

GARGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting
held Monday 9 April 2018

Present: Councillors: Peter Ward, Janet Turner, David Syms, Derrick Evans, Bryony Lebeter, Alan Robinson, Kath Ashby – Clerk and two parishioners.

1. To receive apologies for absence: Cllrs Janet Sugden, Martin Banks, Brian Atkinson and County Cllr Gillian Quinn 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 March 2018 were accepted as a true record. Proposed by JS and seconded by BL. All in favour and accepted unanimously.

4.1 Matters Arising:

Firstly, the Parish Council wish to thank everyone in the village that helped with the Litter Pick recently. Although the weather was very wintry, thirty five people turned out and plenty of bags were filled.

PW told the meeting that training was still ongoing for the Community Speed Watch.

A parishioner who is one of the volunteers advised that during a recent exercise one person had been caught speeding and reported onto the Police. This happened in just a half hour stretch.

Someone has now offered their driveway up Eshton Road as a site for volunteers to stand with the Community Speed Watch equipment.

Dog Fouling is an ongoing problem but BL felt that the problem was much better; especially the pathway up to Swire Croft but the Canal towpath is the worst. DE told the meeting that the problem is terrible along the Woodland Walk. There is a lady who picks up for other people.

One parishioner has put up a few extra signs in the worst areas along the Woodland Walk.

PW told the meeting that hopefully we are making progress with this problem.

DE explained to the meeting how and why he had instructed our contractor to make the fallen tree safe on South Street which was overhanging the fencing and also remove from the plantation.

5. Matters requested by councillors:

5.1. County Cllr Gillian Quinn: Apologies were received for this evening.

5.2 District Cllr Simon Myers: Apologies were received for this evening from Cllr Myers who advised that there was no real news from Craven apart from he has been spending a lot of time in redrafting the Hackney Cab and Private Hire Vehicle Policy and regulations. Principally he would like to record his appreciation to those Parish Councillors who will not be standing again in May. He knows how hard they have worked for the people of Gargrave and it is not always understood how much time is put in and the myriad of problems that they have to deal with, from Travellers to the Local Plan and the many day to day things which crop up.

Sometimes it feels like a thankless task but without such people, our village would not prosper. We have been very blessed in Gargrave to have such a hardworking and conscientious Parish Council and those who are retiring will be greatly missed and have our thanks.

He also wished all those seeking re-election good luck in the Polls.

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

6.1. Police Report: PCSO Emily Hewitson reported to the meeting that there had been two crimes over the last month.

- 27 March 2018 the theft of possessions in a house.
- 31 March violence in Malham area where a dog had bitten a staff member in a public house.

Also

RTC damage skidding.

Vehicle obstruction.

Car dumped in the middle of nowhere.

Careless driving, overtaking.

ASB – personal case.

An abandoned call.

General minor issues.

Door to door salesmen reported in the area recently with Geordie or Liverpool accents saying they are ex-offenders. If you have one of these callers, please call 101 as it is offence. They have to have a peddlers licence. Do not get your purse out in front of them. Some residents at Long Ashes have experienced telephone calls asking for money.

JT raised the matter of the Travellers who would be visiting the village on their way up to Appleby Fair usually at the end of May.

PW explained that last year he had visited them to advise they could stay just the one night and then move on.

Clerk to contact PCSO Emily Hewitson when the first caravans arrive.

6.2 Public Participation:

A parishioner told the meeting that it would be nice from a public point of view to thank both Cllr Janet Turner and Cllr David Syms for their many years of work for the Parish Council. They have both been very active and they will both be greatly missed and thank them both very much. You have both contributed over and above what is required.

JT told the meeting that she had intended to stay on until she was able to hand over the Neighbourhood Plan to CDC. This was hoped to have been completed within a couple of years but has actually taken five years in the making.

Another parishioner had several points he wished to raise:

Street Light No 95 at the back of Smithy Croft is on 24/7. Clerk to report to our Electrician in the morning.

Who is responsible for the footpath from Raybridge Road end to Beckwith's farm as this is in a poor condition and the hedging is soon going to cover over the pathway? Clerk to report this through Parish Portal to NYCC and also the parishioner agreed to report the matter.

It was also reported that the wall at the corner Eshton Road/Chew Lane has been in need of repair for some time now. As we are not sure who is responsible it was agreed to first contact the landowner of the field by letter.

The parishioner also asked if and when we would be installing another CDC bin on the Priest Home Bridge on the way to Bank Newton. PW advised that when we receive our new funding for the new financial year, we hope to provide a new bin in that area.

Any update on the Woodland Walk trees please?

PW advised that our man Mr Grey from the Wild Trout Trust should be getting in touch quite soon and he may be the man to provide us with some new trees.

AR raised the matter of the condition of the Notice Boards by the summer seat. The Clerk advised that two new notice boards are in the process of being made by a local joiner and will replace the old ones in spring.

DE told the meeting that he had been asked to raise two questions from the local residents along Neville Road.

Some young children are at the moment kicking a football against the School notice board. They cannot go and play on the playing field at the rear of the school as this has been padlocked by the school.

It was suggested to write to school, Jefferson's, CDC.

Also can they have a look at where the rubbish is incinerated?

It was decided to ask County Cllr Gill Quinn whether this would be possible.

BL asked if there was a dog bin up by the school. It was discussed that there are quite a lot of dogs in the area and also parents collecting children from school often bring their dogs with them.

It was thought this would be a good idea if the bin could be located within the fence section.

6.3 Parish Liaison Meeting: PW told the meeting that he had attended the meeting and there were three main topics.

Currently we have our own Vehicle Activated Signs (VAS) and although he is not sure of the value of these, we have tried.

The initiative going forward will be whether we as a Parish Council would be prepared to fund them going forward?

If we wish to have them put in place by someone and maintain them going forward?

The other alternative would be to have the Speed Indicator Device which is the flashing signs showing the speed you are actually travelling at on a six week cycle.

We do need something more permanent.

Mr Marshall who is the lead volunteer for the Community Speed Watch is going to carry on with the scheme and is trying to get permission to use the camera on the A65 through the village at the moment.

PW told the meeting that he now has a contact, Mr James Smith who is a road safety engineer as we have got nowhere with Area5.

We are now going to send our speed data and accident data through to Mr Smith for his help.

It maybe that Villages' might need to buy their own signs.

The other matter was to build stronger communities, trying to get everyone to be a little friendlier.

Also to help prevent terrorism. If you have a concern about someone to report it.

Highways are about to start with some temporary repairs on the potholes followed by permanent works fairly soon.

6.4 Elections:

CDC have email today confirming they have received enough nominations for our Parish Council to be quorate but insufficient nominations for an election. Therefore the persons named on the notice which was attached are duly elected and we now have 35 days from 3rd May to fill any vacancies we may have through co-option.

6.5 AGM: It was agreed to hold the AGM on Monday 14 May at 6.45pm followed by the usual monthly meeting which will be a little later at 7.30pm.

6.6 Gargrave Poor Land's Charity – Low Cost Housing: Cllr Myers told us recently that there would be monies available to help to do a low cost housing development in Hellifield. JT pointed out that some time ago plans were drawn up and we hold a file in the office which she will dig out.

A development could help with a subsidy of the precept for the village in years to come. We need to be thinking about what are the benefits of doing it now. We also need to discuss this further to District Cllr Myers.

6.7 Travellers: PW told the meeting that we could expect to see the first of our visitors within the next few weeks.

Appleby Fair this year is 7 – 10 June 2018 so they will probably start arriving a few weeks before that date.

7. To consider the planning applications and decisions:

See attached List.

8. Financial Matters:

8.1 To approve the accounts for payment.

INCOME

VAT Refund	10666.05
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EXPENDITURE

Village Hall Rent	152.00
1 & 1 Internet	1.19
Salaries	422.88
Salaries	680.73
Ingham cleaning Services – Toilet	
Holiday Cover	325.00
CDC Trade Waste Admin Charge	341.43
YLCA Membership	535.00
Blackett-Ord Conservation Eng.	840.00
Watson Electrical Ltd	67.20
JC Cowgill	348.00
SG Ives & Son – Toilet work	98.02
Tony Blackwell-Bench repairs	47.00

SBS £22,819.64 transfer back from NatWest.

Domestic Rate Bill for toilet £576.00 less small business relief = 0.00 to pay.

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

PW opened the two quotes received for the removal of one of the rubber matting bases at the Playground.

The Clerk to advise both contractors of the decision made.

It was also decided to get the bottom of the grass mound finished off and turf round. Also by the tyre swing, the area needs raking and seeding so that the grass will be growing.

Clerk to write to the Playground Association advising of the above. The Clerk to request quotes from our contractor for the necessary jobs.

BL has taken the maintenance manuals for the new equipment to read through these. PW felt we could also get an annual check of all the equipment.

All were in favour to proceed now with the installation of the new light pole up Eshton Road and then claim back on the gentleman's insurance, plus the re-connection of Northern Power grid.

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

See attached list.

2. Following the water pipe replacement by Yorkshire Water, they intend to upgrade the sewage works within the next two years.

8. Came & Co. will provide us with three alternative insurer's quotes for the year 2018/19.

9, 14 & 16 information to be passed onto MB for checking through.

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 14 May 2018** at the slightly later time of 7.30pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.50pm.