

GARGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held Wednesday 1 May 2019

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

1. To receive apologies for absence: Cllrs Bryony Lebeter, Robert Marshall 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 on Wednesday 3 April 2019 were accepted as a true record. Proposed by DE and seconded by JS. All in favour and accepted unanimously.

4.1. Matters Arising:

BL has a meeting arranged with the Dog Warden on 8 May 2019 to show the hotspots throughout the village. PW asked if people felt the situation had improved but it was felt it was about the same.

Speeding is an ongoing issue.

5. Matters requested by councillors:

5.1 County Cllr Gillian Quinn:

A discussion took place between parishioners and County Cllr Quinn, raising their concerns on speeding.

County Cllr Quinn has asked for an update on the speeding issues raised on our behalf and she will continue to chase for a response.

County Cllr Quinn brought with her details of how Parish Councils can buy their own speed signs with add-ons which will collect speeding data. The information she provided explains what we can and cannot do. The NYCC Executive Report supplied provides details of how the existing VAS scheme which was approved in 2015 will continue to run alongside this new process until the four year contract period ends.

County Cllr Quinn told the meeting that unfortunately other villages have the same issues with vehicles driving at faster speeds. She will continue pushing the issue but even the villages that have 20mph signs, vehicles are still driving at 30mph so they are not terribly effective.

PW told the meeting that we must just keep plugging away at NYCC.

Hopefully the new person who has replaced Mr K Martin will look at these matters again.

The contact details of the new person will be forwarded through to the Clerk.

County Cllr Quinn advised the meeting that Kex Gill will be closed again from Monday 13 May 2019 for a week to carry out urgent repairs.

5.2 District Cllr Simon Myers: Apologies received for this evening.

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

6.1 Police Report:

01/04/2019 – 30/04/2019-A TOTAL OF 20 OCCURRENCE REPORTS MADE TO POLICE

Great News! :

0 CRIMES REPORTED

OTHER REPORTS INCLUDE

- 01/04/19 – ASB NUISANCE
- 03/04/19 – ASB PERSONAL
- 05/04/19 - RTC Damage Only - VEHICLE SKIDDED OFF THE ROAD INTO A WALL
- 06/04/19 – ABANDONED CALL - ACCIDENT WHILST DRIVING
- 08/04/19 - ROAD RELATED OFFENCE – OVER TAKING VEHICLE
- 09/04/19 - ABANDONED CALL – ACCIDENTAL PRESSING OF BUTTONS
- 10/04/19 – OTHER
- 10/04/19 - ROAD RELATED OFFENCE – MANNER OF DRIVING, BREAKING A LOT
- 11/04/19 - RTC Damage Only, VEHICLE RECOVERED. NO INJURY
- 13/04/19 – SUS CIRCS - A BLACK LANDROVER DISCOVERY CAME UP A SINGLE FARM TRACK. DRIVER CAME OUT AND TOLD PERSON THAT THAT IS THIS THE ADDRESS TO COLLECT A FRIDGE/FREEZER?
- 15/04/19 - ROAD RELATED OFFENCE – MANNER OF DRIVING ‘ALL OVER ROAD’. VEHICLE WENT TO WEST YORKSHIRE. TRANSFER OF INCIDENT TO WEST YORKS SUCCESSFUL
- 18/04/19 - ROAD RELATED OFFENCE - (TRACTOR) IS TRAVELING UP AND DOWN ESHTON ROAD AT LEAST TWICE A DAY AT PRESENT, PYLLING A SLURRY TANK. OFFICER ATTENDED MULTIPLE TIMES, HAS NOT SEEN THIS TANKER. BUT OFFICERS BEEN MADE AWARE TO MAINTAIN OBSERVATIONS
- 21/04/19 – POTENTIAL MISSING PERSON
- 21/04/19 – MANNER OF DRIVING
- 21/04/19 – RTC, INJURY

- 24/04/19 - SUSPECT CIRCUMSTANCES - MOTORBIKE ABANDONED OUTSIDE PERSONS ADDRESS FOR 4 DAYS. ALL IN ORDER WHEN OFFICERS ATTENDED, VISITING FAMILY MEMBERS
- 26/04/19 - HIGHWAY DISRUPTION - NYCC HIGHWAYS INFORMED
- 26/04/19 - CIVIL DISPUTE
- 27/04/19 - RTC DAMAGE ONLY – COLLISION WITH VEHICLE IN FRONT, NO POLICE ACTION REQUIRED
- 27/04/19 - SUSPECT CIRCUMSTANCES - REPORTS THERE ARE YOUNG OFFENDERS SELLING DOOR TO DOOR, AND ADMITTED NOT HAVING ANY ID. OFFICERS COMPLETED AREA SEARCH FOR SUSPECTS

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 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 dissatisfied 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.

As I am aware the P/C have reported to me large Farm type vehicles passing through the area of Bank Newton, and going up Eshton Road.

I can assure you this area has been made aware to other officers to pass attention. I myself have done so on numerous occasions, however have not managed to sight the vehicles in question, however will continue to pass observations.

6.2. Public Participation:

It was reported that at the West side of the village, our village sign is hanging off and the 30mph sign needs a good clean.

Also the sign just before the Railway Station Car Park on the left as you enter the village also needs some attention.

It was also reported that the wooden footpath sign needs repairing which is situated by Priestholme Bridge No. 168.

One parishioner suggested we have a 40 ton restriction sign erected on Marton Road.

It was also reported that the footpath along Damside is in a bad state of repair and tarmac is broken up and uneven.

Clerk to report the matter to NYCC.

A parishioner asked for an update on the sewers problem in the village. PW confirmed he would ring Yorkshire Water and we understand Cllr Simon Myers was also arranging a meeting regarding the concerns already raised. They are upgrading the existing sewers in some way at the moment.

Concerns were raised again relating to how dark it is from the Masons, along Marton Road now the street light has been removed from the cottage wall. PW confirmed that a new light has now been approved for a replacement light and this will be situated in the corner of the pub car park.

Quotes to be obtained for this work as soon as possible.

The matter of disabled access to the Railway Station was discussed. JT read out to the meeting Cllr Simon Myer's report given last month whereby he stated that CDC has submitted Gargrave Station as part of a bid for inclusion in a Leeds Gateway Stations improvement bid. Can't guarantee it will qualify as maybe a bit too small, but it's possible.

JT told the meeting that Northern are quite prepared to organise taxis for disabled passengers.

A parishioner asked the meeting if an Equality Assessment had yet been produced. It was confirmed that a draft has been prepared, added to by our Consultant and is now with CDC for inspection and this will be completed prior to the Referendum taking place at the end of May 2019.

It was reported that a Sycamore was growing between the stones under one of the River arches of the bridge.

The question was asked if anything further had been done about placing yellow lines from the Swan corner, along North Street.

The Clerk confirmed that Area5 have responded to our request and read out their email. We have now requested this matter is placed on their list for further investigation.

The same parishioner reported a fire in the litter bin by the bottom stepping stones. This was caused by a visitor placing a disposable barbecue whilst still warm into the bin. This could have been much worse as the bin is situated close to several parked cars.

6.3 River Wall Update:

PW explained what we are planning to do following the Environment Agency recommendations.

6.4 Travellers:

PW advised the meeting that on Monday evening he saw several caravans and trailers were turning round on South Street and then headed back onto the A65 towards Settle.

7. To consider the planning applications and decisions: See attached List.

8. Financial matters:

8.1 To approve the accounts for payment

INCOME

CDC Precept	23,000.00
Honesty Boxes	180.49

EXPENDITURE

Wage 1	522.46
Wage 2	696.41
Village Hall Rent	152.00
Website services	5.99
Yorkshire Water	238.07
JC Cowgill (Slipway)	480.00
JC Cowgill – greens	1380.92
Whitelocks (Tree stump)	300.00
Scott Janitorial	94.44
Shorrock Trichem	41.29
Craven Stationery	55.02

NatWest a/c £43,220.55

SBS a/c £22,893.27

The Annual Return for 2018/19 was signed off by the Chairman, Cllr Peter Ward and the RFO, Cllr Janet Sugden.

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

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

See attached List.

7. To chase again.

9. Response to be sent to Canal & River Trust.

11. Clerk to advise grass cutting contractor to stop cutting grass in South Street Plantation until the river wall is repaired.

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 Wednesday 5 June 2019.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.20pm.

Planning Applications – Meeting 1 May 2019

Appl. No. 2019/20381/LBC New timber staircase and stud wall to give direct access to first floor flat from existing door – Dalesman Café, 54 High Street, Gargrave.

Appl. No. 2019/20342/MMA Minor material amendment to approved plans on appl. reference no. 30/2016/17247 granted 26 October 2016 – 5 & 6 New Brighton, Gargrave.

Appl. No. 2018/20024/HH Erection of roof mounted photovoltaic solar panels onto the south and north aspects of detached garage at Drinkall's Barn, Church Street, Gargrave.

Appl. No. 2018/20441/HH Garage conversion with new window at rear, removal of 1 garage door and replaced with a glazed screen at 11 Old Hall Croft, Gargrave.

Planning Decision – 2019/20079/FUL - Proposed Dwelling on land rear of 46 Eshton Road, Gargrave - **PERMISSION REFUSED.**

Planning Decision – 2018/20016/FUL - Proposed dwelling with parking area – land off Smith Croft, Gargrave – **PERMISSION GRANTED.**

Planning Decision – 2019/20259/HH - Single storey side and rear extensions – The Bungalow, West Street, Gargrave – **PERMISSION GRANTED.**

Correspondence List – Meeting 1 May 2019

1. Email and response to First Responder regarding purchase of further kits.
2. Request sent back to Area5 NYCC requesting they add our request for yellow lines around corner of Swan Car Park to their list for further investigation.
3. Scanned copies of maps sent to Valuation Office to determine if rates will be applicable.
4. Area5 email providing list of Capital schemes for Craven setting out the Area Programme.
5. YLCA Annual Review 2018/19 requesting any good photos of features in our parish.
6. Copy of letter sent out to all farmers and contractors in the Gargrave Area setting out the issues raised recently, plus one response.
7. Email response from Darren Griffiths, NYCC Highways relating to vehicles transporting slurry and damage caused to Priest Holme Bridge.
8. Police response to concerns raised re speeding vehicles along Marton Road and damage to Priest Holme Bridge.
9. Email response from Canal and River Trust confirming Priest Holme Bridge is full strength but their team is in discussion with NYCC to look at solutions for this bridge and Changeline.
10. Police response to our report of speeding vehicles on Neville Road.
11. Email and response relating to South Street plantation area being closed off.
12. Correspondence and Report following meeting with EA on River Wall, South Street.
13. YLCA Training Programme 2019 for the New Councillor, prices and venues available.
14. Letter of Support sent to The Aire Rivers Trust supporting their Lottery Heritage bid.
15. Copy email from Cllr Simon Myers calling in 3 planning applications – Anchor Log site.
16. North Yorkshire Police – 1st Mobile Rural Watch patrol across Craven – 1 May 2019.
17. Email enquiry and response relating to the renewal date of VAS signs contract.

