

# **GARGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting  
held Wednesday 6 October 2021

Councillors: Peter Ward, Janet Sugden, Martin Banks, Steve Coetzer, Chris Hoskin, David Shuttleworth, County Cllr Gillian Quinn, District Cllr Simon Myers, Kath Ashby – Clerk and several parishioners.

**1. To receive apologies for absence:** Cllrs Joanne Hughes and Chris Smales.

**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 8 September 2021** were accepted as a true record. Proposed by CH and seconded by SC. All in favour and accepted unanimously.

**5. Matters requested by councillors:**

**5.1. County Cllr Gillian Quinn:**

At the moment NYCC are heavily involved in Devolution.

The good news is that they have purchased 18 new Gritter wagons which are state of the art.

There are now 8 Weather Stations which can be accessed on the NY Website so you can look and see what the weather is going to be like before you travel to a certain area.

This is called One Network website which shows any road works in the area you wish to travel to, which will help people plan a journey within North Yorkshire and this should prove very helpful to people.

A parishioner raised the matter of the weed spraying and Cllr Quinn did explain she had already made enquiries at NYCC following a request from a Parish Councillor and would get back to the Clerk once she had a response.

Skipton Councillors, both town and NYCC receive a lot of complaints from residents about the overgrown weeds up and down the pavements and ginnels ( the weed spraying had not gone on last year as it usually does) Some people welcome the paths being sprayed and some do not. Cllr Quinn has requested a COSHH Assessment and any information about trials when she receives some.

**5.2 District Cllr Simon Myers:**

Cllr Myers raised the matter of the cost of the car parks as he feels this subject needs review as the new Unitary Authority will charge for these car parks.

He provided the current costings for the three car parks which at the moment are £1400 for the business rates, £360 for the electricity and £300 + for repairs such as filling potholes

yearly. He advised the meeting that it was just possible that CDC would be willing to re-surface the West Street Car Park in return for getting rid of the car parks. It was suggested that if this did happen, there was nothing to stop the Parish Council charging for the car parks instead of NYCC. CDC would provide a Long Lease of say 200 years but there is a lot to think about.

At the moment the Traffic Warden monies go to NYCC.

County Cllr Quinn advised that Marion Tweed-Rycroft is the Delivery Manager for Craven “Stronger Communities” and she might have some information about the car parks and how to make them a community asset if that was something the Parish Council wanted to consider.

On the matter of planning, CDC are making improvements to planning. There are lots of projects on the go which we are going to have to shelve for the time being.

Staff are now being seconded to work on the new Unitary Authority planning, other members of staff are very determined to finish.

Mr Haines is very good and is set to clear the back log of planning applications and put better systems in place.

The Post Office application for Change of Use, is to be called in.

The Saw Mill site application is still ongoing.

Unfortunately CDC cannot do anything about the affordable housing percentage drop.

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

### **6.1. Police Report:**

The figures from the Police website are for August 2021 which are set out below:

Anti- Social Behaviour	3
Public Order Offences	3
Violence & Sexual Offences	1

Total for August 2021	7
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### **6.2 Public Participation:**

One parishioner asked for clarification on a number of Parish Council procedures as she wished to understand the systems more clearly. Several Parish Councillors and the Clerk did try and answer all the questions raised.

After quite some time, it was suggested that any further questions should be put in writing and sent through to the Clerk at the Parish Council email address for attention.

A second parishioner raised her concerns on the condition of the grass verges along Chew Lane as this was clearly being used as a rat run, to avoid the traffic lights on the High Street and some vehicles did not appear to be using the passing places.

It was suggested that this matter be reported by the parishioner direct to Area 5 but it was also pointed out that this will hopefully improve very soon once the traffic lights are taken down.

PW confirmed we have tried for quite a few years now to get the speed limit reduced along Chew Lane to no avail so the more concerns raised to Area5 the better.

The Clerk to also report the matter to Area5.

#### **6.4 Remembrance Sunday:**

The service is planned for Sunday 14 November 2021 and at the moment we are struggling to get hold of anyone to order our wreath from the British Legion. The Clerk did an online chat recently and did attempt to order a wreath in this way but no acknowledgement has been received of this order to date.

MB told the meeting that his wife is quite willing to make a wreath for us if we do not receive one from the British Legion.

It was agreed to make a donation to the British Legion for £50.00, all in favour and accepted.

#### **6.5 Speeding Signs & Community Speed Watch update:**

SC provided the meeting with a handout on the different types of speed signs to consider. Basically NYCC have approved two types of signs that we can purchase outright. SC proposed we start with purchasing one sign, we will need 3 points with main power which means we can move this around. SC explained in detail to the meeting which each sign could provide and the cost involved. SC has to go back to NYCC who will then need to come out to site to look at where we intend to place these signs and give their approval first of all before we go ahead and order the sign.

The recommended time for the sign in each location is three or four weeks.

SC provided an update on the Community Speed Watch and recommended we purchase 8 signs which show that Gargrave is a Community Speed Watch Area. He suggested that a sign be placed just past or before the Anchor Bridge, one on Eshton Road, Church Street and Marton Road. These could be attached by cable ties.

One quote has already been obtained, the Clerk to obtain a second quote and then these signs can be ordered.

The speed watch equipment is with Hellifield at the moment as we share this with them. Unfortunately the gentleman who holds this is ill, but once we can obtain this equipment back from him, we can get the ball rolling once again.

Both County Cllr Gill Quinn and District Cllr Simon Myers were happy to help towards funding of the Speeding Sign once we got approval from NYCC.

There is also possible funding available from the Police funding pot, information was provided by Cllr Myers recently.

SC has approached both Hellifield and Coniston Cold Parish Councils who were to put on their Agenda the 20 is plenty Campaign.

## 6.6 CIL Monies:

We are gathering ideas for some new equipment for the Playground. MB has been out looking at possible items in different parks in the area. We have to spend the CIL monies on playground equipment for all age groups.

Some ideas put forward are for some Adult Exercise equipment, a Carousel and a new Basket Ball.

Further enquiries are to be made and prices obtained during this month.

## 6.7 Trees – Wooler’s site & Tree Works on Greens:

We have received an email from a local resident regarding a cracked willow tree and a large Conifer near the memorial for the Cyclist of Water Street which appear to be on Parish Council land.

The meeting agreed to request a Tree Report from two Tree Surgeons first of all. Clerk to contact two recommended contractors.

On the Wooler’s site they are removing trees on the road side. Also a number have Ash Die-back. Plus a number of trees all down the canal side too.

## 7. To consider the planning applications and decisions:

See attached List.

## 8. Financial Matters:

8.1 To approve the accounts for payment.

### INCOME

Parish Precept	23,000.00
NYCC Locality Grant	900.00

### EXPENDITURE

Wages	614.33
Village Hall Rent	152.00
Internet Services	5.99
Parish Mobile	17.23
Land Registry	6.00
JC Cowgill	1332.92
PAYE	454.40
CEF Street Lights	240.30
Sutcliffe Play - Cradle Seats	356.40
JC Cowgill -Sluice Gate, Bench removal	24.00
Cherry Picker Hire x 2	480.00

**Total** 3683.27

NatWest £40,011.62  
SBS £20,692.15

MB told the meeting that we have claimed the VAT but to date have not received the money from the Stone Yard for the left over stone they took from the river wall works. MB to chase the contractor on this matter.

We have not had the invoice from our Electrical Contractor work for over a year now. We did expect to pay the first instalment by now for our Loan agreement to the PWLB, to date this has not been taken from our bank account.

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

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

See attached list.

11. Response by letter to be sent.

13. SC to investigate.

18. PW proposing to purchase and plant 2 trees, an American Oak, at the bottom of the slope near the bottom stepping stones. He plans to put a case around the new tree. Also a Horse Chestnut somewhere on Middle Green near where the other trees were removed.

21. Open Watercourse, explanation provided by MB. SC to provide Risk Assessment which can be tailored. Signage to be decided upon for the Stepping Stones.

23. Area agreed for Wilding, this is the area between the Phone Box and the River Bridge, work to commence Friday 8 October 2021.

**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 November 2021**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.00pm.

## Planning Applications – Meeting 6 October 2021

**Planning Appl. No. 2021/22919/FUL** Proposed erection of 2 dwelling houses (infill on plots 30 & 31) Hellifield Road Development, Gargrave.

**Planning Appl. No. 2021/23160/HH** Construction of single storey extension to rear of 15 South Street, Gargrave.

**Planning Appl. No. 2021/23322/FUL** Full planning permission for demolition of existing buildings on site and construction of 4 no. new residential dwellings with on-site parking, green infrastructure and all associated works – Land Rear of No 48 Eshton Road, Gargrave.

**Yorkshire Dales Appl. No. C/30/602A/LB** Listed building consent to replace metal fence with stone wall, replace fascia board, guttering and off road hard standing parking space, replace front and kitchen doors, install skylight in rear of left hand roof – Toll Bar House, Skipton Road, Gargrave

**Planning Decision Notice – Appl. No. 2020/21837/VAR** Variation of condition No. 18 (affordable housing) – Land off Hellifield Road, Gargrave - **GRANTED**.

## Correspondence List – 6 October 2021

1. CDC Spatial Planning Consultation – Draft Rural Workers’ Dwellings SPD information.
2. YLCA White Rose Update 10 September 2021 and 1 October 2021
3. CDC Spatial Planning Consultations – Draft Good Design SPD information.
4. Wild Ingleborough Project email together with Poster – now displayed.
5. Several issues reported to NYCC Highways, Eshton Road, Church Street and Yellow Line requests plus pothole outside No 4 High Street.
6. EA Email offering free webinars – Yorkshire Resilience Team and Communities Prepared.
7. Email regarding river issues and response to local resident.
8. YLCA – Breakthrough Communications – Compliant Councils Hub information.
9. 20mph speed limit motion for Parish Councils from 20’s Plenty for N.Yorkshire via Action Network
10. CDC email acknowledgement to replace map behind glass fronted sign in West Street Car Park.
11. Response sent to Canal and River Trust regarding the Over-topping of Canal concerns
12. Complaint from resident at Goffa Mill and email explanation.
13. Concerns raised by resident of Marton Road of dumping of garden waste into small wood.
14. NYCC – Respect & Protect Covid Campaign Signage information.
15. Email from local resident confirming he has now repaired the banking on Middle Green.
16. NYCC Remittance Advice for £900 - Locality Budget for See Saw Repair and Cradle Swings.
17. NYCC Bulletins, 15 & 22 and 29 September 2021.
18. YLCA Queen’s Green Canopy Initiative – Plant a Tree for the Jubilee.
19. Yorkshire Dales National Park Consultation No. 4. Local Occupancy and Barns. Now Closed.
20. Invitation to Select Committee Working Group – Representative needed?
21. Various emails to Came & Co re: Open Watercourse enquiry and responsibility for stepping stones.
22. Sign order placed for entrance to Playground, Sharphaw View. To be affixed to fence.
23. Email request via JH to proceed with wilding area between Toilets and River Bridge.
24. YLCA notification from UNISON rejecting the National Employers final pay offer to local government services (Green Book) employees.
25. CDC Parish Liaison Meeting update plus slides presented on affordable housing.
26. Yorkshire Dales, Parish Form meeting Wednesday 13 October 2021 at 7pm – Zoom, places left.

