

GARGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting
held Wednesday 5 June 2019

Councillors: Peter Ward, Bryony Lebeter, Janet Sugden, Martin Banks, Robert Marshall, Chris Blythe, County Cllr Gill Quinn, District Cllr Simon Myers, Kath Ashby – Clerk and several parishioners.

1. **To receive apologies for absence:** Cllrs Janet Turner and Derrick Evans.
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 **Wednesday 1 May 2019** were accepted as a true record. Proposed by AR and seconded by JS. All in favour and accepted unanimously.

4.1 Matters Arising:

BL met with the Dog Warden recently and he is going to put together his suggestions for this long standing issue by providing a report and also look at any other areas of concern based upon a more accurate picture from his recent visit.

On the matter of speeding throughout the village we are now going to take NYCC to task on this matter and they already have our suggestions for slowing down traffic in the village but their response shows they do not feel anything needs changing from the normal arrangements and we do not feel that this is acceptable.

Therefore we intend to take this matter further.

We did have one response from the letters sent out to the farmers in the area, from a landowner in Flasby who totally agrees regarding the speed of some of the agricultural vehicles and thanked us for raising the matter.

We have looked at the village signs which was raised last month and some do need repair and we will attend to this. The footpath sign has been reported to the necessary people.

The suggested 40 ton restriction sign was put to the Canal and Rivers Trust who responded stating that bridges must be signed in accordance with their assessed capacity and full strength bridges are therefore unsigned. However their Bridges team are currently in discussions with NYCC to look at solutions for Priest Holme Bridge.

PW confirmed he had today spoken with Yorkshire Water again to chase up a meeting with them to discuss sewerage concerns and he was assured someone would get back to him within the next few days.

The new light for Marton Road has been given approval to be erected in the corner of the Masons Arms car park.

Regarding disabled access to the Railway Station, we are still trying to get a quote from NYCC Highways for an extension to the footpath and create a narrowing point and a crossing. We would also like to reinstate the steps at the other side of the bridge. Although we are still hopeful that there is half chance that we may receive some of the money as CDC has submitted Gargrave Station as part of the bid for inclusion in the Leeds Gateway Stations bid.

We are advised that Northern are prepared to provide taxis for disabled passengers.

The Sycamore growing between the stones under one of the River bridge arches has still to be removed.

5. Matters requested by councillors:

5.1. County Cllr Gillian Quinn:

Cllr Quinn told the meeting that she is still continuing to bring to the attention speeding through Gargrave and all other villages in the Dales.

An update on Coniston Cold Bridge from NYCC Highways is that engineers from the bridges section, ahead of securing any funding, are currently in the process of designing a new structure, the proposed option, as it is simply not possible to widen the existing bridge. The project will possibly include the realignment of the A65 and is expected to cost in the region of £10,000,000.

Following completion of the design, a feasibility study will take place followed by a full public consultation that will show the new structure and realignment of the road but to date no actual funding for any works has been allocated.

A charity called Dementia Forward have secured a new contract offering services in the Craven area - helpline.

The services they offer include, information and access, support advisors, home visit, emotional support, peer support, social activities, practical support.

Currently in North Yorkshire it is estimated that 10,000 are living with dementia but only 5,793 people have actually been diagnosed.

Leaflets were given to the Clerk to distribute in the village.

They are currently looking for premises in the area and Cllr Myers will make enquires about using the Hub at the Town Hall. Another suggestion put forward was the Village Hall here in the village.

5.2 District Cllr Simon Myers:

Regarding a meeting with Yorkshire Water, David Smurthwaite was going to arrange this direct with the Parish Council. He was going to get in touch with Yorkshire Water again and hopefully something will happen fairly soon.

Skipton put in a bid as part of the Leeds City bid to help make Skipton Station safer. We did include Gargrave but it maybe it is not a big enough project.

There are still talks regarding providing a link to the motorway at Colne and reinstating the Lancashire line from Skipton to Colne which still might happen.

Cllr Myers advised that we might want to point out to Northern there are only two taxis that can accommodate a wheelchair in Craven. They may be saying they can provide a taxi but this might prove difficult as out of the 180 cabs, only two are wheelchair friendly.

Regarding the Coniston Bridge improvements for the A65, the road is not fit for purpose for a truck.

Building a link from the M65 to M1, basically would take the traffic from here, well it won't. It will be the A59 that is used. There are no improvements on the A65.

Cllr Myers advised the meeting that he felt that the Sustrans funding to upgrade the Canal Towpath will be an asset for all sorts of people.

PW raised concerns regarding the section between Beckwith's to the Anchor as this is not very wide and could be a danger for walkers if we have fast cyclists travelling along there.

Cllr Myers confirmed he is trying to get something done about the willow trees at the side of the A65 above the top stepping stones to prevent another incident occurring.

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

6.1. Police Report:

Unfortunately no report has been received for tonight's meeting.

6.2 Public Participation:

One parishioner raised the poor condition of the Bridleways and PW pointed out that NYCC are responsible for these. Therefore we will write to them reporting the poor condition in our area.

Another parishioner raised the question of the Equality Assessment as she understood the draft had now been returned to the Parish Council from CDC. PW advised that the questions raised relating to the Equality Assessment will be replied to but not this evening.

The question was also asked if a decision had yet been made regarding the Saw Mill site application and Cllr Myers advised the meeting that a decision on this was pending. The Environment Agency have reported their concerns and they said that the wall is not suitable and they have basically said that if CDC grant permission, then they will intervene. Cllr Myers intends to call in this application.

The matter of the slurry wagons travelling from Gisburn through Bank Newton and along Marton Road was raised and it was agreed to report the matter once again to the Police. It was also reported that there is no weight limit sign by the Masons Arms. The Clerk to report this to NYCC Highways.

Another parishioner asked where he could view the Agenda prior to the monthly Parish Meeting and also that he was not aware he could attend the meetings until recently. It was confirmed to the meeting the Agenda is placed on the website and displayed in both the Parish Notice board and also the one outside the Village Hall. These are also circulated at each meeting. Once the Minutes are approved each month at the Parish meeting, these are placed on the website and a paper copy passed to the Library.

It was reported that the grass around the seats in the village was too high, especially along Chew Lane.

The Clerk to request our contractor to trim around all seats as soon as possible to make them fit to sit on.

6.3 Travellers:

PW confirmed we did have our first visit on the 24th May and they left on the 29th May. There have been a couple more visits since but each time they left after one night. The area was left relatively tidy.

We will serve them with a notice if they stay more than two nights. We think the short visits may be due to the grass being cut too short for the horses to graze.

RM mentioned that one of the concrete posts by the hawthorn bushes on the approach to Middle Green by the bridge has been knocked down, which would now give access to larger vehicles. It was agreed to determine who owned the posts and how this had been knocked over.

6.4 Referendum:

The results of the Referendum were 422 in favour of a YES vote and 216 in favour of a NO vote, with one spoilt paper. The turnout was 44.3%.

6.5 Duck Race:

The date for the Duck Race has been booked for Sunday 7 July 2019 on Middle Green.

7. To consider the planning applications and decisions:

See attached List.

8. Financial Matters:

8.1 To approve the accounts for payment.

INCOME

Wayleave	20.00
Honesty Boxes	207.39
VAT Repayment	1443.29

EXPENDITURE

Wages 1	609.90
Wages 2	696.21
Website Services	5.99
Village Hall Rent	152.00
Christmas Lights	170.63
PAYE	590.19
NYCC Electricity	3966.48
Calder Masonry ½ bill	2081.40
Hard Disc Drive	54.99
JC Cowgill	1356.92
Craven Stationery	72.85
EP Print	170.80

NatWest £40,698.83
SBS a/c £23,032.20

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

See attached list.

2. Retain for future reference.
7. Contact EA regarding opening of other river arches.
8. Survey to complete.

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 3 July 2019

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

Planning Applications – Meeting 5 June 2019

Appl. No. 2018/20024/HH Erection of roof mounted solar panels on South aspect of detached garage – Drinkall’s Barn, Church Street, Gargrave.

Appl. No. 2019/20441/HH Garage conversion with window at rear, removal of 1 garage door and replaced with a glazed screen – 11 Old Hall Croft, Gargrave.

Appl. No. 2019/20457/HH Proposed garage conversion – 2 Goffa Mill, Gargrave.

Appl. No. 2019/20368/FUL Re-siting of existing stables, horse walker and implement shed into field 3678 – Land East of Paget Hall, Church Street, Gargrave.

Appl. No. 2019/20517/HH New Porch to front elevation and new garden room to rear – 22 Marton Road, Gargrave.

Appl Nos. 2019/20192/FUL, 2019/20193/FUL, 2019.20194.FUL at Anchor Croft Farm will be Agenda Items at Planning Committee 3 June 2019 at 1.30 pm Belle Vue Suite, CDC.

Appeal Decision APP/C2708/W/18/3218012 Stoney Croft, 3 Skipton Road, Gargrave – **Planning Permission granted** subject to certain conditions.

Planning Decision – **Appl. No. 2019/20381/LBC** - Listed Building Consent granted.

Planning Decision – **Appl. No. 2019/20363/TPO** - Permission Granted.

Planning Decision – **Appl. No. 2019/20374/TPO** - Permission Granted.

Planning Decision – **Appl. No. 2019/20343/HH** - Permission Granted.

Planning Decision – **Appl. No. 2019/20342/MMA** - Permission Granted.

Correspondence list – Meeting 5 June 2019

1. Response from Area5 following our report of undermining of Chew Lane Beck.
2. Environment Agency advice on suitable species for planting by the Aire and suppliers.
3. Chase up email for an update on findings for Bridge No 168 Priestholme Bridge.
4. Go ahead given by Landlord of Masons, Marton Road to erect a new light in car park.
5. Chase-up enquiry to Area5 for costings for a crossing and footpath by the Railway Station
6. 95Alive – Speed Concern – Neville Road confirmation this is being investigated.
7. Photographs sent to contact at Northern Powergrid showing deterioration of river wall.
8. NY Police request for Volunteers to review police practices, link provided.
9. Post Office Temporary Closure now cancelled information.
10. 95Alive Speed Concern – Neville Road, monitoring equipment to be installed to measure speed for a minimum of 7 days.
11. Update on progress following our concerns raised to Yorkshire Water, Sewerage
12. Email and response to Playground contact on positioning of new signage.
13. CDC Dog Walk About information and update of next steps.
14. Email thank you from visitors to village for providing public toilets and cleanliness.
15. Information provided to email enquiry of the Annual Meeting protocol.
16. Duck Race booking confirmed, grass cutting contractor advised of date Sun 7 July.
17. Walk for Herriot Hospice Homecare on Sun 14 July information and poster to display.
18. NYCC Paths Team acknowledgement of report on damaged sign by Priestholme Bridge.
19. Various emails and responses relating to Street Light No 45 and action taken.

