

GARGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL

Report dated 08.03.21

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

New Lectern Sign:

We recently took delivery of the new Lectern Sign, which has taken longer than expected due to delays with deliveries.

This has now been erected on Middle Green near the Woodland Walk. This sign has been funded by a NYCC grant, with the help of County Councillor Gillian Quinn.

AJ1 Project:

The funding obtained from this project helped the Parish Council., towards the cost of a new light up by the Railway Station which should help provide better lighting in this area for passengers approaching the station and returning to the village each day. As requested, the branches have been cut back to enable the new light to be installed in the agreed position.

River Wall Update:

The permit required to work in the river between 25th March and 30th September is in the process of being completed by our contractor along with our local contact at the Environment Agency.

At the moment we are advised that the wall that has fallen is no more than has already been quoted for, although the situation may change if we experience more flooding before the work is permitted to start.

A notice has been placed on the Parish Council website and in our notice boards around the village providing details of the process that is required, prior to applying for a loan towards the cost of replacing the river wall, from the Public Loans Board.

A formal notice has been placed in the Craven Herald to comply with the criteria which has to be followed prior to applying for the funding.

As you can appreciate, the repair to the wall and the area behind it is a costly undertaking and the PC will need to take a loan in order to assist with the funding of this venture. The loan required is £75,000. Repayments will be made from our current funds and there will be no increase to this year's parish precept charge

Work cannot commence until the loan has been approved. The Environment Agency will only allow the work to be done between the 25th March and the 30th September inclusive. It is hoped to complete the work in as timely a manner as possible once funding is in place.

Travellers:

Following our meeting last year with the Police, several members of the Parish Council and two CDC representatives, we are hoping that this year we will have more support and the travellers will not be able to set up camp in the village as they did last year, even during lockdown.

We remind parishioners to ring 111 to report illegal traveller activity as well as letting the Parish Council know.

Speeding Problems:

The last tests undertaken up Marton Road by NYCC Highways did not justify any further action. The next step is to request cables across the road to record the speed.

At the end of Lockdown, the Parish Council will request further speed tests.

We have two approved locations where the Community Speed Watch equipment can be used to monitor speed in this area.

Our contract with the VAS will finish at the end of this financial year and the Parish Council will then look at alternative speed detection equipment.

Once the new Parish Council is in place in May, a new Speed Co-ordinator will be needed and then we can apply for some new sites to be approved.

Replacement Bench – Middle Green:

A new bench has been erected on Middle Green, on the site where an old bench used to be, which was broken and removed quite some time ago.

The new bench will have a plaque affixed, to remember our dear friend Michelle Lord and has been kindly funded by the Co-op in her memory, where she worked for many years in the village.

Finance:

The Parish Council need to prepare for the forthcoming 2020-2021 Audit. We have arranged for Yorkshire Internal Audit Services to do their Internal Audit review on the 5 May 2021. All of their recommended changes from the 2020 audit to our procedures for production of minutes have been implemented. We also have to undertake an external audit review which looks at other aspects of our accounts and will be carried out by PFK Littlejohns after the Internal Audit has been completed.

We also need to conduct a full internal review of our financial procedures/processes and this will be done before the end of March 2021.

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Invoice Review: MARCH 2021			
DATE	ITEM DESCRIPTION	INCOME	PAYMENTS
01/03/2021	WAGES 1		580.58
09/02/2021	VILLAGE HALL RENT		152.00
12/02/2021	1 & 1 INTERNET SERVICES		5.99
15/02/2021	VODAFONE - COUNCIL MOBILE PHONE		17.00
	J C COWGILL - RAILWAY NEW STREETLIGHT BRANCH PRUNING		60.00
	J C COWGILL - FIXING NOTICE BOARDS POSTS AND LECTERN		428.40
	SMITH of DERBY - 3 YEAR SERVICE OF CHURCH CLOCK AND CARILLON		655.20
	J R TURNER - POSTAGE		2.58
	CRAVEN STATIONERY - ENVELOPES & INK		129.36
	SHC - CHERRY PICKER HIRE		162.00
	CEF STREETLIGHT PARTS		11.88
NAT WEST as at: 28th FEBRUARY - £40,115.94		-----	-----
SKIPTON BS as at: 28th FEBRUARY - £20,680.35		0.00	2,204.99

Proposed by Cllr Peter Ward, seconded by Cllr Bryony Lebeter, all in favour and accepted.

Planning Applications – up to 3 March 2021

Appl. No. 2021/22429/HH Two storey extension at 3 Lock View, Smith Croft Road, Gargrave

Appl. No. 2021/22516/TCA 3 No. Larch 1 No. Spruce and 1 No Conifer – remove at Pebble Barn, 30A Church Street, Gargrave

Appl. No. 2021/22479/HH Replace existing pebble dash with durable silicone render and finish walls to extension with durable silicone render – 15 Riversway, Gargrave.

Planning Decisions

Appl.2020/22240/CPL Single storey rear extension 33 Neville Road, Gargrave **Permission Granted.**

Appl. 2021.22416/CPL repairs to No.33, Anchor Lock, Hellifield Road, Gargrave **Permission Granted.**

Correspondence List – up to 3 March 2021

1. CDC notification email relating to Local Government Re-organisation in York and North Yorkshire.
2. Update from CDC on the Draft Conservation Area Appraisals Planning Policy Team.
3. Response Letter sent to EA relating to unauthorized flood risk activities relating to the River Aire.
4. Email response sent to EA relating to fallen Willow above High Green stepping stones.
5. Thank you letter sent to Canal and River Trust volunteer for clearing tree remains in Eshton Beck.
6. Email and response to resident relating to removal of house number in previous Minutes.
7. NYCC Letter from Leader informing of consultations on proposals for local government reorganisation.
8. YLCA White Rose Update 22 February 2021 together with Census Day on 21.03.21 information.
9. Email enquiry from County Cllr Gillian Quinn relating to closure of Post Office and our reply.
10. NYCC Bulletin Update 17 February 2021 and 24 February 2021.
11. Invitation from GNAT AGM with time and date for all Parish Council.
12. Clock Maintenance St Andrews Church, Gargrave – new three year renewal agreed.
13. Correspondence with BT on repairs to Kiosk and information on adoption information.
14. Response from Police relating to vehicle parking on grass verge on Skipton Road.
15. CDC Standard Committee, Parish Representatives letter inviting nominations.
16. Map of Benches lent to local volunteer offering help to clean and maintain our 50 benches.
17. CDC notification of Tree Preservation Order No. 288:2021 on Mill Lane, Gargrave.
18. Ongoing correspondence relating to planning application on Eshton Road with CDC.
19. CIL Monies enquiries and response from Cllr Simon Myers.
20. Email request to Tree Officer at CDC to remove 4 trees in South Street Plantation, prior to River Wall replacement work.

This report was proposed by Cllr Bryony Lebeter, seconded by Cllr Martin Banks, all in favour and accepted.