

GARGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Gargrave Neighbourhood Plan Working Wednesday 3 September 2014 @ 7.30pm Gargrave Village Hall

Those present: Chairman Siobhan Jose, Chair of Parish Council Janet Turner, Parish Cllr David Syms, Parish Cllr Janet Sugden, Edward Bartle, Mike Palin, Peter Ward, Mike Bland, Ian Maxell, Chris Lloyd, Anne Hargreaves
Parish Council Clerk, Kath Ashby
Representatives from Eastby and Embsay Parish, Brian Hume, Trevor Kent.

1. **Apologies:** were received from Emma Davies, Dave Smith

2. **Matters arising from previous minutes:** nothing raised.

3. **Update on results of questionnaire and timetable of response to CDC:** SJ

asked the meeting if everyone had received the results forwarded by email.

Overall we have received a reasonable response and people are supporting one site, GA012 and the two other sites, GA028 and GA029 people are very much opposed. GA025 is 50/50 indicating that people are not sure about this one.

Take questions 12 – 25 what is proposed? CDC response mixed housing and employment is a major point and we need to narrow it down and know more before the meeting on the 20th September so that we are able to answer people's questions.

The developers for the site GA025 is just for housing and they are really pushing for answers.

We still need the extra questionnaire coming in to be taken into account and SJ is going to prepare questions 3 and 4 responses.

What timetable for responses – SJ asked for a response from S Brown for the Parish Council by the end of September. The purpose of the questionnaire is to report to CDC a consensus. Percentage figures, ideas of responses, what sort of concern people have and what they are enthusiastic about by the 20th September. What will be the main evidence base?

A parishioner and his wife raised many concerns of how CDC was handling things and felt very strongly that CDC would ignore any comments against their preferred sites GA028 and GA029.

Legal challenge would be necessary. JT read out a statement from the documents about other Parish Councils who have won cases against unwanted developments.

The more people are aware, the more consolidated opinion responses, the better chance we have to create a robust plan.

MB expressed concern that at the length of time it was taking to get on with the neighbourhood plan. We will resist sites GA028 and GA029 and it will go to court.

Now the legal plan is available there is nothing in it to make it clear, it does not actually tell anything about how CDC have chosen their preferred sites.

4. Update on progress with invitations to tender – timetable for interviews etc:

We have received 3 back. We have not heard anything back from Rural Action Yorkshire. The three can be interviewed.

The budget is definitely not going to be big enough. There are trusts to tap into for extra funding.

A discussion took place re the consultations. It was agreed to interview the three who have responded, then open it up to the others.

5. Community engagement event 20th September 2014 – detailed planning:

JT informed the meeting that a slot has already been booked at the Coffee Morning on that day. It was agreed the following were needed:-

- a) Plans (3)
- b) Craven Herald advert for two weeks.
- c) Letters to Stakeholders
- d) Posters
- e) Newsletter to School
- f) Facilitators
- g) General question sheet
- h) Pens and Paper
- i) 200 Site checklists
- j) Invite Steven Brown

It was agreed to also ask S.Brown for the whole of the checklists to be put into the public domain.

One of the representatives from Eastby and Embsay Parish Council asked if YALC had developed a Timetable yet. No point in re-inventing the wheel if they had.

SJ informed the meeting what she was anxious does not happen, is that if people have a valid concern, it is taken into account. Thinking about how they can be represented as well.

JT said we do have the monthly meeting when parishioners come along and raise concerns during the public participation part of the meeting. It was agreed to write a quick resume for the Parish Magazine. SJ will contact the editor and do this.

6. Communications- link on parish council website and keeping in touch with interested residents:

SJ asked for an update of where we were at with the Gargrave Parish Council website. The Clerk confirmed that our IT man had helped set up a new website and that information was gradually being amended and added to the site. He had recommended a link be placed on this website which would take people into relevant NPG information. It was agreed that all emails regarding neighbourhood planning received by the Clerk would be forwarded onto the group for attention.

The next meeting was arranged for Wednesday 1 October 2014 at 7.30pm