

GARGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting
held Wednesday 6 July 2022

Councillors: Peter Ward (PW), Janet Sugden (JS), Chris Hoskin (CH), Joanne Hughes (JH), District Cllr Simon Myers, Kath Ashby – Clerk and several parishioners.

1. To receive apologies for absence: Cllrs Steve Coetzer, Martin Banks and David Shuttleworth.

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 June 2021** were accepted as a true record. Proposed by JS and seconded by JH. All in favour and accepted unanimously.

5. Matters requested by councillors:

5.1. District Cllr Simon Myers:

There is a lot of work to be done and I have attended a lot of meetings. One question Cllr Myers raised at the meeting, was what form the Planning Committees should take. Do we think that as long as people know what they are doing and are properly trained, does being local make any difference? The general feeling was they would need to have a good knowledge of the area and provide an unbiased view.

Cllr Myers confirmed he would put forward the information we have provided of the worst affected areas of dog fouling in the village for the proposed CCTV. He will also request a couple more bins, one by Higherlands Lock and another one at Priestholme Bridge.

He attended a meeting recently regarding the proposed Extra Care facility up Eshton Road which is still in sight. The Saw Mill site application has now been re-submitted but has not come through to the Parish Council to date.

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

6.1. Police Report: No new figures were available on the Police website, this has not been updated since the April figures provided last month.

6.2 Public Participation:

A parishioner asked if there was any update on the crossing point by Crow Garth on Skipton Road.

PW explained that we were hoping to use some of the CIL monies towards a crossing but we have been told we cannot use it for this purpose.

The parishioner also advised the meeting that there is, what appears to be a dead ash tree on High Green.

PW told the meeting that a number of the ash trees look to be dying but we need to give them time, as they may recover.

Another parishioner asked if it would be possible to purchase some bigger trees. PW told the meeting that recently he purchased four trees and planted these but unfortunately these have been badly affected by Travellers and their horses have eaten them. We can get more whips but with the bigger trees the problem is the cost.

6.3 Standing Orders: These have all been prepared and checked through plus our current ones have been included. These have been circulated to all the Parish Councillors and this month it is hoped that if everyone agrees, these will be adopted and placed on our website before the next meeting.

6.4 DNAire Sculpture:

Geoff Roberts from the Aire Rivers Trust along with Alex Blakey, the chosen artist gave a short but very informative presentation to the meeting.

The Parish Council agreed that the sculpture could be situated in the South Street plantation, the preferred location. They also agreed in principle to enable a saving in the cost of the planning application, to be the formal applicant for the planning permission. The DNAire team will complete all the necessary documentation, leaving the Parish Council to do the formalities.

A couple of Parish Councillors will arrange to meet with the Tree Officer at CDC to satisfy his concerns about potential disturbance of tree roots in the vicinity of the sculpture.

6.5 Trees:

This subject has already been raised so to confirm, PW will be meeting with the Tree Surgeon who is currently working in Kirby Lonsdale to carry out a review of the trees. We will then get a couple of quotes for the work it is felt needs doing.

6.6 New Village Hall Contract to discuss:

It was 2016 when we last had an increase in the rent. After a short discussion it was agreed this needed further thought as the rise is around 31% and there has been no change to any service provided.

To consider the planning applications and decisions:

See attached List.

8. Financial Matters:

8.1 To approve the accounts for payment.

INCOME

VAT Refund	904.41
Internet Services refund	45.39
Powergrid 2 x Wayleaves	65.39
Tower & Staines refund – Propane	80.00
Refund for returned Shredder	54.99

EXPENDITURE

Wages	548.78
Bouncy Castle for Fun Day	311.98
Internet Services	5.99
Village Hall Rent (2) 13 payment	304.00
Shredder (later returned)	54.99
Shredder (new)	249.99
Postage on Chalk Paint	4.99
A Metcalf – repair to flowerbed wall	120.00
JC Cowgill grass cutting	1392.92
JC Cowgill fitting of river signs	234.60
CEF Street Light repairs (3 invoices)	449.41

NatWest £43,115.53

Skipton BS £20,692.15

Proposed by PW, seconded by CH, all in favour and accepted.

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

See attached list.

1. We are still pressing for a solution to this problem.
3. A further response is to be prepared.
4. Cllr Simon Myers is now progressing this for the PC.
6. CH explained the series of events on that day.
10. JH agreed to look on site to find a safe solution to remove the weeds.
11. Permission given to work on the boundary wall, Low Green.
12. Permission not agreed, response sent to Parishioner.

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 August 2022**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.30pm.

Planning Applications – Meeting 6 July 2022

Appl. No. 2022/24083/HH Construction of a porch to the front elevation and installation of twin wall flue to rear elevation at Church Close Barn, Church Street, Gargrave

Appl. No. 2022/24084/LBC Listed Building and Conversation Area Consent for above

Appl. No. 2022/24110/TCA Removal of 1 Plum and 3 Conifers at Pebble Barn, 30A Church Street, Gargrave

Appl. No. 2022/23731/FUL Consultation Amendments - Proposed extension to Milton House Nursing Home, Marton Road, Gargrave

Appl. No. 2022/24034/HH Proposed two storey side extension at 8 Skipton Road Gargrave.

Planning Decision 2022/23756/FUL Old Swan Inn, Gargrave - **Granted.**

Planning Decision 2022/23935/FUL Craven Lawn Tennis Club – **Granted.**

Planning Decision 2022/23975/LBC Old Hall Farmhouse – **Granted.**

Planning Decision 2022/24030/CPL Woodlands, 19A Marton Road – **Granted.**

Correspondence List – Meeting 6 July 2022

1. Automated response only from Canal & Rivers Trust re overtopping of canal.
2. CIL Monies response so far from CDC, together with attached meeting notes.
3. Response from Environment Agency relating to Kelber Farm, further reply to be composed.
4. Worst affected areas for dog fouling sent to Cllr Simon Myers for his help with CCTV.
5. Copy of presentation by Sharon Fox, NYCC Highways on implementation of 20mph speed limits.
6. Email complaint from resident of Goffa Mill blocking access to end properties on Fun Day.
7. Request made to NYCC Highways for a further VAS location, new Installation Agreement to sign.
- 8a Email sent to Yorkshire Water, advising NYCC Highways installed gabion baskets in 2003/5.
- 8b Also email sent to Area 5 requesting they carry out a condition survey of gabion baskets and provide feedback ASAP due to their deterioration.
9. Enquiries made to Npower relating to invoices received over last 3 years for Xmas lights.
10. Concerns raised over Middle Green access area covering with weeds, to agree a solution
11. Email requesting permission to work on boundary wall of Knowles House/Low Green.
12. Parishioner requesting personal details of all Parish Councillors and response.