

# **GARGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL**

Report dated 06.04.2020

Prepared by the Clerk in place of our usual monthly meeting minutes.

## **River Wall Update**

Following February and March meetings, regarding concerns raised about the look of a rock armour wall as the repair to the River Wall, costs have been obtained from the Structural Engineer to prepare a re-design as it has now been decided to go with a concrete wall with a stone facing. This will be at the same height as the existing wall as a final solution.

The Engineers will now proceed with the preparation of a detailed re-designed plan which they will then send through to the Environment Agency for approval.

## **Superfast Broadband – High Green, Gargrave**

Openreach made contact with the Parish Council in March requesting permission to put new structures on land known as High Green for their new fibre build in the area. A site meeting was arranged to discuss this further.

Their preferred option was to erect three poles along Damside, the alternative was to lay the cabling underground. This work had been attempted earlier but due to the ducts being damaged and blocked, the work had not been successful.

The two options were then sent out by the Clerk to all the Parish Council for consideration. It was decided that the best course of action was to place the cables underground and while the work was being carried out, people could use the green or Marton Road while the path along Damside was closed.

We did receive quite a few enquiries prior to the decision being made due to Openreach fastening signs advising of the proposed works in that area. All emails will be responded to.

The Clerk has notified the contact at Openreach accordingly and they will advise us when this work will commence once a firm date has been agreed.

## **Coronavirus Community Group Update**

They advised that the group are now under the umbrella of NYCC with the advice coming from the NHS, but is a welcome move which means they are now safeguarded too against tricky situations.

Locals can still reach the group on the numbers provided on the leaflets which were distributed throughout the village but will also now be able to ring and be filtered through to a team who know how to deal with anyone who has more complex needs.

They ask that people stop sharing produce and unwanted items now too across Facebook boards, as a lot of this has still been going on and try instead to ring to receive carefully managed help with shopping etc. They ask that anyone we speak to is encouraged to do the same.

**Message from County Cllr Gillian Quinn dated 2 April 2020:**

Gill hopes that everyone is well and people are getting used to the regime put in place to keep everyone safe. The 'honeypot' villages such as Gargrave, Malham, Grassington, Kettlewell, Buckden etc., were much quieter last weekend after the first weekends' serious overcrowding and difficulties experienced.

NYCC are working hard to keep services going and if you have any difficulties please let her know and she will endeavour to find the answers. Keep safe and stay well.

**Planning Applications**

**Appl. No. 2020/21477/HH** New glazed entrance porch to existing house - 6 Old Hall Croft, Gargrave - The Parish Council has considered this application and has no objections.

**Appl. No. 2019/21096/FUL AMENDMENTS** to Application for upgrade to existing extractor and ventilation at Bollywood Cottage, 60-62 High Street, Gargrave.

The Parish Council is concerned about the possible impact of this development on neighbouring properties. The setting of the restaurant is somewhat unusual. In addition to houses physically attached to it there are residential properties around a courtyard to the rear. The application is therefore extremely sensitive for those in the immediate vicinity.

The plans appear to have been amended to alleviate the impact on one neighbouring property but we have no way of knowing whether this alteration will adversely affect others.

We note that Building Control raise concerns about potential noise and vibration. All we have at the moment is a statement from the applicant's agent that the new arrangements will be quieter than the existing ones.

In our view this application can only be given proper consideration if the council is in possession of expert analysis to provide reassurance that there will be no adverse impact on neighbouring properties of odour, noise or vibration.

### Planning Decisions

**Appl No. 2020/21338/HH** Proposed single storey rear extension & 2 oak framed balconies with new French windows – 3 Lock View, Smithy Croft, Gargrave – **Grants Planning Permission.**

**Appl. No. 2019/21235/HH** – Removal of existing orangery and replacement with larger orangery. Replacement windows – 2 Knowles House, Skipton Road, Gargrave - **Grants Planning Permission.**

**Appl. No. 2019/20574/FUL** – Erection of 3 bedroom dwelling with integral garage at Unit 1, Paget Hall, 15 Church Street, Gargrave – **Refuses Planning Permission.**

### **Finance**

The Finance Sheet prepared by the two Responsible Financial Officers, Cllr Janet Sugden and Cllr Martin Bank is set out below.

This was then sent by email to all Parish Councillors by the Clerk for approval.

<b>GARGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL</b>			
<b>Finance Sheet - 1st April 2020</b>			
<b>DATE</b>	<b>ITEM DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>INCOME</b>	<b>PAYMENTS</b>
<b>14/08/2019</b>	<b>WEBSITE SERVICES</b>		<b>5.99</b>
<b>15/04/2020</b>	<b>VILLAGE HALL RENT</b>		<b>152.00</b>
<b>20/03/2020</b>	<b>CRAVEN STATIONERY</b>		<b>82.75</b>
<b>30/03/2020</b>	<b>WAGES 1</b>		<b>505.94</b>
	<b>Paul Waite - current design of Retaining Wall</b>		<b>1,020.00</b>
	<b>YLCA Membership</b>		<b>555.00</b>
	<b>Skipton Hire Centre - hire of trailer</b>		<b>162.00</b>
	<b>City Electricals Factor</b>		<b>1,288.13</b>
	<b>Scott Janitorial - Public toilet supplies</b>		<b>192.62</b>
	<b>Stamps - J R Turner</b>		<b>96.00</b>
	<b>Craven Stationery</b>		<b>68.03</b>
<b>NAT WEST AS AT: 31st March £22,175.39</b>		<b>-----</b>	<b>-----</b>
<b>SKIPTON BUILDING SOCIETY as at: 31st March 2020 £20,569.40</b>			

Proposed by Cllr Peter Ward, seconded by Cllr Janet Turner, all in favour and accepted.

## **Correspondence List prepared 01.04.20**

1. CDC notification that the Parishes Liaison Meeting due to take place on Wednesday 25 March 2020 has been cancelled.
2. Axoleisure quote received for replacement boards on Skateboard ramps, further quote requested from Outdoor Playgrounds. This will of course be delayed now due to closure of Playground.
3. Northern Powergrid acknowledgement following notification of warning sign which has been knocked over during storms and flood. The sign requires re-excavating and concreting in.
4. CDC email advising they are to chase owner of incomplete building works to wall along Mark House Lane, requesting they complete the work agreed.
5. Request for help with Local Electricity Bill from Power for people information.
6. CDC Ruth Parker enquiring if PC has considered a review of Neighbourhood Plan yet. Response sent advising this probably may not happen until 2022.
7. Copy of email which has been sent to CDC and Cllr Myers from Marton Road resident complaining of dense choking smoke from Anchor Log site.
8. Response sent to NYCC relating to consultation on a new policy on developer contributions for education, asking whether proposed change makes any difference to the amounts which the Parish Council would have available from Developers for other infrastructure, etc.
9. Anonymous letter from residents on River Place due to gateway leading to stepping stones being bricked up.  
This has since been taken down until further information is received.
10. Three White Rose Updates providing various information – these have been forwarded to all Parish Councillors.
11. CDC Commercial Waste advising they have taken the decision to postpone 2020/21 invoicing at this present time. They will contact with an update, the first week in May 20.
12. Update from Coronavirus Community Group which has been recorded under heading earlier in this report.

This report has been proposed by Cllr Martin Banks, seconded by Cllr Janet Turner, all in favour and accepted.