor installed into the current stainless steel unit as this was the cheapest option and will make good the original unit in the Gents.

Clerk to obtain a written quote for this work and discuss further with County Cllr Quinn in April 2018.

7. To consider the planning applications and decisions:

No planning applications have been received during this month.

8. Financial Matters:

8.1 To approve the accounts for payment.

INCOME

6.2.18	VAT Repayment	£1665.66
2.2.18	CDC Grant	500.00

EXPENDITURE

	Village Hall Rent	152.00
	1 & 1 Internet	1.19

Salary 1	483.69
Salary 2	680.73
Proludic	11732.40
Proludic	1200.00
CDC Playground Waste Collection	321.43
JC Cowgill	54.00
Craven Energies	547.78
Scott Janitorial	123.77
P Ward reimbursed:	
Merritt & Fryers Hardwood	4.55
Jacs Screws for dog signs	6.96

NatWest £29428.03
SBS 7819.64
Barclay's a/c now closed.
(£15,000 to be returned to SBS account when funds available)

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

PW told the meeting that recently a tree had come down in the plantation on South Street and branches had fallen onto the sub-station hedging and onto one of the pylons. We notified National Powergrid who came out on a site visit to check the damage. The tree was made safe by them and then it was up to the Parish Council.

We agreed the standing orders at our AGM, whereby if we have a cost over £250 we get two quotes for Trades people.

One of our colleagues did contact a local contractor regarding the fallen tree and got a quote of £290 plus vat to remove the tree. The tree was not in an unsafe place and I do feel it could have been left. As it turns out we had arranged with someone to take the tree out for free for the wood, so no cost to the Parish Council but when he visited the site, the tree had already gone.

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

See attached list.

1. Copy letter sent to the Anchor read out to the meeting, no response to date.
2. It was agreed to increase insurance for Playground equipment to £95000.00.
13. Email and information attached to pass onto lead of Community Speed Watch Group.
14. Report condition of Telephone Box again to BT.
15. To respond.

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 9 April 2018**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.40pm.

