

## **GARGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting  
held Wednesday 7 December 2022

Councillors: Steve Coetzer (SC) Peter Ward (PW), Janet Sugden (JS), Martin Banks (MB), Alan Sutcliffe (AS), David Shuttleworth (DS), Joanne Hughes (JH), Karen Hunter (KH), District Cllr Simon Myers, Kath Ashby – Clerk and several parishioners.

- 1. To receive apologies for absence:** Cllr Chris Hoskin
- 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 2 November 2022** were accepted as a true record. Proposed by AS and seconded by PW. All in favour and accepted unanimously.

### **5. Matters requested by councillors:**

#### **5.1. District Cllr Simon Myers:**

Cllr Myers told the meeting that interestingly the Agenda item 6.5 on traffic calming was discussed at a recent meeting he attended with NYCC, one topic being the 20's Plenty campaign. The council will have to take a decision about this in the near future. There will be a motion taken in the Area Committee Meeting next week, proposing this is trialled in some areas where there is evidence.

Highways will look at this but it has to be evidence led. They won't contemplate bringing in a 20mph blanket speed limit because some residents feel that it would be nicer if the traffic was slower.

PW told the meeting that it has been put forward in the past to reduce the speed limit from Thorlby to Beckwith's farm.

There is a recommendation that something needs to be done and Church Street is definitely the worst area in the village.

Cllr Myers advised that CDC is the only council which is not running a budget deficit.

A discussion took place regarding the possibility of traffic calming by creating a road narrowing up near the Railway Station. Cllr Myers confirmed that he will have money available again next year and he is very happy to spend our money on projects like this to make our roads safer.

NYCC across the county have a shortfall of housing which is quite shocking. There is 81% less than is needed which is a real problem for our young people.

Cllr Hughes asked Cllr Myers for an update regarding CCTV discussed a while ago, to assist with dog fouling around the village. It was agreed that the Clerk would send through a

reminder email to Cllr Myers who is quite happy to follow this up and get back to us with an update.

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

**6.1. Police Report:**

SC told the meeting that we now have been able to access data for two months for this meeting, which is set out below: -

**Crime Figures – September 2022**

Violence & Sexual Offences	Total of 9
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**Crime Figures – October 2022**

Anti-Social Behaviour	2
Public Order	2
Violence & Sexual Behaviour	2
All Other Crime	1

Total of 7

**6.2 Public Participation:**

One parishioner wished to follow on from the traffic calming which had been discussed earlier in the meeting and put forward comparisons on roads in Lancashire.

Another parishioner raised his concerns regarding a tree which is growing within the river wall which he feels if not dealt with, this could cause serious problems and danger the recently repaired river wall. Shale is banking up and the tree is collecting debris.

PW suggested we make a request to the EA asking for permission to deal with this tree.

**6.3 Budget for Resolution:**

The council reviewed the proposed budget for 2023 -2024 financial year and a proposal that the council parish precept be unchanged at £46,000 per annum.

Resolved –

1. The council approved the 2023 – 2024 budget proposal.
2. The council also agreed that the parish precept for 2023 – 2024 be unchanged at £46,000.
3. The precept authorisation form should be completed by the clerk and returned to CDC before the deadline date of the end of December 2022.

**6.4 Trees:**

PW explained to the meeting that we have contacted two Tree Surgeons for quotations for the essential works necessary to our trees in the village and these have come in at around £9,000. We have applied to CDC for the permission to undertake this work. Nearly all the trees are Ash which need attention. We have left some of the trees but the worst one is the

big tree nearest to Goffa Mill. There are also two at the top of the Goit and he also felt that some Ash may flourish once again.

#### **6.5 Traffic Calming – Church Street and Chew Lane:**

SC attended a meeting with Sharon Fox at Area 5 recently and discussed a traffic calming measure, specifically along Church Street in Gargrave, outside the Railway Station. To prove if this would work, it is possible for Highways to install temporary traffic calming measures and then they monitor to see if this will slow the traffic down to a reasonable speed.

Chew Lane does not meet the requirements for The Quiet Lanes Protocol as there are no housing on either side of the lane. The Quiet Lane scheme will not be introduced in North Yorkshire in the foreseeable future. We could of course run a campaign to do this ourselves?

#### **6.6 Christmas Closing:**

The Parish Council Office will close from Monday 19 December 2022 and will re-open on Wednesday 28 December 2022.

#### **To consider the planning applications and decisions:**

See attached List.

### **8. Financial Matters:**

8.1 To approve the accounts for payment.

#### **INCOME**

VAT Repayment	2168.30
Co-op Community Fund	1247.21
Ward Members Grant	500.00
Pendle Hunt donation	60.00

#### **EXPENDITURE**

British Legion Donation	100.00
Internet Services	5.99
Village Hall Rent	216.67
Craven Stationery	157.20
SHC Cherry Picker	165.60
Land Registry x 2	12.00
CEF Christmas Lights	714.00
CEF Light Parts	304.49
CEF St Light parts	153.66
Willow Way Signs	184.30
SHC Cherry Picker	165.60

NatWest £42,299.15

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

**9. To consider the following new correspondence** received and decide action where necessary.  
See attached list.

1. Donation of £60 received towards Christmas Lights.
4. To be placed on the January 2023 Agenda
5. The Parish Council felt disappointed that the Cllr who had raised concerns has now advised that he has no availability for the suggested dates.
7. Still awaiting further quotes for playground equipment.
10. We now have the correct forms to be served on residents at each side footpath.

At the end of the meeting, Cllr Joanne Hughes gave her resignation as she will be leaving the village in the near future. The Parish Council thanked her for all her efforts and gave their best wishes for the future.

**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 4 January 2023**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.30pm.

### **Planning Applications – Meeting 7 December 2022**

**Appl. No. 2022/24542/TPO** Remove 6 no Ash, 2 no Birch, 1 no Weeping Ash, 1 no Sycamore and 1 no Willow on Gargrave Parish Council land.

**Planning Decision Appl. No. 2022/24442/TPO** Fell 1 Ash at Taira Gardens, Church Street, Gargrave –**Permission Granted.**

**Planning Decision- Appl No. 2022/23906/HH and 2022/23907LBC** Demolition of out buildings, retaining garden walls. Construction of garden room with solar panels, potting shed and store, car port. New paved patio at 5 Church Street, Gargrave – **Permission Refused.**

**Planning Decision – Appl. No. 2022/24440/FUL** Change use of part of ground floor from shop incorporated into a single dwelling at 22A High Street, Gargrave – **Permission Granted.**

### **Correspondence List – Meeting 7 December 2022**

1. Permission requested to hold Hunt on Middle Green on Boxing Day, permission granted.
2. Local resident enquiry regarding possible car parking charges and our reply.
3. Yorkshire Water update on the progress of works, advising that this was on target.
4. NYCC requesting to attend our next PC Meeting with Flood Wardens to discuss their flood plan.
5. Proposed round the table meeting recent correspondence following proposed dates email.
6. Chase up email sent to CDC relating to the failing wall up Church Street asking for update.
7. CDC email requesting update on progress with our plans for CIL Monies.
8. Quiet Lane Protocol requested from NYCC, details now provided.
9. Photos provided following unveiling of Sculpture on South Street, last Friday afternoon.
10. Correspondence relating to registering the closed footpath A65-Neville Road, Gargrave.