

# **GARGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL**

## **Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held Wednesday 7 August 2019**

**Present:** Cllrs Peter Ward, Janet Turner, Martin Banks, Chris Blythe, Derrick Evans, Alan Robinson, Robert Marshall, Kath Ashby-Clerk and several parishioners.

**1. To receive apologies for absence:** Cllrs Bryony Lebeter, Janet Sugden, County Cllr Gillian Quinn, District Cllr Simon Myers and Tim Townsend, NYCC.

**2. To acknowledge those present.**

**3. To receive any declarations of interest:** JT declared an interest in a Planning Application which will be discussed later in the meeting this evening.

**4. To confirm the Minutes of the last meeting:**

The minutes of the last meeting held on Wednesday 3 July 2019 were accepted as a true record. Proposed by DE and seconded by CB. All in favour and accepted unanimously.

**4.1. Matters Arising:**

PW told the meeting that on the matter of dog fouling BL has gone back to Waste Management at CDC with suggestions for improvements we discussed at last month's meeting.

CDC has no money available for more bins and we understand they are currently reviewing the ones around the village.

We have highlighted the concerns relating to the spreading of slurry around the village. We have contacted Environmental Health at CDC who advised us that it is down to the Environment Agency who regulate these matters.

Therefore we have written to United Utilities who treat the sewage waste and asked for further details from them. We have also written to the Environment Agency raising our concerns and asking if there are any planned changes to the current legislation as to how slurry can be spread on the land.

With regard to the proposed Anaerobic Digester at Bank Newton, we will wait and see if this improves the situation along Marton Road.

**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:** Nothing received from the Police this time.

**6.2. Public Participation:**

A parishioner who has recently moved back to the village into Goffa Mill wished to raise the matter of a tree which is growing at the rear of the Mill within the paved area which has become quite big. As this is within the conservation area, the parishioner was advised to contact the Tree Officer at CDC.

He told the meeting that there is also a sycamore tree which is growing near the river bridge and asked who this belonged to. MB explained that he spoke to the owner of this tree only last week and he and his wife have been discussing removing this tree.

The parishioner also raised the matter of the amount of trees which have now grown quite big at the top end of High Green. PW advised that we have had costings to remove some of these trees and the ones which it was felt needed to be removed have been marked. At this moment in time we have no plans to undertake this work unless someone is prepared to drop these trees and remove the wood for free.

JT explained this was one of the reasons the Woodland Walk was created but unfortunately most of the young trees planted have been eaten by the Traveller's horses.

A second parishioner raised four points,

1. The pillar on the River Bridge has still not been repaired and he feels this has moved some more. Clerk to email Highways raising these concerns once again.

2. Speeding, a constant problem. A discussion then took place on different ways we could tackle this problem. We constantly raise the matter with Highways and our County Cllr Gillian Quinn who has also got nowhere.

PW plans to request a meeting with the Chairman of NYCC to try and get someone to listen and some action to be taken.

3. Police – the parishioner is not happy with the police as recently he had some suspicious people who called at his home who purported to be doing some pointing further down the road. He reported his concerns to the Police who did nothing only ride up and down the road and then drove away.

The second incident was when his car had been damaged, a headlight. Again no action has been taken by the Police.

4. Back in June following the Annual Meeting he asked when the Parish Councillors would come up for re-election. He has still not received this information.

Clerk to respond when next in the office.

Another parishioner asked if anyone knew anything about proposed Canoe Portage points planned. It was thought these are wooden structures to actually launch canoes from. This has been mentioned in the Craven Herald recently.

It was mentioned that work was being carried out across from the junction to Thorlby. This is for the contractors working on the Sustrans towpath improvements. It has been said that afterwards this land maybe used as a Lorry Park but nothing confirmed and could be only hearsay.

### **6.3 Craven Spatial Planning Meeting – Making of Neighbourhood Plan:**

JT told the meeting that on Monday 8 July 2019 she attended this meeting at CDC offices. The only agenda item was the 'Making of the Gargrave Neighbourhood Plan'.

The report was given by the Strategic Manager for Planning and Regeneration. The purpose of the report was to present the results of the Gargrave Neighbourhood Plan referendum and the requirements of Craven District Council as the Local Planning Authority to formally 'make' the Gargrave Neighbourhood Plan; and the Regulation 19 Decision Statement. This sets out the Local Planning Authority's decision and the reasons for making the decision.

Several of the committee members asked questions about our Neighbourhood Plan such as employment, tourism and flooding levels. The officers, Ruth Parker and David Feeney answered these questions and explained the different planning phrases.

The question of the CIL monies was asked and it was confirmed that yes CDC would not stop money when it comes through.

The Local Plan has not yet come into being and this is due to the Inspector currently helping with another plan in Kent/Medway where there are problems to sort out.

### **6.4 War Memorial Update:**

The Shaft and the Cross of the War Memorial have now been replaced due to these having serious cracks in them. This was due to the steel rod which runs down the middle corroding and this has now been replaced with a stainless steel one to prevent this happening again. The Heritage Group are now raising funds to have further names put on the memorial. Our next step is to try and tidy the area around the memorial; we may turf the area up to the flags for easy maintenance.

### **6.5 Station Car Park:**

Some time ago we were asked to take over the lease on the Station Car Park. This was done by NYCC and eventually they wanted to pass it over and give to the Parish Council.

We needed to know first of all if it would be rated and contacted the Valuation Office to ask for this information. Unfortunately it is going to be rated, bearing in mind there is a right of way through the car park to the gravel pile.

We have been advised that if we already receive a rate relief on one property we cannot claim a rebate on another one.

Clerk to respond informing the Parish Council will not be taking over the lease of the Station Car Park to the Valuation Office, NYCC and CDC.

We would like to improve the footpath up to the Station and create a proper tarmac path.

The quote for this work is £8,000. A longer term ambition is to try and create a traffic island on the bridge.

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

**See attached List.**

**8. Financial matters:**

**INCOME**

Honesty Boxes	161.73
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**EXPENDITURE**

Wage 1	634.48
Wage 2	696.41
SLCC Membership	122.00
PAYE	523.30
Internal Audit 18/19	320.00
Village Hall Rent	152.00
Village Hall Rent	152.00
Website Services	5.99
Scott Janitorial	94.68
Shorrocks Trichem	41.29
Yorkshire Water	369.17
Cardiac Science	924.00
Relief Toilet Cleaning	250.00
Swales Labour –War Memorial	900.00
Stamps	8.40
Yorkshire Ambulance	298.50
Craven Stationery	65.08

Transfer of funds from SBS to NatWest

Shortfall – War Memorial    £2462.80

NatWest    £23,547.75

SBS        £20,569.40

PW proposed the accounts, seconded by DE, all in favour and accepted.

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

**See attached List.**

1. Awaiting a response from Waste Management, CDC.
3. To book a date for inspection, chase joiner for new seats to two infant springers.
4. Respond to request, advising this work will be carried out.
9. To discuss with Electrical Contractor on his return.
16. Response to be sent to enquiry.
17. To contact Openreach to query in more detail.

**10. To 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 4 September 2019.**

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

### Planning Applications – Meeting 7 August 2019

**Appl. No. 2019/20595/FUL** - Replacement of commercial kitchen mechanical ventilation system at Old Swan Inn, High Street, Gargrave.

#### **Environmental Permitting (England & Wales) Regulations 2016.**

##### **Regulation 13 and Schedule 5, Paragraph 6**

**Application for an Environmental Permit to Operate a Biomass Boiler** at Anchor Logs, Hellifield Road, Gargrave

**Appl. No. 2019/20724/FUL** - Retention of existing biomass boilers at Anchor Croft Farm, Hellifield Road, Gargrave.

**Appl. No. 2019/20764/FUL** - Rear extension to create additional warehouse space – Co-op, 21 High Street, Gargrave.

**Appl. No. 2019.20614/HH** - Side extension of existing house – 27 Neville Road, Gargrave.

**Appl. No. 2019/20767/HH** - Demolition of existing garage and kitchen. Construct new 2 storey side extension and single storey rear extension. Layout changes to existing floor plans on both ground floor and first floor levels at 25 Skipton Road, Gargrave

### Correspondence List – Meeting 7 August 2019

1. Email sent to Waste Management at CDC setting out a couple of queries/requests following recent meeting with regarding dog fouling problem.
2. Email sent to Area5 raising safety concerns of two walls, Church Street and junction to Chew Lane/Eshton Road.
3. Rospa reduced rate inspection charges, available bookings during September 2019.
4. Email request from nearby resident for the pruning of Cherry Tree on Middle Green.
5. Request for information on pest control of wasps nest, contact details.
6. Precept Enquiry made to CDC and their detailed explanation of how calculated.
7. Enquiries made to Network Rail on reinstatement of steps at Gargrave Station, also who owns right of way in Station Yard and responses.
8. Letter sent to parishioner following several complaints of overnight parking by Goffa Mill.
9. Update from Electrical Contractor on progress of new street light in Masons Arms carpark
10. Permission request to erect gazebo for National Lottery Heritage Fund visit re: DNAire project if poor weather on Wed 31 July 2019.
11. Email sent to CDC chasing response to request to re-site black waste bin by Anchor Bridge at the side of the yellow grit bin, currently being used as a waste bin. No reply to date.
12. North Yorkshire Branch of the SLCC – Dates for your Diary of a couple of events.
13. CDC Review of Allotments enquiry re: land at rear of Masons Arms and reply.
14. Various Emails and responses relating to the deterioration of the River Wall.
15. Response from CDC to our email raising concerns re slurry spreading throughout the village.
16. Request to purchase and install a public seat next to the south side of River Bridge.
17. Openreach enquiry plus diagram to apply for Wayleave to install duct in village.

