

GARGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting
held Wednesday 8 September 2021

Councillors: Peter Ward, Janet Sugden, Martin Banks, Steve Coetzer, Chris Hoskin, Chris Smales, Joanne Hughes, Kath Ashby – Clerk and several parishioners.

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

2. To acknowledge those present. PW welcomed everyone to the meeting this evening and welcomed our new Parish Councillor, Joanne Hughes who was unable to join with our other new members, until this month. All the necessary paperwork has been completed and sent through to CDC and we look forward to working with her.

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 4 August 2021** were accepted as a true record. Proposed by CS and seconded by JS. All in favour and accepted unanimously.

5. Matters requested by councillors:

5.1. County Cllr Gillian Quinn: Apologies received for this evening.

5.2 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. Police Report: None received for this evening.

6.2 Public Participation:

A parishioner enquired what had happened to the stone left over from the River Wall work and PW explained that this had been sold to a local stone yard.

The cost of the completed wall was as per estimate originally received. Also raised was the unfortunate delays with the work and plant standing about for about three weeks (this was principally caused by someone contacting the EA that resulted in the work having to be stopped) but luckily this did not lead to further costs.

6.3 Canal Overtopping:

We wrote to the Canal and River Trust following heavy rain on the morning of 8 August 2021 when it was noted that the canal surcharged to the top of the banking.

There is a dip in the embankment near the School Playground and the excess water is not passing down the canal fast enough thereby causing the canal to surcharge and overflow. Just as the towpath narrows, a level monitor has been put in to give a level so that the team can get there to open the sluices to prevent flooding in the village.

The Canal and River Trust have responded saying the over spill on the towpath was only momentarily before the team was able to manage the levels back down. As part of their learnings from this instance, the parameters of the alarm will be reviewed to see if adjustments need to be made to give them more time to respond.

We intend to write to them once again.

6.4 Community Speed Watch Signs:

SC told the meeting that he has spoken with the Community Speed Watch Co-ordinator for North Yorkshire and he was extremely helpful with the information he has provided which will be held on file in the office.

Essentially we have Church Street, in either direction, Marton Road from two or three locations, Eshton Road in one or two locations but in order for the scheme to really work, we have to be seen to do this on a regular basis. In order to do this we need volunteers. He has spoken to a few people who were involved before. The only way we are going to get the speed reduced for the village, once we produce the evidence, providing the data then hopefully they will take notice of what is happening here.

SC suggested a couple of signs and price options which could be moved around the village. It was agreed the problem of speeding is worse at dusk. JH mentioned a company called Break and SC agreed to look into this suggestion. Signs which can be fastened to posts and power obtained from a nearby Street Light.

SC to make contact with nearby villages about going mob handed to Area 5 with our speeding issues.

6.5 CIL Monies:

Following previous correspondence, we have received an apology from CDC regarding the CIL monies as it was not made clear in their email that any monies can only be used towards the provision or enhancement of recreation facilities in Gargrave as identified in the Gargrave Neighbourhood Development Plan. A discussion then took place with suggestions for new items for the Playground.

Clerk to respond to CDC with our suggestions.

6.6 Playground Equipment Update:

Mb told the meeting that we have now completed almost all the items which had been raised in the Rospa report. The only items remaining are a few bolts for some of the equipment, plus the See Saw wood and the two cradle swings replacements.

The Basket Ball needs attention and re-siting and this maybe something that could be replaced with some of the CIL monies.

There has been a request to erect a sign at the beginning of the footpath off Sharpaw View, indicating the entrance to the Playground.

Clerk to agree wording and order a suitable sign.

6.7 River Wall Update + Gabion Baskets, Bank Repair, River Place banking, EA Meeting:

PW told the meeting that the wall is now finished and it is proposed to fence that middle section of the South Street plantation off for the time being to allow the grass seed to take hold and grow.

Our grass cutting contractor has requested a larger gap to allow him to cut the bottom section of the plantation with his bigger flail mower. It was agreed for him to modify part of the fencing so he can get his bigger machine in to cut the grass, which will then take less time than using smaller equipment.

Clerk to contact the Contractor to give him the go ahead.

The gabion baskets across from Pinfold are moving and PW suggested all the Parish Councillors have a look at these and give him their thoughts at the next meeting. CS thought that these were put in following a flood which caused the erosion of the banking which was undermining the road. This must be at least 15-20 years ago since now. We have checked with a previous councillor who thinks the work may have been carried out late 1980's by the EA.

The EA are trying to get funding for a flood study. It was thought that flood defence walls can be maintained by the EA.

CH told the meeting that since a parishioner cut into the banking on Middle Green, although the Parish Council wrote to him at the time asking him to repair the damage to the banking, and he responded saying he would repair the damage, he has not done so. It was agreed to write to the parishioner and remind him to do so. Failing this the Parish Council will have this banking repaired and send him the bill.

It has been agreed to leave the River Place Banking as it is, pending the EA's plans this year.

6.8 Litter Pick update:

Our recent Litter Pick in the village was very disappointing, with only a few people coming along to help.

6.9 NYCC Weed Spraying:

JH has written to Area5 again last year regarding the weed spraying on the side streets and avenues in the village which she feels is dangerous.

There is an organisation called PAN UK and this provides a lot of information relating to pesticides and she encouraged people to have a read. She understands NYCC are trialling a different type of weed killer called foam stream.

7. To consider the planning applications and decisions:

See attached List.

PW told the meeting that the Post Office is now up for sale as a private dwelling and at a recent meeting it was discussed whether this property should have firstly been offered as a business before a change of use application had been submitted.

8. Financial Matters:

8.1 To approve the accounts for payment.

INCOME

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| Government Loan | 74973.75 |
| Merritt & Fryers | 106.62 |
| VAT return | 1914.80 |
| Mobile rebate | 33.60 |

EXPENDITURE

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| Wages | 663.41 |
| Village Hall Rent | 152.00 |
| Internet Services | 5.99 |
| Council Mobile | 17.23 |
| Procter Properties | 106.62 |
| PKF Littlejohn Audit | 360.00 |
| Cherry Picker Hire x2 | 480.00 |
| Craven Stationery | 94.89 |
| YLCA Webinar | 22.50 |
| Paul Harrison – benches | 71.11 |
| JC Cowgill grass cutting | 1332.92 |
| JC Cowgill – Chew Lane | 144.00 |
| JC Cowgill – Playground | 478.42 |
| Thomas Moore - River Wall | 30000.00 |
| Thomas Moore - River Wall | 49628.65 |
| Thomas Moore - River Wall | 10000.00 |

Natwest £19891.01
SBS £20692.15

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

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

See attached list.

15. Response to be sent.

16. To complete and return.

20. Response to be prepared.

21. Passed to JH to read through.

22. Decision to be made next meeting, once all prices have been obtained.

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 October 2021**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.30pm.

Planning Applications – Meeting 8 September 2021

Appl. No. 2021/23173/TCA T1 Ash Tree- Fell – 13 Marton Road, Gargrave

Appl. No. 2021.23144/HH Replacement windows and doors, double doors to rear – 3 Beeches Close, Gargrave

Appl. No. 2021/23230/TCA Remove 6 Cypress Trees, Masons Arms, Marton Road, Gargrave

Appl. No. 2021/23089/FUL Construction of agricultural building, roof over existing slurry lagoon, upgraded cattle housing facilities at Heber Farm, Hellifield Road, Gargrave

Planning Decision 2021/22816/FUL Proposed dwelling, 42 Eshton Road, Gargrave – **GRANTED.**

Planning Decision 2021.23073/HH Enlargement of ground floor extension – **GRANTED.**

Planning Decision 2021/22719/TPO Remove 4 Trees, South Street Plantation, Gargrave – **REFUSES** consent to remove the 2 mature trees but **GRANTS CONSENT** to remove two semi mature trees.

Correspondence List – Meeting 8 September 2021

1. The Great Nature Run, email providing details of a charity challenge for Channel 4.
2. Update from PS Paul Evans in respect of speeding through the village.
3. Police and Crime Plan and Fire and Rescue Plan Consultation. Poster now in Noticeboard
4. Email from local resident, reporting lights out again, along Damside. Re-reported.
5. Further Multiple Light Failure report to Northern Powergrid, Church St, Damside and Riversway.
6. Email and response from Area5 on drain outside 31 High Street, standing water issue.
7. Several emails relating to blocked access to Playground Car Park, Airedale Avenue area.
8. Locality Budget, promise of funding towards renewing toddler swing cradles and see saw.
9. Gargrave Volunteer Flood Wardens, email setting out their plans.
10. Further email setting out proposed location of commemorative Tree on Woodland Walk.
11. NYCC Bulletins, 11 August, sent out to all Parish Council.
- 11b) White Rose Updated 20 August 2021, sent out to all Parish Council.
- 11c) YLCA Law and Governance Bulletin, 3 September 21 sent out to all Parish Council.
12. Village Fun Day, letter sent out to main organiser, requesting details and their reply.
13. Volunteer update and request for re-imburement for teak oil used to repair village benches.
14. Aire River Trust request to install Interpretation Board on Wednesday 8 September 21.
15. Letter from local resident, raising certain issues regarding the river and river wall repair.
16. NYCC 'Call for Evidence' calling for review of proposed new strategy on draft document.
17. Spatial Planning Notifications – Affordable Housing document, adopted by CDC.
18. PKF Littlejohn Completion of the AGAR for the year ending 31 March 2021.
19. Request to allow Skipton under 14 Girls to play on Low Green on some Sundays, agreed.
20. Enquiry and response from Came & Company on open access to a watercourse within villages.
21. NALC policy consultation briefing – Local Nature Recovery Strategies, sent out to all PC.
22. Quotation for Moveable Speed Warning Sign, following enquiry made by Cllr Steve Coetzer.