

GARGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting
held Wednesday 3 August 2022

Councillors: Steve Coetzer (SC), Chris Hoskin (CH), Peter Ward (PW), Joanne Hughes (JH), Janet Sugden (JS) Martin Banks (MB) Cllr Alan Sutcliffe, Kath Ashby – Clerk and several parishioners.

1. To receive apologies for absence: District Cllr Simon Myers, Cllr David Shuttleworth

2. To acknowledge those present. The Chairman welcomed everyone including two new prospective councillors who were also in attendance.

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 6 July 2021** were accepted as a true record. Proposed by CH and seconded by JS. All in favour and accepted unanimously.

5. Matters requested by councillors:

5.1. District Cllr Simon Myers: Apologies received for this evening.

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

6.1. Public Participation:

A parishioner wished to receive a copy of the last month's minutes. Following that he required some clarification on matters relating to the Marton Road planning application and also the Neighbourhood Plan raised to the acting Chairman last month. A detailed discussion then took place. Cllr Alan Sutcliffe also explained to the parishioner how the Neighbourhood Plan was well ahead of the Local Plan at one point.

CH pointed out that the Minutes are not recorded verbatim.

Another parishioner wished to ask why the grass needed cutting when the weather had been so dry and the grass was so short. PW pointed out that the Parish Council have a contract and it is therefore agreed to cut it.

The same parishioner told the meeting he had recently shown the Chairman a suggested sign for the greens which is used elsewhere stating if people did not clean up after their dogs, the greens would be fenced off.

Another lady asked what was happening with the field where the Canal and River Trust had taken over near the coal yard, now the work had been completed. PW explained that the owner of the field has now started to remove the stone surface and it will eventually go back to a field. Part of the agreement was he allowed the field to be used and they agreed to leave the owner of the field the stone.

Another parishioner asked if there had been any response to our email to Area5 relating to the failing gabion baskets down near Low Green.
The Clerk agreed to chase the matter for a response.

6.2 Police Report:

Crime Figures recorded for May 2022.

Anti-Social Behaviour	8
Other Theft	1
Vehicle Crime	1
All other crime	1
Total	11

SC told the meeting that we are pursuing our request for someone to attend our monthly meeting and we will continue to request this.

6.3 Hedge Cutting:

JH raised this matter due to the cut last year of the hedge on Middle Green as it was cut in such a way it left no space for wildlife below and a family of hedgehogs had been nesting in that area. It was agreed that JH would contact to arrange to meet the contractor to discuss the best possible way to safeguard wildlife when cutting the hedge this year.

MB also raised the point that in recent years both PW and he cut around the wooden signpost indicating the footpath across the field nearby. It was thought that this was now dealt with by the volunteer in charge of the signposting but JH agreed to check with her first of all.

6.4 Parish Councillors Personal Details:

SC confirmed that this request and our response was in correspondence last month. I understand a few of you have been approached since regarding having your personal details in the Parish Mag and placed on the website. The Chairman commented that in his opinion he did not personally agree that we should have these details in the public domain. SC pointed out that there was no legal obligation to publish our personal details and if any one wishes to speak to a particular Parish Councillor they can do this via the Clerk by either writing, emailing when their details will be passed onto us.

The Clerk asked for a show of hands and all present were in agreement that they did not wish for their personal details to be placed in the Parish Magazine or on our website.

SC told the meeting that we have recently updated the Register of Interests information for all the Parish Councillors and a link has been placed on the website.

6.5 Travellers – Low Green:

PW has spoken to a few people recently regarding the Travellers parking up on the Low Green. He has spoken to a few of the travellers over the years and you do not get any sense on how long they intend staying. Unfortunately the majority of them do not clean up after making a mess, they gallop up and down on their horses at 10pm at night. We rarely get any support from the Police.

Therefore following the confirmation we are to receive the CIL monies, due from the new development, Park Croft, my suggestion is we fence off the green with bird mouth fencing. Allow for two or three openings where people only can get through. We should paint it white and renew the paintwork every year. People get really hacked off with the Travellers and we are allowed to use some of the CIL monies for fencing around recreational land. Hopefully this would discourage travellers to keep off the greens.

The Playground group raised almost £100k and upgraded all the equipment at our Playground. We did hope to put a crossing from Crowgarth across the A65 with the monies available but we are not allowed to do this, so I am putting forward this suggestion of fencing the green.

To consider the planning applications and decisions:

See attached List.

8. Financial Matters:

8.1 To approve the accounts for payment.

INCOME

NIL

EXPENDITURE

Wages		629.28
Land Registry Searches (2)		12.00
Village Hall Rent		152.00
Internet Services		5.99
Merritt & Fryers Rock Salt		13.00
PAYE		411.15
Loan Repayment		2211.14
JC Cowgill grass cutting July		1392.92
Npower Xmas Lights	1.4.20 -29.11.20	262.13
“ “	1.4.20- 31.03.21	372.53
“ “	1.4.21- 31.03.22	315.00
Craven Stationery		156.96

Total	£5937.10
NatWest £39,707.18	
SBS £20692.15	

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

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

See attached list.

1. Allocation split of CIL monies is set out below:-

Gargrave Sports Association	£15,000
Craven Tennis Club	£5,000
Gargrave Parish Council	£71,000
Gargrave Bowling Club	£1,000

7. Additional VAS power point: The quotation is £750 plus £98 materials which is felt is too high so it has been agreed that they will notify us when next in our area and combine our job with others.

8. A meeting took place this evening, Bentleys have not yet submitted paperwork to the EA. Anticipated completion date is December 2022.

9. It was agreed to put forward Speeding as a topic for the agenda at the next Parishes Liaison Meeting scheduled for Wednesday 21 September 2022.

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 7 September 2021**

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

Planning Applications – Meeting 3 August 2022

Appl. No. 2022/24130/HH Remove existing up and over garage door, install single roller garage, pedestrian entrance, boot and utility behind and a plant room for existing boiler at 7 Old Hall Croft, Gargrave

Appl. No. 2022/24035/HH Amendments Proposed single storey annexe for a dependant relative at 48 Eshton Road, Gargrave

Appl. No. 2022.24189/CPE Outbuilding to provide ancillary accommodation to existing dwelling for elderly relative at 7 Neville Road, Gargrave

Appl. No. 2022/24127/FUL Proposed removal of 25 permanent residential caravans, conversion of existing Sawmill into 2 apartments and the erection of 12 new dwellings with associated infrastructure – Old Saw Mill, Marton Road, Gargrave

Appl. No. 2022.24211/FUL Proposed new dwelling with 2 self-contained flats at 33 Neville Road, Gargrave

Planning Decision Notices

Appl 2022/24034/HH 2 storey extension at 8 Skipton Road, Gargrave - **Granted**

Appl 2022/24083/HH Twin wall flue to rear elevation at Church Barn, Church St – **Granted**

Appl. 2022/24045/TCA Remove 1 Sycamore 1 Ash, Crown lift trees – St Andrews Church – **Granted**

Correspondence List – Meeting 3 August 2022

1. Various emails relating to the CIL monies and the proposed allocation of funds.
2. Email from local resident relating to Parish Councillor's Register of Interests which is now all correct and the link has been updated on our GPC website.
3. Northern Gas project to replace gas main across Low Green, offering easement and associated legal costs to the Parish Council.
4. Local resident raising concerns of speeding along Chew Lane and our response.
5. Request to use GPC lamp Posts to attach antenna to enable remote monitoring of river levels, air quality etc.
6. Quotation received to install a further Post connection for our speed sign and our responses.
7. Environment Agency enquiry as to the owner of the flap valve behind Toilets and our response advising this is not a PC asset.
8. Various emails and updates from Yorkshire Water, relating to work on the Sewer, Airebank Terrace area.
9. Invitation to Parishes Liaison Meeting - Wednesday 21 September 2022, requesting topics for the Agenda.
10. Enquiry from camper at Football field, why the gate to Playground is locked and our response.
11. Various emails and updates relating to the planning application to erect the DNAire sculpture.
12. Chase up email for a response from the Environment Agency to concerns raised regarding ongoing activity at Kelber Farm and their response.
13. CDC email warning to be very wary of signing up with rating agents.
14. CDC Council Tax Reduction Scheme consultation information, link to be placed on PC website.
15. YLCA – Meeting with North Yorkshire Police, Fire & Crime Commissioner – 2 November 2022
16. Devolution Deal, between central government and local authorities for York and N. Yorkshire.

