

# **GARGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting  
held Wednesday 2 October 2019

Councillors: Peter Ward, Bryony Lebeter, Janet Sugden, Martin Banks, Derrick Evans, Robert Marshall, Chris Blythe, County Cllr Gill Quinn, Kath Ashby -Clerk and several parishioners.

**1. To receive apologies for absence:** Cllrs Janet Turner and Alan Robinson.

**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 **Wednesday 4 September 2019** were accepted as a true record. Proposed by DE, seconded by JS. All in favour and accepted unanimously.

#### **4.1 Matters Arising:**

The subject of slurry was discussed at length last month and since that time we have contacted the Environment Agency and requested information under the Freedom of Information Act. We are at the moment, awaiting their response.

The information requested was on the types of permits being used at farms in our area. It is thought the type of slurry is animal waste from Dunbia Abattoir at Sawley and this has recently been transported through West Marton, Bank Newton and Gargrave up to a farm above Airton.

One resident confirmed that recently the contractor's wagons have been seen coming down the A59 and into Gargrave that way, then up Eshton Road to the same farm.

Following a discussion, it was decided to write to the Abattoir as soon as possible requesting more information.

It was reported that Chew Lane is in a terrible state, due to spilled slurry and mud.

The canal towpath work is continuing and it is understood that the towpath from West Street will open again quite soon. Work has had to stop from Raybridge down to Holme House Farm due to asbestos being found on the towpath on that stretch.

PW told the meeting that the law has recently changed, increasing the speed limit for tractors from 20mph to 25mph.

#### **5. Matters requested by councillors:**

##### **5.1. County Cllr Gillian Quinn:**

County Cllr Quinn advised the meeting that at the moment there is not a vast amount to report as everyone has been immersed in the Cycle Race. There is now a department set up solely for Brexit who are considering the impact on Care Homes, Schools, making sure everything will run smoothly. Therefore everything else seems to be on hold.

The Winter Gritting Route will be out shortly and will be sent out to all Clerks. There will also be a Schedule of the Gully cleaning programme which will also be circulated.

Cllr Quinn confirmed that she had granted money for a new lawnmower for our bowling green in the village.

Cllr Quinn asked if there has been any progress relating to the problem of speeding within the village and PW advised that following the recent Liaison Meeting when the subject was discussed, the Parish Council intend to challenge Highways as we believe we fit into the criteria to have the speed limit reduced having read the Quiet Lanes Report.

Cllr Quinn advised that Sharron Fox will be holding some useful training sessions regarding the Parish Portal and the jargon used, abbreviations etc. which will make it more accessible for everyone.

**5.2 District Cllr Simon Myers:** No apologies received for this evening.

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

**6.1. Police Report:** PW attended the recent Liaison Meeting where he was advised that the Police would come along to a Parish Council meeting once a year and send a report more often which was felt would be adequate.

**6.2 Public Participation:**

A parishioner wished to report several saplings growing along the Damside which needed removing. Also he felt that the Goit needed cleaning out again. PW advised him that we would not be cleaning the goit for a while yet but the plate will be removed once more to let everything wash through.

The footpath between Meadow Croft and the bungalow on the right hand side, the hedge is now very overgrown and in need of cutting back. It was thought the property may be empty.

A second parishioner raised the matter of the accident her granddaughter suffered recently which happened in the Playground and was subsequently reported to the Parish Council last month.

She felt that this equipment was dangerous and could cause further accidents.

It was confirmed that Rospa would soon be undertaking their annual inspection of the Playground and they would be asked to report back on their opinion of this particular piece of equipment.

A third parishioner reported the tree downside of the river bridge which is growing in the river. It is thought the tree is a Willow. PW advised that the EA are scheduled to be undertaking some work below the river bridge shortly and it is hoped that this tree will be removed at that time. We will of course try to get them to do this work.

He also reported that the gullies which are cut into the grass verge which should allow water to run back into Chew Lane Beck are all blocked with mud and slurry and this made the flooding on the lane over the weekend much worse.

The Clerk to report this to Area5 and request the gullies be cleaned out.

### **6.3 Station Car Park:**

We have over the past year been in correspondence with NYCC who wished us to take over the lease on the Station Car Park. We asked at that time if the car park would be rated and if so we did not intend to take over. After many months of correspondence with the Valuation Office, it has been decided that the car park will be rated.

NYCC suggested we contact Network Rail to see if they would be willing to help with payment of the rates.

The situation is that the Parish Council cannot be exempt as we are already exempt from rates on the public toilets and do not qualify for exemption on both.

RM confirmed on checking, that as from April 2020, public toilets will not be rated.

We will therefore contact Network Rail first of all before a decision is made.

**6.4 Christmas Lights – Advent Switch On:** The Christmas Lights switch on will be at the Summer Seat meeting at 4.30pm on Sunday 1 December 2019, followed by mince pies and mulled wine at St Andrew’s Church, Gargrave. Everyone welcome.

### **6.5 Remembrance Sunday Reminder and Invitations to donors, Cllrs etc.:**

The programme of events was read out to the meeting and invitations to the launch will be by invitation only, to include the donors of grants which helped with funding.

### **6.6 Liaison Meeting feedback:**

As previously stated in 6.1, the Police advised they can no longer afford to allow a policeman/woman to attend monthly parish meetings but we hope to still receive feedback of incidents in our area.

The matter of speeding was raised and reading the Department of Transport’s document, setting local speed limits, we should have a really good case to have our limits reduced.

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

See attached List.

RM gave an update on the Anchor Logs applications that there would have to be conditions put on the planning consent if it was granted, that they should not produce any dark smoke. Restrictions to be placed that no smoke can be detectable beyond their boundary.

## **8. Financial Matters:**

8.1 To approve the accounts for payment.

## **INCOME**

|               |           |
|---------------|-----------|
| CDC Precept   | 23,000.00 |
| Honesty Boxes | 153.84    |
| VAT reclaim   | 2,567.02  |

## **EXPENDITURE**

|                       |          |
|-----------------------|----------|
| Wages 1               | 399.16   |
| Wages 2               | 696.21   |
| Village Hall Rent     | 152.00   |
| Website services      | 5.99     |
| JC Cowgill – Sept     | 1,332.92 |
| Paul Waite Associates | 1,860.00 |
| Craven Stationery     | 100.36   |
| P.A.Y.E.              | 519.95   |

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

1. There was not a suitable place to stand with the speed gun along Marton Road due to a motor home which was parked at the side of the road for quite some time. The Police were asked to look at another suitable place at the top of the hill.  
RM suggested near the Masons Arms but residents were not happy with this so we are still in that position. It will be towards the end of the year when we receive the gun back when the matter will be looked at again.
3. It was decided to instruct our grounds maintenance contractor to erect the sign at the Playground.
10. Awaiting response from the Environment Agency. A letter to be sent to the Abattoir in the meantime.
14. Letter with spec and plans to go out to contractors requesting their quotes to repair the River wall.
16. Invoice to prepare, date to be obtained for sensor to be fitted.

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 November 2019**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.15 pm.

### **Planning Applications – Meeting 2 October 2019**

**Appl. No. 2019/20926/TCA** -Tree 1 Weeping Silver Birch – Fell at 32 Church Street, Gargrave

**Appl. No. 2019/20971/TCA** – Fell 1 Cherry Tree at 2 Beeches Close, Gargrave.

**Appeal Decision- Appl. No. APP/C2708/W/19/3229101** – 46 Eshton Road, Gargrave

**Consultation on Planning Appl 2019/20767/HH - Amendments** 25 Skipton Road, Gargrave

**NYCC – Area5 – Proposed disabled persons’ on-street parking place** – Neville Crescent, Gargrave – requesting our views or objections.

**Planning Decision – 2019/20764/FUL** - Rear extension – The Co-op – **Granted.**

**Planning Decision – 2019/20596/LBC** - Replace ventilation system, Old Swan Inn – **Granted.**

**Planning Decision – 2019/20614/HH** – Single storey extension – 27 Neville Rd – **Granted.**

### **Correspondence List – Meeting 2 October 2019**

1. Email from RM explaining present situation with Speed Gun locations within the village.
2. YLCA information re: Consultation on proposed reforms to permitted Development Rights to support the deployment of 5G and extend mobile coverage.
3. Update on signage planned for the Playground.
4. Enquiry and response to request to use Low Green football pitch.
5. Dales Community Housing Project enquiry and response given.
6. DNAire email advising of their successful bid for obtaining £713,000 funding from National Lottery Heritage Fund.
7. NYCC Letter informing of Public Information Events – A59 Kex Gill New Alignment.
8. Enquiry from Giggleswick Parish Council about Neighbourhood Plan and our response.
9. Complaint and action taken regarding thistle problem in field rear of Skipton Road.
10. Emails relating to tractor tanking, transporting abattoir waste from Sawley through Bank Newton and Gargrave through to Winterburn.
11. Request made to Northern Powergrid to connect new street light on Marton Road and estimated date for quote given.
12. Community Public Access Defibrillator query and response.
13. YLCA Craven Branch Meeting – Thursday 3 October 2019 at 2.30pm information.
14. Options for repair of River Wall and suggested contractors to undertake this work received from Civil Engineers.
15. Email from local parishioner raising concerns of dangerous wall, Church Street as still nothing been done.
16. Correspondence requesting permission for a Vivacity sensor to be attached to street light on Eshton Road to gather accurate, real-time transport data on towpath use.

