

Gargrave Neighbourhood Planning Group
Minutes of Meeting held at Gargrave Village Hall
Thursday 2 March 2017 @ 7.30pm

Present: Parish Cllrs Peter Ward, Janet Turner (Chair), David Syms, District Cllrs Alan Sutcliffe and Simon Myers, Kirkwells Consultants: Louise Kirkup and Claire Bradley.
Jane & Rufus Drake, Chris Lloyd, Mike Palin, Clerk – Kath Ashby.

1. To receive apologies: Edward Bartle and Ian Maxwell.

2. To approve the minutes of the GNPWG meeting held on Wednesday 2 November 2016:

Cllr Janet Turner advised the meeting that back in November last year the Parish Council took back the Neighbourhood Plan in house from our working group after several years and therefore Cllr Janet Turner will chair the meetings. In view of the recent planning application received for housing development outside the plan, it made sense to have this meeting as a joint meeting and our Councillors together with our Consultants.

Cllr Janet Turner asked the meeting to thank Edward Bartle who has been our chair for the Neighbourhood Planning Working Group for all the good work he has done.

DS proposed the minutes and Peter Ward seconded, all in favour and approved.

3. Matters arising from the Minutes Wednesday 2 November 2016:

Back in November it was agreed to contact CDC to see what we needed to do to move our Neighbourhood Plan forward. This resulted in our 10 January 2017 meeting with CDC with David Feeney and Ruth Parker, Louise Kirkup, our consultant, Chris Lloyd, Edward Bartle, Peter Ward, Janet Turner and our Clerk.

Within that meeting:

1 We agreed to remove the Saw Mill site, and also 0.3 hectares off the Marton Road site, near the South Pennine Walkway. Ruth Parker led us to believe that our green spaces would be accepted without compromising CDC's Local Plan.

David Feeney advised that because we agreed to do the two changes, he would contact Natural England to see if he could work on our Neighbourhood Plan sooner due to the slow progress with CDC's Local Plan.

Louise Kirkup confirmed that she had brought the plan up to date with the recent amendments and she did not think there were any more changes to be made. Therefore she feels that the Neighbourhood Plan could now be submitted back to CDC. As far as she can see the two processes are coming together very well and running alongside one another. She felt that the group should be pleased about this.

She recommended that we need to move towards submission now and confirmed that she would speak with David Feeney and find out if there are any delays and if not then we should re-submit our plan.

She then explained to Rufus Drake that as we have now taken out the Saw Mill Site and removed 0.3 hectares from the Marton Road site and the plan has been amended

accordingly, there are no major issues. Therefore the plan will just go back as re-submitted with no need for further consultation.

In view of the recent planning application, we need to get this done as soon as possible.

Cllr Alan Sutcliffe told the meeting that if Gargrave submit the Neighbourhood Plan and it goes through the rest of the process, then this will automatically become the Local Plan.

Cllr Simon Myers told the meeting that the point is, this is what is likely to happen and Cllr Alan Sutcliffe and I will get stuck in and make sure the officers are on board with Gargrave.

Louise Kirkup to ring CDC speak with David Feeney.

Clerk will send the amended plan following the Parish Council monthly meeting on 13 March 2017 as the Parish Council will need to approve the amended plan and then this can be re-submitted to CDC.

Chris Lloyd confirmed that the Local Green Energy Group has sent through the amendments and these have been passed through to Louise Kirkup to include in the plan.

4. Planning Appl. No. 30/2017/17787 (Land adjacent to Sports Fields) Options for opposition: Advice and recommended strategy from our Consultants, Louise Kirkup and Claire Bradley:

Cllr Janet Turner told the meeting that people are asking what they need to do, wanting to know how they can help. People feel quite strongly about this matter.

A lengthy discussion took place regarding the Developer and his contact with several local groups within the village. Also the involvement with the Coulthurst Trust.

Cllr Simon Myers advised the meeting that the difficulty with the Trust will be that they will have been advised that their duty as a Trust is to maximise the assets of the Trust.

Chris Lloyd told the meeting that he felt we should concentrate on getting advice on what measures we can take to stop this application.

Claire Bradley explained to the meeting that she would prepare and submit an objection to the planning application and how she would go about this. She will contact CDC and speak with the Policy Team.

Chris Lloyd raised several points, one of which was the proposed creation of a little pond which would be near to the Sports Fields and would be a danger for children watching the football.

The site is also a designated Flood Zone 3 and 2.

Claire Bailey confirmed that if the Environment Agency object to the application, it is not going anywhere. A discussion then took place on the flooding issues of the site.

Cllr Simon Myers agreed to call-in the application and Cllr Alan Sutcliffe suggested we request a site visit in the very near future.

Claire Bradley explained that it was a 13 weeks submission period. When she produces the objection on our behalf, a summary of key points will be provided.

At that time it might be worthwhile sending these around to the community so that they can use these to assist them prepare their objections.

Highways access to this site was also discussed in detail. Cllr Simon Myers told the meeting that 16,000 vehicles are already coming through the village per day.

Cllr Alan Sutcliffe is to arrange for Frank Crossley, Highways to meet on site with members of the Parish Council.

Cllr Simon Myers suggested that the Parish Council send a short response to the Planning Department at CDC but stating clearly that the Parish Council intends to object to this application and a detailed submission will be available to them by the 31 March 2017.

Cllr Janet Turner read out to the meeting the update on the Extra Care scheme planned for Gargrave.

Claire Bradley concluded by saying that if anybody feels they have anything they wish to be included in the objection, can they forward this information into the Clerk to send onto her as soon as possible.

5. Gargrave Neighbourhood Plan: current situation: Already discussed.

6. AOB: Nothing further to discuss.

7. Date of Next Meeting: TBC.