

GARGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting

held Monday 12 June 2017

Councillors: Peter Ward, Janet Sugden, David Syms, Brian Atkinson, Alan Robinson, Martin Banks, Kath Ashby – Clerk and District Cllr Simon Myers.

1. To receive apologies for absence: Cllrs Janet Turner and Derrick Evans and County Cllr Gill Quinn.

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 Monday 8 May 2017 were accepted as a true record. Proposed by DS and seconded by MB. All in favour and accepted unanimously.

4.1 Matters Arising:

4.1a) PW told the meeting that he met with Gerald Townson from the Railway User Group recently with regard to creating a footpath on the left hand side of the Railway Station yard which at the moment is full of stones and debris, straight to the Railway Station. Also creating some steps from this side of the line up onto the road. He will get back to us on these matters.

PW also confirmed that he had today erected the sign in the Railway Station Car Park. We have still got the issue of the Motor home parked in the car park and have today contacted Northern Rail for their assistance. Cnty Cllr Simon Myers advised that Northern Rail should have the legal mechanism to deal with this matter.

PC Lee Brittain, North Yorkshire Police who attended our meeting confirmed that on checking this vehicle it had just been taxed and MOT for a further twelve months.

5. Matters requested by councillors:

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

5.2 District Cllr Simon Myers: Cllr Myers told the meeting that CDC have received the news that Colin Iveson has passed away recently and everyone is very sad about that. The Town Hall is coming along nicely and looking very smart. The plans for the Museum are amazing with lots of interactive things for children to do.

The second round of the grant funding application will be in September 2017.

Good news the tenants are in with the Restaurant now. The plans for the Town Hall can be viewed online.

CDC are having a staffing review which should result in some savings. Too much has been spent on agency workers. An example is people working on the Local Plan and CDC cannot get staff to stay, they all leave.

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

6.1 Police Report: PCSO Lee Brittain reported the following crimes – 5/05/2017 – 05/06/2017

13/05 report at 19:00 of 3 males acting suspicious around the village, apparently looking into properties. Officer attended and spoke all with 3 males words of advice were given.

14/05 report of erratic driving through the village.

CRIME

17/05 Report that Male steals a number of items from the Coop. Coop staff managed to obtain a registration from the vehicle the male made off in. He was later stopped by officers in Malham and arrested. He has been charged with theft, no insurance, using false registration plates and driving whilst over the legal alcohol limit.

21/05 report that travellers have set up on the village green and are riding horse's bareback around the village.

26/05 report that travellers are again racing horses up and down the streets. Officers attended and words of advice were given.

CRIME

29/05 report that vehicle has been damaged on South Street overnight. Rear wiper has been twisted off and wing mirror has been bent back.

05.06.17 A Land Rover Defender was stolen. This had been pedal locked on all three pedals. Usually these vehicles are completely stripped down apparently and the parts are all sent abroad.

DS raised the matter of if and when the travellers return back to the village following Appleby Fair as this has happened in the past and Bailiffs have had to be called. PCSO Lee Brittain told the meeting to give him a call if we experience any more problems. Finally the problem of vehicles parking outside the Fish and Chip Shop, this offence results in 3 points on your licence.

6.2 Neighbourhood Plan update:

PW told the meeting that on Wednesday this week there is a Spatial Planning Meeting, this is the introduction and further look at the Local Plan and this will then go to Public Consultation 19 June – 31 July 2017.

Gargrave has the Marton Road site and the Neville House site but also the Eshton Road site for the planned Extra Care units has been added by CDC.

Cllr Simon Myers added that this is a very good scheme. NYCC have put out tenders for this site already.

MB asked about the land going up towards the Anchor and had there been any progress.

PW understands that this will progress once the builders have completed sites in Skipton. The development has now been named.

Cllr Simon Myers told the meeting that he planned to talk to a few people and would try and attend the Spatial Planning Meeting this Wednesday evening. Cllr Alan Sutcliffe, PW and JS will also attend.

MB asked about the Saw Mill site and PW explained that this was one of two sites, the other being the Skipton Road site and both are in discussion with the Environment Agency and that is why the plans have gone no further.

SM told the meeting that CDC have a real backlog of planning applications at the moment.

6.3 YLCA - Appoint 2 Council Representatives: Both JT and JS are happy to continue being Council Representatives, all in favour.

6.4 Public Participation: AR told the meeting that every drain is blocked up on the A65 throughout the village. PW advised AR to report the matter online as this would be the quickest way.

6.5 New Bank Account and Internet Banking: MB told the meeting that basically he was asked to look at a new bank for the Parish Council because of issues with our current one. The procedure was discussed and it was agreed to go forward with this, all in favour.

6.6 River Work Update: PW read out the recent report received from Jon Grey, Research and Conservation Officer, Wild Life Trust in which he recommends certain works to improve the river and banking areas.

PW then asked if the Parish Council would be happy to plant Willow or Hawthorne in an area which has become very muddy and this would make the banking edge area much more resilient in the long run and people could walk 20m around it. All in favour.

PW to ask our contractor to fence around the area until the planting is completed.

DS suggested dragging the tree in the river out but PW explained that Jon Grey is proposing to drop the tree above it into the gap and tie it in place.

7. To consider the planning applications and decisions:

See attached List.

8. Financial Matters:

8.1 To approve the accounts for payment.

INCOME

Wayleave	45.39
Honesty Box	184.48
Honesty Box	144.47

EXPENDITURE

Village Hall Rent	152.00
Salary 1	486.89
Salary 2	499.38
Salary 3	32.00
Yorkshire Internal Audit	305.00
Scott Janitorial	103.00
C Cowgill Ltd	2711.28
Gledstone Gardens plants	59.70
I & I Internet – P Ward	1.19
NPower Xmas Lights	169.88
Green-tech Soil & Turf	1681.50
DJ Wilkin – Goffa Mill	390.00
Sign Design	72.00
NYCC Road Marking River Place	221.00
Barclays Community a/c	£25,138.26
SBS a/c	£22,819.64

DS proposed the accounts, PW seconded, all in favour and approved.

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

See attached list.

2. Clerk to place order for bin to be placed at Priest Holme Bridge.

5. Report light out on NYCC website.

6. Advise resident okay to proceed with work.

13. Meeting arranged with Area5 for site visit on Monday 19 June 2017.

16. Cllrs Janet Turner and Janet Sugden to attend Craven Branch Annual Meeting
Wed 21 June 2017.

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 **Monday 10 July 2017**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.30 pm.