

GARGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting
held Wednesday 8th January 2020

Councillors: Peter Ward, Bryony Lebeter, Janet Turner, Janet Sugden, Martin Banks, Robert Marshall, Chris Blythe, Kath Ashby – Clerk and several parishioners.

1. To receive apologies for absence: Cllrs Derrick Evans, Alan Robinson, County Cllr Gillian Quinn and District Cllr Simon Myers.

2. To acknowledge those present.

3. To receive any declarations of interest: BL and RM both declared an interest in two planning applications for comments this evening.

4. To confirm the minutes of the last meeting:

The minutes of the last meeting held **Wednesday 4 December 2019** were accepted as a true record. Proposed by RM and seconded by MB. All in favour and accepted unanimously.

4.1 Matters Arising:

The public toilets were discussed at length last month and we understand that the volunteer group have these up and running with sixteen volunteers working in pairs to clean them. PW told the meeting that he understood that our local District Cllr has been doing his bit today and the toilets are all very clean and tidy.

One resident from Marton Road had requested 95Alive to carry out a further test on speeding but we have not heard anything more from that.

RM has asked for the speed watch equipment back and then we can do some monitoring again.

The Speed Signs on the A65 are still working but they will be coming down again soon as they will have done the six weeks.

The flooding at the bottom of Raybridge Lane has been reported once again.

5. Matters requested by councillors:

5.1. County Cllr Gillian Quinn: apologies received for this evening.

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

Cllr Myers did however send an email advising there was nothing to report save for the fact that the Statutory and Senior Officers' Employment Committee, which he chairs, will be considering the future of the role of Chief Exec and the Senior Management structure this year in order to achieve the best model for Craven and Ratepayers in the future. There are all sorts of possibilities.

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

6.1. Budget:

The Parish Council held their budget meeting earlier this evening and it was agreed the precept will remain the same. We are still awaiting costs for the river wall.

6.2 Police Report:

The police are too busy to attend our monthly meetings but we have received a North Yorkshire Community message relating to a high number of police calls reporting a phone scam from HMRC threatening police action for unpaid tax or warrants out for arrest. This is a scam so please do not divulge any personal details. Report the incident to Action Fraud on 03001232040.

6.3 Public Participation:

A lady parishioner thanked the Parish Council for the removal of the street light attached to her house and putting up a new light in the corner of the car park. She raised concerns regarding the box and old brackets still fastened to the gable end of her home. PW explained that the old box and the wires will be removed later this week and any holes will be filled in.

Another parishioner asked if it would be possible to put an honesty box in the car park to raise funds for toilets. This was discussed and it was decided this would not be a good idea.

The parishioner also raised the ongoing problem of dog fouling and told of numerous bags he had collected and also the general waste and dog bags he had removed from the grit bin on the towpath up by the Anchor Inn.

PW told the meeting that as far as dog fouling was concerned, quite a number of signs have faded and we need to replace these. BL advised that there are an awful lot of dog bags left around the British Waterways building on the towpath.

JT told the meeting there is a process you can go through where the Parish Council can issue their own fines.

A discussion took place of ways we could stop people who do not pick up after their dogs and it was suggested maybe once the person was identified, a letter could be sent out to them initially which might be a half-way house.

6.4 Toilets:

The Parish Council has now finished looking after the toilets. We are continuing to contribute to the bills and supplies until the end of the financial year which is 31st March 2020.

We will see what the situation is at the end of this time.

7. To consider the planning applications and decisions:

See attached List.

8. Financial Matters:

8.1 To approve the accounts for payment.

INCOME

Tracsis Traffic	75.00
Honesty Boxes	203.92

EXPENDITURE

Wage 1	426.26
Wage 2	1240.21
Data Protection DD	40.00
Donation to Relate	50.00
Donation to Play Away	50.00
Village Hall Rent	152.00
Website Services	17.98
Stamps	21.96
MB reimburse for Creoseal	10.00
Relief Toilet Cleaning	275.00
PAYE	1004.99
City Electricals	83.88
Paul Waite	1440.00

NatWest 31.12.19 £29,243.27

SBS £20,422.61

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

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

See attached list.

1. Write to NYCC to take over the lease of the Station Car Park, from the end of March 2020 when no rates will apply.
8. Send dates, to arrange a meeting with Stirton Parish Council.
10. RM to attend this Workshop.
11. Contact Area5 to arrange a meeting with them.
12. Respond advising parishioner he can call into office to view documentation.
14. Respond advising no allotments available in the village.

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 5 February 2020**.

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

Planning Applications – Meeting 8 January 2020

Appl. No. 2019/21096/FUL - Upgrade of existing extractor and ventilation at Bollywood Cottage, 60-62 High Street, Gargrave.

Appl. No. 2019/1236/TPO T1 & T2 Beech-Crown reduction by 25%. T1, T2 & T2 Beech Crown thin by 25% - Taira House, Church Street, Gargrave.

Appl. No. 2019.21285/FUL - Construction of single storey annexe, 27 High Street, Gargrave

Appl. No. 2019/20724/FUL - Retention of existing Biomass Boilers – **Permission Granted.**

Appl. No. 2019/21016/HH - Garage Conversion – **Permission Granted.**

Appl. No. 2019/21135/HH- Replacement window frames – **Permission Granted.**

Correspondence List – Meeting 8 January 2020

1. Email raising concerns relating to walking from Station Car Park to Platform 1.
2. Letter from Pendle Forest & Craven Hunt, enclosing donation of £60 towards Christmas Lights.
3. Further Email raising concerns of dangerous access to Train Station car park.
4. Thank you letter received from Relate, following our donation to Time to Talk.
5. Play Away acknowledgement of proposed donation, their bank details now supplied.
6. Letter of complaint from local resident relating to re-siting of street light.
7. Anonymous email raising incident relating to slurry on A65, travelling towards Settle.
8. Response from Stirton Parish Council, willing to arrange meeting to share their experience to achieve safer roads.
9. NALC Template and appendix to LTN22 recommending two policies for us to adopt.
10. Workshop Invitation – Skipton Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan.
11. Area5 information on the relocation of 30mph signs westwards on Hellifield Road, meeting to be arranged to agree signage.
12. Email request to view NYCC Highways response to accident on crossing, plus FIO response from Environment Agency re the transporting of slurry.
13. Village Hall Drop-in Session on Saturday 25 January 2020 at Open day Coffee Morning.
14. Email enquiry from new resident wishing to apply for an allotment in the village.
15. NYCC Notice of Skipton & Ripon Area Constituency Committee Meeting to be held at Community House, Ripon, on Monday 13 January, 2020.
16. Woodland Trust email confirming delivery of free trees between 28 Feb -13 March 20.

