

GARGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held Monday 9 July 2018

Present: Cllrs Peter Ward, Janet Turner, Janet Sugden, Alan Robinson, Martin Banks, Chris Blythe, Derrick Evans, County Cllr Gillian Quinn, Kath Ashby-Clerk and several parishioners.

1. To receive apologies for absence: Cllr Bryony Lebeter and District Cllr Simon Myers.

2. To acknowledge those present: PW acknowledged all present and advised the meeting that as from next month we welcomed back Robert Marshall to 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 on Monday 11 June 2018 were accepted as a true record. Proposed by DE and seconded by AR. All in favour and accepted unanimously.

4.1. Matters Arising:

We did discuss speeding issues and we have now received a reply from our contact James Smith at NYCC which is in correspondence later this evening.

On the matter of the grass and weed cutting around the two seats on Chew Lane, we understand these are now much better.

Kex Gill is now open again with a one way traffic system in place controlled by traffic lights.

Regarding the plantation on South Street, we contacted the contractor and the gates are now locked and signs erected warning of the danger of the collapsing wall. The area will remain closed until we hear back from the Environment Agency and something can be done. PW told the meeting that as yet he has been unable to get the Environment Agency to contact him but will try again tomorrow.

5. Matters requested by councillors:

5.1 County Cllr Gillian Quinn:

Cllr Quinn told the meeting that Kex Gill will be open for the Yorkshire Show but will then have to be closed again as more work is required on the left hand under side of the road. The plan is to build a ring road around that area and it is estimated this work will cost a lot of money once it is determined where it is going to go. This closure is causing a lot of problems for a lot of people. The plan is to operate a one way system for as long as they can. Special equipment has been brought in to check if the land is shifting as it keeps shifting.

I have brought with me details to pass to the Clerk of a couple of websites which may be useful. The first one is for the NYCC Grass cutting, verge, hedge and tree maintenance and by entering a postcode you will be able to see exactly where they are going to cut.

http://maps.northyorks.gov.uk/connect/analyst/?mapcfg=grass_cutting_HMC

The second one is a website for cycle lanes and routes and similarly you can view cycle routes.

<http://bit.ly/outandaboutmapping>

NYCC Highways are now dusting the roads as tarmac is melting with the heat.

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

6.1 Police Report:

I have prepared the crime figures for the past month **(02/06/2018 – 05/07/2018)**

Gargrave has had a total of 3 Crimes reported:

- 25/06/2018 - Private
- 20/06/2018 - Phone stolen from garden (potentially by fish sellers)
- 02/06/2018 – Private

Other reports during this time:

During this time we have had 4 reports of Travellers causing nuisance in and around Gargrave.

On 03/07/2018 I attended the site where this had become prominent and spoke with the travellers as best I could. I issued words of advice and consequence warnings in relation to their BBQ's and fires, and showing respect to residents nearby. The good news is that the travellers appear to now have left the site, and hopefully this will be the end of it.

If they return, please do not hesitate to contact 101 or 999 in an emergency. I would advise you not to deal with this issue yourself in any circumstance or put yourselves at risk, as travellers can often be unpredictable.

Other reports during this time period include accounts of:

Road related offences, suspicious circumstances and lost/found property.

- 02/07/2018 – Lost/Found property
- 23/06/2018 – Concern for welfare/safety
- 19/06/2018 – Suspicious circumstances/Insecure vehicle
- 17/06/2018 – Lost/Found property – relating to motorbike
- 17/06/2018 – Accidental call to Police
- 14/06/2018 – Concern for welfare/safety
- 11/06/2018 – Highway disruption – parked vehicles, moved prior to Police arrival
- 10/06/2018 – Highway disruption – Diesel spillage
- 10/06/2018 – Traffic offence – Manner of driving

6.2. Public Participation/Travellers:

A parishioner wished to mention that the grass cutting contractor was cutting the grass but there was nothing to cut.

The same parishioner raised the matter of the travellers who in fact were situated very close to her home and the experience was not very nice. The Police did attend and had a word with them.

PW told the meeting when he spoke with them they told him they would move on when the weather cooled down. We will serve a notice next year fairly soon but have to decide how long to give them. DE suggested looking into the Bylaws.

The lead on the Community Speed told the meeting that at the moment we cannot use the equipment along Marton Road due to the fact that a motor home is parked on the road and although reported to the Police as long as it does not obstruct the highway no action can be taken.

He will undertake further research on this matter on behalf of the Parish Council.

He has also been approached by the farmer who owns the land adjacent to where the motor home is parked along Marton Road as he is concerned that by continually parking it there the large wagons and farm equipment passing it need to go close to the wall which could make the wall unsafe.

DE raised the matter of possible speed bumps on Neville Road. Another animal was killed only this week.

AR told the meeting that the fence made up of wood and corrugated tin behind the land at the back of the Masons Arms which runs alongside the Goit is falling down.

Clerk to send a letter to the Masons Arms raising our concerns.

6.3 Woodland Walk:

PW asked the meeting to think about what we would like to do in that area. There may be only a few trees left since the Travellers have left.

DE mentioned that the circular picnic table has been damaged and needs repairing.

6.4 River Wall:

As this has already been mentioned, we are still awaiting on the EA to get back to us. In the meantime we will endeavour to obtain two quotes for the repair work.

6.5 Damaged Wall-Church Street Update:

CB updated the meeting that following both the Parish Council and concerned residents contacting NYCC Highways, they have been out to inspect the wall and have seen the landowner who has produced plans drawn up for this to be repaired. These plans will be sent into the Parish Council.

7. To consider the planning applications and decisions:

See attached List.

8. Financial matters:

INCOME

Coulthurst Trust War Memorial Grant	2000.00
Wayleave	45.39
Honesty Boxes	118.06
Gift – upkeep War Memorial	100.00

EXPENDITURE

Wage 1	574.24
Wage 2	683.37
Village Hall Rent	152.00
Il Website Service	5.99
Scott Janitorial	91.04
Merritt & Fryers-lock	24.85
D Ferguson-lock	14.95
JC Cowgill	1380.92
Varey's Office Carpet	330.00

NatWest	27050.81
SBS	22893.27

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

MB raised the matter of Risk Assessments for events such as the Duck Race which was held on the Middle Green recently. The Clerk confirmed that prior to the event she had contacted the PTA who were able to confirm their risk assessment for the event was in place.

It was agreed that for all future events taking place on our greens, we will request a copy of the risk assessment from whoever is organising their event. The copy will then be placed in the appropriate file in the office.

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

See attached List.

5. This light was scheduled to be repaired last week by our Electrical Contractor.

6. Several Parish Councillors to arrange to meet with James Smith.

8. Already completed but will do again.

9. Quote to be obtained for ceiling repair to be included in grant application.

10. To go with the 3 year contract.

12. Survey to complete.

13. P Ward, J Turner, J Sugden and K Ashby to attend.

14. Push forward with Insurance Claim.

10. To 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 August 2018.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.50pm.