

GARGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting
held Wednesday 3 April 2019

Councillors: Bryony Lebeter (Acting Chair), Janet Turner (Acting Clerk), Janet Sugden, Martin Banks, Derrick Evans, Chris Blythe, Alan Robinson, and several parishioners.

1. To receive apologies for absence: Peter Ward, Robert Marshall, Clerk Kath Ashby, Cty. Cllr G. Quinn, Dist. Cllr. S. Myers.

2. To acknowledge those present.

3. To receive any declarations of interest: None declared.

4. To confirm the minutes of the last meeting:

The minutes of the last meeting held **Wednesday 6 March 2019** were accepted as a true record. Proposed by JS and seconded by CB. All in favour and accepted unanimously.

4.1 Matters Arising:

Village litter pick Saturday 30 March. 20 villagers took part and at least 30 bags part full and full including at least 20 used dog "poo" bags from along Mark House Lane were collected. The Council wished to thank those who came on that day as well as residents and visitors who pick up litter, etc. as they move around the village. The borrowed litter pickers and jackets were returned to CDC on Monday morning.

Regarding speeding signage and speeding related matters, Cty. Cllr. G. Quinn has no further information as yet. She is pursuing matters with the relevant bodies and the Parish Council shall keep the village informed once it receives information from Cty. Cllr. Quinn. This is a major concern and it is included in correspondence – points 9 and 10.

Anaerobic Digester – this will be discussed at the April meeting of CDC's Planning Committee. Representations are required by Monday 7 April. The Parish Council will be informed of the outcome in due course. A general discussion followed including parishioners and it was agreed that a Parish Councillor would attend the site meeting and the Planning Committee meeting.

Neighbourhood Plan – the final Regs. 18 Decision Statement and Examiner's Report were published on CDC's website on 11 March and uploaded on to Gargrave Parish Council's website on the same day. All the required documentation was placed in the Library as it opened at 3pm on Monday 11 March.

First Responder and river wall update are covered in agenda items 6.3 and 6.4

5. Matters requested by councillors:

5.1. County Cllr Gillian Quinn:

Cty. Cllr. G. Quinn has reported that there is nothing to add as yet regarding speeding signage.

5.2 District Cllr Simon Myers:

David Smurthwaite is chasing Yorkshire Water to set up a meeting with us regarding sewer capacity (see item 6 in Correspondence). Cllr. Myers spoke to him last week and is going to chase them up again.

The towpath works will most likely start in July and take about six weeks as they propose to have two teams working on it.

CDC has submitted Gargrave station as part of a bid for inclusion in a Leeds Gateway Stations improvement bid. We cannot guarantee that it will qualify as it may be a bit too small, but it is possible.

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

6.1. Police Report –

01/03/2019 to 03/04/2019 - A TOTAL OF 18 OCCURRENCE REPORTS MADE TO POLICE

5 CRIMES REPORTED

- 1 STOLEN MOTOR VEHICLE – WEST ST
- 1 VIOLENCE – ROAD RELATED
- 1 OTHER
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OTHER REPORTS INCLUDE

- 01/03/19 – ROAD RELATED OFFENCE
- 03/03/19 – ABANDONED CALL – ACCIDENTAL ON A CONSOLE
- 03/03/19 – SUS CIRCS – POSSIBLE FRAUD PHONE CALL FROM NIGERIA
- 11/03/19 - RTC DAMAGE ONLY NO INJURY
- 13/03/19 – ROAD RELATED OFFENCE – MANNER OF DRIVING ALL OVER ROAD
- 13/03/19 – ROAD RELATED OFFENCE – MANNER OF DRIVING ALL OVER ROAD REPORTED IN THE AFTERNOON ABOUT A VEHICLE [SKODA RAPID] SEEN IN THE MORNING DRIVING ALL OVER ROAD
- 16/03/19 – FLOOD ALERT WARNING FROM NATIONAL ENVIRONMENT AGENCY

- 19/03/19 – ROAD RELATED OFFENCE, CALLED FOLLOWING A VEHICLE FORCING OTHER ROAD USERS TO BRAKE OVER TAKING ON BENDS
- 21/03/19 - Admin Advice Matter Only RELATING TO BANKING
- 23/03/19 - CONCERN FOR SAFETY (TURNED OUT TO BE A MALE TRYING TO CATCH A LIFT UP TO SETTLE)
- 24/03/19 – SUDDEN DEATH
- 29/03/19 - RTC DAMAGE ONLY – AGRICULTURAL RELATED
- 30/03/19 - ROAD RELATED OFFENCE – REPORT OF ERATIC DRIVING

I also wanted to let you know that:

Recently due to ongoing rural crime, we have set up a ‘Mobile Rural Watch Scheme’. The benefit of this scheme is to prevent and reduce crime from occurring and act as an extra pair of eyes and ears.

Volunteers are currently being vetted and they will be provided with police radios in order to go out on patrol and use them where necessary. Due to quad bike theft being on the rise, this is a really good scheme for farmers and locals to share information and be aware of what is going on. It is a great way to work together with Police and share information.

The start date for rural watch is beginning of May – providing the vetting process has been fully completed by this date. This can sometimes take some time. However we have a total of 15 volunteers who have signed up to be a part of the scheme.

Volunteers will go out in pairs in their own vehicles or with an officer, and use the radio to report and sightings or suspicious activity. They will be able to pass VRM (number plates) of vehicles to Force control Room in order to ensure they are in order and not suspicious.

We hope this scheme will be great for Craven in order to reduce crime and work together with rural residents.

Many farmers have recently been dis-satisfied with the on-going rural crime. Therefore, we have set up an operation called “**OP – LIGHT**”. This is purely surrounding rural crime and works together alongside ‘Rural Task Force’ in order to reduce and tackle rural crime. This is an active way to deploy Police staff in order to manage units efficiently to prevent further crimes occurring. This operation strategically allows staff to cover multiple access base points to be able to reduce means of access/exits to rural areas.

We hope this can give you some positive feelings towards what we are doing to reduce crime – especially in rural areas.

- **Other reports during this time period include accounts of: road related offences and a stolen motor vehicle. However upon conduction House to house enquiries and CCTV enquiries it appeared there was a lack of CCTV in the area. Below is advice in how to prevent vehicle crime:**

Most vehicle crime is preventable, it can take only ten seconds for a thief to steal something from a car or make damage to it. The best way to prevent it is to lock the car doors and not leave any valuables on display or in the boot of the car.

-Close the sunroof

-Cover the boot

-Remove everything from the car, even coats and jackets

-Think about the location you park in, good lighting, CCTV, busy area

Always take keys out of ignition

-Keep windows up when not inside vehicle

6.2 Public Participation:

Residents voiced a wide ranging set of particular problems including speeding, drivers using mobile phones whilst driving and vehicles without number plates. The Clerk has already passed information given to her on to Area 5 NYCC Highways Dept. A resident asked about the “95 Alive” scheme and was told about the procedure following the village speed gun usage, its restrictions and the sites allowed by the authorities the Parish Council has to deal with. A resident wished it to be noted that he was going to mount his own campaign against speeding vehicles in the village.

From the discussion it was agreed that the Parish Council will send a letter to all the farms whose vehicles might use the village roads and lanes. This letter will include asking them to contact their suppliers and contractors about our concerns.

The Clerk will also be asked to forward all the complaints and information given to her recently to the Police covering Gargrave as well as asking Area 5 NYCC Highways to make more visible the existing 20mph signs and road markings on Neville Road leading to the school and Neville House and consider speed humps along that stretch.

Low Green football – a question as to whether fees are charged. Responded that they are not.

Village greens generally – in light of the signs showing “no fires on the grass” where does the Parish Council stand with regard to barbecues? We responded no fires on grass but small portable tray type on top of large stones seem to have been allowed in the past.

Bridge 168 over the Leeds-Liverpool Canal damage – Clerk to notify Canals & Rivers Trust.

Flooding in road area beneath railway bridge towards Bank Newton – Clerk to notify Area 5 Highways. The Chair commented that the more parishioners who report concerns in the village on an individual basis, the better the response is likely to be.

A resident recalled a distribution of a leaflet D.N. Aire and asked for information for its contact details. Clerk asked to pass the information on.

A resident asked about a response to their e-mail regarding the Parish Council's work and policy on the Equalities Act. Response, "the Council has been in correspondence with both CDC and our own consultant. We would like to give a thorough written response rather than a piecemeal oral response at this stage".

A resident referred to the section on Gargrave Neighbourhood Plan in the article in April's parish magazine. That resident was convinced that the words "rigour and fairness" were not used by the Examiner of the Plan and he requested that a retraction be included in the May editorial.

6.3 First Responder Kits

The Village playground Group has purchased one small kit. The gym off Eshton Road is in touch with the Responders and hopes to fundraise for a defibrillator at that site. The parish council hopes also to contribute to the purchase of another kit.

6.4 River Wall Update:

There was a meeting earlier today between P. McDonald and the Environment Agency to discuss a repair and investigate the possibility of grants to assist in the wall's maintenance.

7. To consider the planning applications and decisions:

Appl. No. 2019/20259/HH no comment

Appl. No. 2019/20343/HH The Parish Council has concerns regarding privacy and possible light pollution for neighbouring properties.

Appl. No. 2019/20056/VAR The Parish Council has already responded.

Appl. No. 2019/20374/TPO JS has taken the documentation to look at. The owners are not available currently. JS will try again on Monday to contact the CDC tree officer to have a conversation and will let Clerk know the results.

Appl. No. 2019/20363/TPO

8. Financial Matters:

8.1 To approve the accounts for payment.

INCOME

VAT repayment	1331.74
Arts & Crafts Group re First Responders	600.00
Donation re First Responders	170.00
Honesty Boxes	173.65

EXPENDITURE

Wage 1	397.38
Wage 2	683.57

Website	5.99
Village Hall Rent	152.00
Craven Energies	367.46
NYCC Vehicle Activated sign	1920.00
Kirkwells re Neighbourhood Plan	2940.00
YLCA	542.00
Watsons	33.60

NatWest a/c £29129.19
SBS a/c £22893.27

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

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

See attached list.

3. NYCC Highways already informed – scan to Cllr. S. Myers.

9. and 10. Road matters – BL to draft letter for PW’s consideration and signature and JT to obtain addresses from Kate Downs. Clerk to send and let the PCSO know all these highways problems including information on Neville Road.

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 **Wednesday 1 May 2019**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.15 pm.

Planning Applications – Meeting 3 April 2019

Appl. No. 2019/20259/HH Single Storey side and rear extensions to a three bedroom bungalow – The Bungalow, West Street, Gargrave.

Appl. No. 2019/20343/HH Proposed extensions and alterations to form lounge extension, garden room, utility room and ground floor WC facility – 37 High Street, Gargrave.

Appl. No. 2018/20056/VAR - Remove Condition 1 – Milton Park Lodges, Marton Road, Gargrave.
Notification of item on Agenda at Planning Committee Meeting 9 April 2019

Appl. No. 2019/20374/TPO – Fell 1 Norway Maple, 2 Poplar and 1 Cypress, Coulthurst Lodge, Mark House Lane, Gargrave.

Appl. No. 2019/20363/TPO – Fell 2 Norway Maple, 8 Ash and 3 Sycamore, Woodland W1, Mark House Lane, Gargrave.

Planning Decisions

Appl. No. 2019/20181/HH Permission Granted.

Appl. No. 2018/19986/HH Permission Granted.

Correspondence List – Meeting 3 April 2019

1. Skipton Police, Fire & Crime Commissioner North Yorkshire – Advice Surgery by appointment only – Thursday 4 April - 3pm – 5pm at CDC Offices, Skipton.
2. Rt. Hon Julian Smith MP upcoming MP Surgery information, poster to display.
3. Email raising concerns of lorry struggling on Priestholme Bridge, Marton Road.
4. Response from CDC following our request for further bins to be installed.
5. Email chasing Area5 and their response to suggestion of yellow lines, North Street.
6. Chase up email sent to Yorkshire Water due to no response on sewer capacity.
7. Letter from KRM Ltd advising of takeover of contracting side of Watsons Electricals.
8. Came & Company Local Council Insurance - Pre Renewal Email notification.
9. Email raising concerns of high speeding tractors along Marton Road and drivers using mobile phones whilst driving.
10. Email and photo of size of tankers travelling on Marton Road, tank carting without a number plate.
11. NYCC Police Surgery at Skipton Auction Marton – Monday 15 April 2019.
12. Email response following discussion with Northern Rail contact re our requests last year.
13. NYCC Police, Fire & Crime Commissioner Consultation on Draft Priorities Survey and Poster.