

GARGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting
held Monday 11 June 2018

Councillors: Peter Ward, Bryony Lebeter, Janet Turner, Alan Robinson, Martin Banks, Chris Blythe, Kath Ashby- Clerk and several parishioners.

- 1. To receive apologies for absence:** Cllrs Janet Sugden and Derrick Evans.
- 2. To acknowledge those present:** also to welcome Chris Blythe our new Parish Councillor and welcome back Janet Turner who has been co-opted back onto the Parish Council.
- 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 14 May 2018 were accepted as a true record. Proposed by AR and seconded by BL. All in favour and accepted unanimously.

4.1 Matters Arising:

PW told the meeting that he felt dog fouling maybe a little better he hoped but there is a lot of goose and swan fouling at the moment. We are looking into purchasing a further bin by Priest Holme Bridge and awaiting a price for this.

The damaged pillar at the corner of the river bridge has been reported onto NYCC Highways and deemed safe until action is taken to repair this.

The speed watch programme is ongoing. We understand a couple have taken place recently along Church Street.

We have written to our contact, Mr James Smith at NYCC regarding speeding issues in general throughout the village with suggestions for speed reduction signage at different points and we are awaiting his response.

We have also been in correspondence with Northern Rail regarding providing another set of steps at the Railway Station but all these things take time. Another request has also been put to them to provide/re-instate the pathway again down the left-hand side of the yard where the stone is dumped.

We could actually achieve the alteration in speed limits without a lot of cost. The Parish Council could maybe contribute towards providing some signs.

With regard to the spraying of weed killer, we have gone with the cutting regime which involves weed spraying. The contractor has been spoken to and he will not be spraying on a bank holiday again or when there is a lot of people around.

5. Matters requested by councillors:

5.1. County Cllr Gill Quinn: No apologies received for this evening.

5.2 District Cllr Simon Myers:

Cllr Myers told the meeting that he was very pleased with the decision by CDC to refuse the proposed planning application adjacent to the Cricket Field refused last week. This re-enforces the status of the emerging Local Plan and our Neighbourhood Plan.

On the matter of Kex Gill, I have no idea what is going to happen with that at the moment. They know they need to build a new road. A decision was being taken today as to whether they were going to open the road.

A discussion took place about the likelihood of a bypass through Gargrave. PW told the meeting that he was going to ask for a weight limit to be placed on the road.

JT asked for an update on the Coniston Bridge and Cllr Myers said he felt the only answer to this problem was to build a bypass.

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

6.1. Police Report:

My apologies that Lee and I won't be able to attend this coming monthly meeting due to it landing on my rest day, and Lee is on an early shift unfortunately. Please let us know prior to the next meeting, and one of us will do our best to attend.

However, I have prepared the crime figures for the past month **(08/05/2018 – 08/06/2018)**

Gargrave has had a total of **6** Crimes reported:

- 08.05.18 – violence
- 14.05.2018 – home occurrence
- 27.05.18 – criminal damage – neighbours
- 08.05.18 – Criminal damage, housing (A wall)
- 02.06.2018 – violence – within owners property
- 08.06.2018 – auto-crime – Broken into vehicle, no damage

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

6.2 Heritage Group – Extra Names on War Memorial:

A representative from the group explained how they had first been formed and then begun to raise funds. A lot of research has taken place and information and photographs gained.

Some of the names they now wish to have added to the War Memorial do appear elsewhere, such as the Chapel plaque.

The group provided the Parish Council with all the necessary paperwork showing the names and details of the names of the men who they wish to be added to the War Memorial.

The group are also producing a book and hope to have this ready by November 2018. This will be a pictorial history of all the soldiers who were killed. The group meet in Church every Tuesday morning.

6.3 Public Participation:

A gentleman from Malham introduced himself to the meeting and wished to ask about recycling and where this was taken. PW explained that this was taken over to the processing plant based in Allerton.

A parishioner raised the matter of the seats on Chew Lane which are still surrounded by high weeds which makes them impossible to sit on. He also raised the matter of the street lights which he had previously reported but have still not been fixed yet.

The Clerk confirmed that the lights in question had all been reported to our Electrical Contractor but until he has a reasonable list he does not hire the cherry picker to repair these due to the cost of the hire of this machine. The Clerk will however report these on again.

BL mentioned a possible crossing by Crowgarth. PW felt we may struggle to get an island in the road. A black and white crossing might be the best idea. We will contact NYCC again.

6.4 Woodland Walk:

PW advised the meeting that we have been given some more trees recently for the Woodland Walk. We need to think how we go forward with this area, do we plant more trees, do we cut a path through as before or do we fence the area off? PW asked the Parish Council to decide what they felt would be the best solution.

6.5 Data Protection:

MB explained a little of the process we needed to undertake. Firstly we must list all the things we hold and refer to the Retention of Records list recently supplied and dispose of anything we no longer need to keep in the office. Everyone needs to check at home and if they hold any information relating to the Parish Council, this needs to be brought back into the office.

Information we need to keep will be locked in filing cabinets.

6.6 River Wall:

PW told the meeting that behind the public toilets down past the sub-station, there were two holes in the retaining wall above the section we repaired a couple of years ago. He met recently with a contractor to look at the wall and they have confirmed there is nothing holding that section of the wall at all. We are trying to contact the Environment Agency but

as yet have been unsuccessful in getting them to come out on site to look. We did managed to speak to a lady on the Helpline who said it was unlikely they would do anything until the wall falls into the river.

It was therefore decided to close off that section of the plantation and fasten signs to the gates. The gates will be chained and locked accordingly.

7. To consider the planning applications and decisions:

See attached List.

8. Financial Matters:

8.1 To approve the accounts for payment.

See attached list.

BL proposed the accounts and JT seconded, all in favour and accepted.

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

See attached list.

2. Clerk to send out dates for next year meetings to all Parish Councillors.

3. All in favour to take over the Defibrillator for the village.

8. To be reviewed later in the year.

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 July 2018**

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