

# **GARGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting

Held Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2024

**Present:** Martin Banks (MB), Chris Hoskin (CH), Allan Sutcliffe (AS), Gregory L Butt (GB) Chair, David Shuttleworth, Derek Steele, Karen Hunter, 4 members of the Public, 2 Police Officers and Cllr Simon Myers.

## **1. Chairman's Opening Remarks**

The Chair opened the meeting and welcomed everyone to the meeting. The newly elected Chair thanked the outgoing Chair and then outlined that he will strive to concentrate on three key areas: community involvement, Councillor responsibilities and governance.

## **2. To receive apologies for absence: Cllr Janet Sugden**

## **3. To receive any declarations of interest not already declared under the Council's Code of Conduct or any members Register of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests:**

Nothing declared.

## **4. To confirm the minutes of the last meeting held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2024, as true and correct record;**

The minutes were accepted as a true record and were proposed by Cllr Sutcliffe and seconded by Cllr Martin Banks. All in favour and accepted unanimously.

## **5. Reports from Invited Guests and North Yorkshire Councillor.**

**Police Report** –PS Evans and PC Leverton. PS Evans outlined the available incident for the last month. N.B. some of the incidents included in the data may be outside the Parish Council boundary.

RTC 8

Eye Witness 7

Suspicious circumstances 13

Abandoned cars 8

Civil dispute 1

SB personal 2

Stalking and harassment 1

Theft 3

Violence 1

Concern for safety 1

Although these figures may seem high PS Evans stated that Gargrave along with other Parishes in Craven are still safe places to live.

PS Evans outlined an aspiration to attend meetings once or twice a year in the future but said that they would share data on a more frequent basis.

Gypsy and Traveller Plan. . Karen Hunter outlined the current GPC position. PS Evans outlined that as ‘guardians’ of the land it was the council responsibility to manage trespass. Any information about Gypsies and PS Evans and the Inspector have read the document and are in agreement with it. It is up to the council to adopt it and it can be shared with the control and officers in the area will be aware of it.

PS Evans outlined that the Police would only become involve is there was serious disruption, threats or violence towards people or to support the parish council during any evictions.

PS Evans shared a handout outlining the Community Messaging service which can be shared within the parish .

**Cllr Myers** – Cllr Myers shared the news that Craven Museum has been shortlisted for an award and that being shortlisted comes with a financial reward of £15,000.

Another ongoing issue is the condition of the A65 bridge at Coniston Cold. Following inspection it has been determined that structural work is required. Cllr Myers will continue to pursue resolution of the issue as any work and budget is prioritised across the region.

There are two current planning applications on Marton Road, and both could be discussed at the next planning committee meeting.

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

**I. Police Report** - covered during item 5.

**II. Playground.**

MB gave an update. Quotations have been received for new playground equipment and also for maintenance of some of the existing equipment. MB has been in touch with the person responsible for management of CIL monies and they are in agreement with the proposals.

Resolution: To accept the proposed expenditure on replacement and repair of the playground equipment.

Proposed DS, seconded KH.

**III. River**

Cllr Steele highlighted ongoing issues with the river. There are a number of trees which need removal. Also the changing profile of the river since the removal of the weir downstream was discussed. Alongside the erosion of the river banks, the changing bed level has now left a water main exposed and this is likely to need addressing in the future. Yorkshire Water are aware of the issue and will monitor the situation.

Stepping Stones: following a discussion about the reinstatement of the stepping stones an amended resolution was proposed.

Proposal : That the stepping stones should be reinstated in their current location as soon as possible, and that quotations for the work should consist only of replacing the fallen stones and making safe. The removal and safe storage of the stones should not now be considered.

Resolution: All in favour

**7. Public Participation:**

A member of the public shared information about a suspicious vehicle which had been seen around the Neville Road area. The information had been shared via the Gargrave Facebook page, and it was noted that incidents such as this should be reported to the Police.

A member of the public raised the ongoing issues relating to Kelber Farm. It was outlined that there is an ongoing investigation by North Yorkshire County Council regarding 'change of use'. The MOP will continue to pursue the issue with the relevant authorities and share information with the Parish Council so they can also respond to the issue.

A working group to be established and future proposal to include 'environmental issues' as a standing agenda item.

**8. To consider the planning applications and decisions:**

To consider and comment on planning applications within the Gargrave Parish as published on the North Yorkshire Council planning portal. Any applications received by the Clerk after publishing the agenda will be tabled at the meeting.

**See attached list.**

**9. Financial Matters:**

To receive and approve the schedule of cheque payments and receipts as tabled or presented at the meeting that require signing in accordance with the Financial Regulations

**10. To consider the following new correspondence**

To receive and consider any items of correspondence or communication brought forward by the Clerk. Some items on the agenda may be prejudicial in the public interest and the council is requested to consider the exclusion of the Press and Public in accordance with the Public Bodies Admissions to Meetings Act 1960.

**See attached list.**

**Notify the Clerk of matters for inclusion on the agenda of the next meeting.**

To confirm the date of the next meeting as **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2024**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.05.