

GARGRAVE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN WORKING GROUP

Minutes of Meeting held at the Gargrave Village Hall

Wednesday 2 November 2016

Present: Edward Bartle, Cllrs Peter Ward, Janet Turner, David Syms, Jane & Rufus Drake
Mike Palin, Chris Lloyd and Clerk, Kath Ashby.

1. To receive apologies for absence: Ian Maxwell

2. To approve the minutes of GNPWG Meeting 4 August 2016:

The minutes of the last meeting were proposed by Edward Bartle and seconded by David Syms, all in favour and accepted unanimously.

3. Matters arising: - Nothing to raise.

4. Current situation regarding the Neighbourhood Plan and CDC:

EB told the meeting that we appear to be in limbo at the moment, mainly because CDC have to complete their SEA work before the Local Plan can be put out to consultation. He feels there is nothing we can do about this but follow the advice from Louise Kirkup, our consultants to sit tight until January 2017 when the work should be finished and then we can talk to CDC.

RD told the meeting that CDC have a duty to further their plan and recommended the group ask for a timetable to enable us to further our Neighbourhood Plan.

EB asked the question, supposing CDC do not reply? After some discussion the meeting felt that this would be a good idea. He also pointed out that the response we have already received in the letters from David Feeney and Ruth Parker both indicate that the SEA work is going to be finished for January 2017 and hopefully we can work together with the two plans.

PW felt it would be a good idea to ask for a timetable, whether they adopt our plan or not, we could turn round and ask for an undertaking and again ask them when they will be in a position to adopt our Neighbourhood Plan into their Local Plan.

JD told the meeting that the group have a duty to the village to further the Neighbourhood Plan.

A discussion then took place regarding the Saw Mill site and whether this should be removed from the Neighbourhood Plan. Although a planning application is already in, CL pointed out that CDC have not made a decision yet. JT read out to the meeting the paragraph she has placed in the Parish Magazine this month which reads: - In the media there are a few articles about housing numbers. The Parish Council is still very involved in ensuring Gargrave's Neighbourhood Plan safeguards our open green spaces and a reasonable, not excessive, building programme.

EB asked the group, how they plan to get this Neighbourhood Plan through. RD reiterated his earlier suggestion that the group should ask CDC for a timetable. We have to repeatedly remind them of their duties and if that happens it is unlikely a Local Plan will be completed before our Neighbourhood Plan and this cannot be delayed beyond their Local Plan. MP asked EB what his thoughts were.

EB told the meeting that he felt we should follow the advice of our consultant and wait until the SEA is out in January 2017 and then we talk to CDC. JT told the meeting that at the last meeting she attended at CDC, Sian Watson informed everyone that she could not put any officers onto conservation area work as they are so busy with the Local Plan.

JD made a suggestion that the group could go straight to inspection and take our chance. EB responded that he did not feel this was sensible, because we would be working against CDC.

PW asked the meeting what we should do now.

S suggested we went ahead and asked CDC for a timetable, then we can peruse and discuss this before our next meeting. If we ask them for this, it can be recorded.

EB felt that it be better to contact Ruth Parker and get a commitment from her that as soon as CDC receive the SEA, to send it to him. EB willing to contact Ruth Parker.

PW raised the matter of a recent planning application which has been received by the Parish Council this week for a further twenty log cabins on the former fish farm. The flooding risk will be the same as for the Saw Mill site.

5. Sensible strategy to ensure a successful outcome for the NP:

EB to speak with Ruth Parker within the next few days and ask her if she will kindly let him know as soon as the SEA is completed and request a copy.

We will await the outcome on the Saw Mill site.

CL to contact Anne Hargreaves for her opinion.

JT advised the meeting that Cllr Alan Sutcliffe has confirmed that as soon as he found out about the Saw Mill site decision, he will inform us. PW asked if JT could ask him about the current application for the additional chalets.

6. Green Energy Group:

CL told the meeting that basically he had received an email from Sandy Todd and read out to the meeting the appropriate paragraph:-

"While Gargrave's Neighbourhood Plan covers potential business and residential development, identifying specific areas where conservation is important such as village greens and existing properties, there is no plan to support Craven's contribution to a low carbon economy other than committing Gargrave Parish Council to "work with Craven District Council" to protect local services and facilities such as schools, health facilities etc.

and ensure that new development is accompanied by appropriate investment in infrastructure to provide sustainable development which continues to meet the needs of residents, today and in the future."

7. AOB:

JT thanked MP for the document he had produced recently for the group.

RD said he felt uncomfortable to not responding to DF and RP responses they made to LK's representation and not continuing with our legal advice and also not answering the incorrect points they have both made in their letters.

PW told the meeting that if we ask LK to reply, it will cost us for her to respond on our behalf. We could certainly ask the question and if she feels we need to respond and she thinks it would be more appropriate for her to do this, at what cost this would be.

8. Next Meeting: Tbc