

# GARGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting  
held Wednesday 4 March 2020

Councillors: Peter Ward, Bryony Lebeter, Janet Turner, Janet Sugden, Martin Banks, Derrick Evans, Robert Marshall, Chris Blythe, Alan Robinson, District Cllr Simon Myers, Tim Townsend NYCC, Kath Ashby – Clerk and several parishioners.

**1. To receive apologies for absence:** 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 **Wednesday 5 February 2020** were accepted as a true record. Proposed by DE and seconded by MB. All in favour and accepted unanimously.

**4.1a) Matters Arising:**

On the matter of dog fouling and the suggestion to spray paint the fouling to help deter the offenders, we have now received a supply of the paint for this purpose. Anyone wishing to take a tin is quite welcome.

The matter of dog fouling is on the Agenda this evening, 6.1.

On the subject of weed spraying, to confirm once again that our contractor did not spray last year and we do not intend to spray this year.

PW told the meeting that he has spoken with an Agronomist who advised him that some of the alternatives are more harmful. Again, this subject is on the Agenda this evening, under 6.1.

**4.1b) Emergency Plan Presentation by Tim Townsend NYCC:**

Tim Townsend explained the importance of creating and holding an Emergency Plan for the village. This has been created from a template provided by NYCC and holds all the necessary information required, should any type of incident occur in the future.

He explained the ring round procedure of those whose names have been put forward and also the valuable help of volunteers who again have agreed to be contacted and have chosen the help they are willing to provide in the case of an emergency situation.

He suggested that the Plan be held by the Parish Council but maybe a one sheet notice be placed on the notice boards and website, giving details of who to make initial contact with. Several more parishioners expressed a wish to put their names and contact details forward. The Clerk will update the document accordingly.

Tim Townsend handed over the Emergency Kit to be held by the Parish Council following his presentation.

One parishioner raised the problem of several blocked drains around the village which had made the flooding situation much worse recently.

The Clerk will provide Tim Townsend with the location of these drains by email, which it is felt require a camera down first of all, to see where the blockage is, then clearing out.

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

**5.1. County Cllr Gillian Quinn:** Apologies received.

### **5.2 District Cllr Simon Myers:**

Following the overflow of the canal recently, Cllr Myers intends to try and get a meeting arranged with the Canal and River Trust as it is not acceptable that they do not appear to have put in place the proper precautions and they have a responsibility.

The Anchor Log application has been approved and CDC now has to agree on tree screening along the boundary.

The building has now been agreed at 21mtrs instead of the original application which was for a building 60mtrs long.

RM asked if there had been any reference to the Neighbourhood Plan.

Cllr Myers told the meeting that there is a lot of dissatisfaction with the planning officers at CDC and disquiet amongst senior officers.

Therefore it has been decided that CDC need two more Enforcement Officers and a new Planning Officer.

There is also grumbling amongst councillors that we need more dog wardens. PW confirmed we have received some new signage and have been promised more when new stock arrives.

PW confirmed that we have got approval from Highways recently to move the sign near the Anchor Bridge in preparation for the new development on Hellifield Road.

He also plans to raise the matter of what the Highway's attitude to more development on narrow country roads is, at the next Parish Liaison Meeting later this month.

CDC are in partnership with Leeds Credit Union which is an alternative to Pay Day Loans who charge very high interest. They also offer a basic membership savings account.

This has really taken off. We are liaising with various agencies and Poor Lands Charity.

CDC therefore ask if the Parish Council would please promote this and Cllr Myers agreed to send through more information to the Clerk.

Cllr Myers confirmed that the flood defences put in place in Skipton have definitely worked.

The GNAT group have been successful in obtaining a grant from the National Park to buy the new water heaters for the toilets. It is also planned to provide a water fountain outside with free water.

The open skip at the Anchor has now been removed; it is felt this is used for collection of normal waste, not building renovation materials.

Cllr Myers is to push for a litter clearing along the A65.

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

**6.1. Weed Spraying/Dog Fouling Update:**

PW told the meeting that he has recently spoken to someone regarding the alternatives who advised him these are worse than Glyphosate as this dries very quickly, as the alternatives take quite a long time to dry and are worse for bugs and bees.

NYCC have informed us that they plan to use Glyphosate again this year on verges and kerbs along the A65.

Following an article in the Yorkshire Post, we contacted Sheffield City Council who is trialling a product called Katoun Gold.

We as a Parish Council did not spray last year and will not spray anywhere in the village this year.

On the subject of dog fouling, we have bought a supply of spray paint if people wish to use this. Our grass cutting contractor has taken a can today.

We have some new signs provided by CDC and we are awaiting a further supply.

If we can identify the offenders, they will be sent a letter from the Parish Council initially because no-one is going to want to stand up in court for fear of repercussions.

The gate between the Playground and Football Field has now been locked to help prevent fouling on the sports field.

**6.2 River Wall Update:**

A discussion took place with both Councillors and residents, some raising their concerns as to the type of new wall proposed.

The Environment Agency wants us to build a lower wall but we have decided this needed to be the same height as the existing wall, following the recent flooding and how high the river was over the past couple of weekends.

**Police Report:**

A crime was recorded in January 2020 on or near the Sports/Recreation Area. The crime is currently being investigated by the Police. The Offender has been put in contact with those affected to repair the harm done and find a positive way forward.

**6.4 Litter Pick:**

It was agreed to set a date for the Litter Pick on Saturday 4 April 2020. We will meet as usual at the Summer Seat at 10am.

Clerk to contact CDC to request pickers and bags and gloves.

**6.5: Public Participation:**

One resident wished to raise her concerns once more regarding the use of glyphosate around the village. PW explained in defence of NYCC no one else is going to weed the verges and the kerbs along the A65 through the village. In his opinion we need to spray. NYCC policy will be to spray. Do you want to see weeds coming up looking unsightly? PW told the meeting that he felt there was probably more harm from diesel fumes.

Looking at the alternatives products, these may do more harm.  
Another parishioner mentioned signs for dog fouling on the village greens.  
Maybe we are coming to a time when dogs will no longer be allowed on the Village Greens.

Cllr Simon Myers is to chase up our request for a new bin to be located by Priest Holme Bridge, Marton Road, which was refused last year.

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

See attached List.

**8. Financial Matters:**

8.1 To approve the accounts for payment.

**INCOME**

NYCC Grant towards Skate Ramp repair	£500.00
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**EXPENDITURE**

Wages	566.18
Website Services	5.99
Village Hall Rent	152.00
Ordnance Survey Map	16.99
Craven Stationery	71.95
Craven Stationery	3.74
Pilkington Hedge cut	72.00
CEF Street Lights	1225.37
CEF Street Lights	62.76
C Cowgill - fence repair	90.00
Graffcity – Chalk Paint	51.75

NatWest	24,300.20
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SBS	20,569.40
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BL 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.

8. One item to be put forward for Parish Liaison Meeting.

15. RM to read through to determine if response is required.

18. Following discussions, it was agreed to leave in abeyance for further thoughts on creating better access to Middle Green.

Spec already sent out for new disabled access by Goffa Mill, awaiting quotes.

21. Several suggestions for volunteering opportunities to be sent to resident.

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 1 April 2020.**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.10 pm.

### **Planning Applications – Meeting 4 March 2020**

**Appl. No. 2020/21395/HH** - Proposed new vehicular access and front parking area to existing dwelling – Milton Lodge, Marton Road, Gargrave.

**Appl. No. 2019/20167/FUL** - Consultation on Planning Application – **AMENDMENTS**  
The Old Saw Mill, Marton Road, Gargrave.

**Appl. No. 2019/21285/FUL** - 27 High Street, Gargrave - **Permission Granted.**

**Appl. No. 2019/20192/FUL** - Extension to existing building – Land at Anchor Croft Farm, Hellifield Road, Gargrave – **Permission Granted.**

### **Correspondence List – Meeting 4 March 2020**

1. YLCA New Website, new passwords provided for both the Clerk and Parish Councillors.
2. Go-ahead given for Gargrave United sign with request to add – ‘Please keep all dogs on a lead and remove all fouling – Respect our Pitch’.
3. Emails re: Dog Fouling on Football pitch, gate now locked between football pitch and Playground.
4. Correspondence to North Yorks Police regarding speed reduction and maps provided with request.
5. Confirmation from Woodland Trust our trees are on their way, volunteers required for planting please.
6. Awaiting quote for repair of skate ramps at Playground, confirmation of grant help received.
7. NYCC Renewal of Subsidised Local Bus Services in Craven and Better Deal for bus user’s info.
8. Parish Liaison Meeting on Wednesday 25 March 2020, suggestions for Agenda by 6 March 2020.
9. Yorkshire Water Biodiversity Enhancement Programme, 2020, call for projects.
10. NYCC Consultation on new policy on developer contributions for education (parishes).
11. Tour de Yorkshire Friday 1 May 2020 link provided showing route, Skipton, Broughton, Gargrave.
12. Emails to Canal & River Trust requesting long term solution to prevent canal over topping.
13. Request to Waste Management CDC, for road cleaning following flooding, and their response.
14. NYCC response and remedy to flooding issue at Raybridge Lane End and Hunt Cottage.
15. Forwarded emails from Bank Newton Parish Council relating to planning Appl. - Souber Dairy.
16. YLCA Training Seminars April 2020 – Understanding the Planning System.
17. Email information on a possible Remembrance Bench with the upcoming 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.
18. Correspondence from residents following proposals to create better access to Middle Green.
19. Reported broken yellow danger sign indicating overhead cable lines, acknowledged to deal with.
20. White Rose Updates, 10 February, 21 February and 28<sup>th</sup> February 2020.
21. An Enquiry email from a full time wheelchair user, who is interested in volunteering.
22. YLCA Email and attachment providing public health advice on Government’s website on Coronavirus given by the principal authority and NHS Trust for our area.
23. NYCC Notice of Skipton and Ripon Area Constituency Committee Meeting – Thurs 12 March at 10am at Ingleborough Community Centre, Main Street, Ingleton.
24. YLCA Invitation from Ripon Cathedral Service for 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of VE Day on 8 May 2020.