

GARGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting
held Wednesday 1 November 2023

Councillors: Steve Coetzer (SC), Janet Sugden (JS), Martin Banks (MB), Derek Steele (DSt), Alan Sutcliffe(AS), Karen Hunter (KH), Gregory L Butt (GLB) David Shuttleworth (DS)
District Cllr Simon Myers, Kath Ashby – Clerk and several parishioners.

1. To receive apologies for absence: Cllr Chris Hoskin.

2. To acknowledge those present. SC welcomed everyone to the November Parish Council Meeting, including our ex Parish Council Chairman, Peter Ward.
Welcome also to our resident reporter, Lesley Tate who will record the meeting this evening.

3. To receive any declarations of interest: SC told the meeting he thought it was only right to register his interest as being a member of the Parish Council and living on Marton Road when discussing the recent new application for the development for 38 new homes on Marton Road. Cllrs Hunter and Banks wished to declare their interest also.

4. To confirm the minutes of the last meeting:

Cllr Butt wished to highlight the fact that two councillors he felt had been put under pressure regarding not wishing to attend the Off to a Flying Start training course. He thought it was unfair for the two councillors to be named in the Minutes.

SC told the meeting that it states they did not wish to do the training, they decided to opt out of the training suggested. Otherwise it would not be a true reflection of the discussion which took place. SC also explained the importance of undertaking the training.

MB requested that we include this in the Standing Orders, to review and change.

The minutes of the last meeting held **Wednesday 4 October 2023** were accepted as a true record. Proposed by AS and seconded by DS. All in favour and accepted unanimously.

5. Matters requested by councillors:

5.1. District Cllr – Simon Myers:

Cllr Myers told the meeting that looking ahead to the Marton Road Planning Application He understand this is for discussion this evening and he confirmed he had asked for this application to be called in. He would hope that Neville Watson, Chief Planning Officer has substantial grounds for this application to go to Committee and not delegation.

He has made the point there was some 450 comments last time and most will be the same even though this will be treated as a fresh application.

If he can get them to roll these original comments over, he will do. Unfortunately Neville Watson is away at the moment. It is technically a new application.

Cllr Myers asked if we had heard back with confirmation that the Locality Grant the Parish Council applied for had been approved. We should be hearing any day now.

MB asked Cllr Myers if it was true that the Precept was set to rise by 8% this time. Cllr Myers explained that CDC had a deficit as they took on the Public Toilets, maintenance of the Park and the Canal Basic etc. That might represent the 8% increase in the Precept this time. You can increase the Precept.

The new Housing Strategy is out it is going to be in the Press.

The Local Plan is now in the Public domain. There will be a new call for sites March/April 2024 next year and you will then see what goes forward. This will also apply to the Gargrave Neighbourhood Plan and residents will get the opportunity to comment on any sites put forward.

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

6.1. Police Report:

SC told the meeting that he has gone back as far as July 2022 up to the latest figures provided for September 2023 and prepared a graph which he has handed out to all Parish Councillors this evening. It has been decided that when we reach the end of this year, December 2022 to December 2023 figures will be published on our Website.

The crime figures for September 2023 are set out below:

Public Order	3
Anti-Social Behaviour	2
Possession of Weapons	2
All Other Crime	4
Total	11

6.2 Public Participation:

One local resident asked why the Parish Council do not publish on the social media – Community Page. SC advised her that we took legal advice and were told that this would not be advisable or professional for a Parish Council to do so.

6.3 Boundary Wall/Playground:

SC explained the position that a resident of Airedale Avenue has taken the ownership recently of a piece of land next to his property and it is their intention to knock down the boundary wall and put a metal railing. We have taken Solicitors advice who have written to the resident asking them to provide evidence that they actually own this wall. This matter is in No. 14 in the Correspondence List this evening. There is a small piece of land nearby that it might be worth taking ownership of. This matter will be discussed at another meeting.

6.4 Stepping Stones:

Following the recent rain and the toppling over of two of the stepping stones by Low Green, these have been cordoned off for safety reasons until further notice. We did write to SCAPA to ask if they would be willing to make a contribution. They turned this down, we wrote again suggesting some of their employees use them. We have tried to obtain two quotations for remedial work, unfortunately the second contractor did not show. The suggestion is that we remove the two fallen stones and put in two boulders as a temporary

solution. We also discussed with the contractor, about pulling back the two big stones in front and also some of the gravel. Then next summer, re-seat all of the stepping stones. The cost of this work is estimated at £1640 excluding VAT.

GLB suggested that we should perhaps wait until spring next year and then just re-seat the stepping stones. All were in favour to leave until spring 2024. Clerk to advise the contractor we are not going ahead.

6.5 Kissing Gate:

This gate has been removed once again and currently in storage. Do we leave it off or do we have the gate put back in place.

All in favour to put the gate back on.

6.6 Plaque for new bench – IMO of V&M Smith:

There is a new bench next to the sculpture funded by a bequest from Marjorie and Vincent Smith who lived in the village. We now need to think of wording for a plaque. Part of the money also bought a new picnic bench which has been installed down near the Woodland Walk. Both benches are maintenance free.

7. To consider the planning applications and decisions:

See attached List.

Cllrs discussed and shared their comments in the meeting. It was agreed that councillors would email their comments through to the Clerk relating to the Marton Road development. It was also agreed that Cllrs KH, MB and AS would meet in the office and pull all the comments together so that these could be sent through to the Planning Department by the deadline of the 6 November 2023.

SC told the meeting that late this afternoon we had received an email and photograph from a resident of Walton Close which he wished the Parish Council to see. Clerk to forward the email and attachment through to all the Parish Council for their information.

8. Financial Matters:

8.1 To approve the accounts for payment.

INCOME

NYCC Locality Grant GWVG	600.00
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EXPENDITURE

Wages	762.34
PAYE	427.91
Internet Services	3.74
Rent, Office, Storage	216.67
N/Powergrid Standing charge	315.00
Poppy Wreath	25.00
Fittings for Benches	86.40
Twin Locks – Snowdrop bulbs	500.00

SHC Cherry Picker	200.51
YLCA Training x 2	100.20
Craven Stationery	29.40
Askew removal of tree branch	300.00
JC Cowgill removal of fallen tree	420.00
JC Cowgill Tree work on green	156.00
JC Cowgill – install benches	1500.92

NatWest as at 01.11.23 £25,181.01

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

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

See attached list.

3. To agree and order.

5. Finance meeting to arrange.

7. MB meeting Thursday 2 November at Playground.

10. Chase up email to send.

11. Nothing back yet with prices for Xmas Trees and lights.

14. Ongoing.

19. Thank you letter to send to GWWG and Twin Locks.

20. All in favour to go ahead with sculpture IMO William Hynes. Letter to Dalesman to send.

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 6 December 2023**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.50pm.

Planning Applications – Meeting 1 November 2023

Appl. No. 2022/23731/FUL - Proposed extension-Milton House Nursing Home, Marton Rd, Gargrave
Appl. No. 2022/23731/LBC – Listed Buildings & Conservation for above application.

Appl. No. ZA23/25403/FUL – Residential development, with access, associated landscaping, green infrastructure, and other associated works on Land off Marton Road, Gargrave.

Appl. No. ZA23/25437/HH – Side and rear extension to existing dwelling at 7 Church Street, Gargrave.

Appl. No. ZA23/25464/HH - Proposed detached garage and single storey extension at 13 Marton Road, Gargrave.

Planning Decision Notices

Appl. 2023/24861/FUL & 2023/24862/LBC – Installation of new external lighting at Old Swan Hotel, High Street, Gargrave. **Grants Full Planning Permission.**

Appl. ZA23/25370/VAR Variation of condition no 2 (Approved Plans) and condition no.11 of planning approval Ref 2022/24506/FUL 42 Eshton Road, Gargrave – **Grants Planning Permission.**

Appl. ZA/23/25271/HH Proposed sunroom to rear elevation, plus detached garden room at 6 South Street, Gargrave – **Grants Householder Planning Permission.**

Correspondence List – Meeting 1 November 2023

1. Contractor's estimate provided to flag the muddy entrance to Playground, given the go ahead.
2. Email from resident re: Crime Statistics provided and the best way to visually display these.
3. Bench and Picnic Table bought with legacy, now in place, plaque to be agreed and ordered.
4. Resident at Park Croft, emails relating to speeding and agreeing best solution.
5. NYCC Parish Precept application form arrangements for financial year 2024/25.
6. Local resident concerns relating to discussed Training for new Parish Councillors at Oct meeting.
7. Update relating to ordering the agreed new Basket Ball for the Playground.
8. NYCC Link provided for the consultation on its Draft Housing Strategy 2024-2029.
9. Response sent to resident confirming the Welcome to Gargrave sign has been repaired.
10. Automated response received from PS Evans, to our request to arrange a meeting to prepare Traveller Community Plan for 2024.
11. Response to email relating to some form of Christmas lighting down High Street, requesting an indication of how many light sets would be needed.
12. Email from local resident reporting saplings and branch in Goit, these have now been removed.
13. NYCC Confirmed Order Notification for Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981 Definitive Map Modification Order Appl No. CRA-2021-06-DMMO Public Footpath, A65 to Neville Road.
14. Various correspondence relating to boundary wall Airedale Ave/Playground.
15. Fallen Tree in South Street Plantation now removed, NYCC Tree Officer advised before work carried out.
16. No Power to Light No 80, outside 21 Neville Road, reported to Northern Powergrid for attention.
17. A new Local Plan for North Yorkshire, as CDC ceased to exist on 1 April 2023 information.
18. Dates confirmed for GPC Monthly Meetings for 2024, circulated to all Parish Councillors.
19. GWWG Letter advising they have filled the planters each end of the village with winter pansies, kindly donated by Twin Locks.
20. Request to consider from The Dalesman Café, permission to erect a sculpture IMO William Hynes.
21. Response from Environment Agency following our continued concerns raised re Kelber Farm.

