

GARGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL

Report dated 05.06.20

Prepared by the Clerk in place of our usual monthly Meeting Minutes.

Travellers:

The Parish Council contacted the North Yorkshire Police Headquarters back in April expressing our concerns that although Appleby Horse Fair would not be going ahead this year due to the Coronavirus, we felt it was still possible for the travellers to be on the move and descend on the village, which could be for a much longer period of time, as they would not be moving on to attend the Fair. We received a detailed letter back explaining they had this in mind and plans were in place should this be the case.

However, on 22 May we had our first visit from the travellers and this was reported to the Police by phone and by email. A member of the local team reported back confirming he had attended the Low Green later that day and spoke with the travellers who were initially planning to stay a couple of days, before heading back in the direction they came from. It was explained to them that by staying overnight they would be breaching Covid rules which could result in a fine and being forced to move on. They understood this but explained their horses need to rest for at least 4-5 hours. They did in fact leave the following day.

Since then we have had a further visit on Tuesday 2 June, again this was reported to the Police by email and by ringing 101. The Travellers moved on the following day.

River Wall Update:

Our consultants have now prepared and sent through the new drawing for the agreed design for the river wall repair. We have requested paper copies of the drawing which will be sent out along with the detailed specification booklet to the chosen contractors, requesting their quotes for the proposed works.

It is hoped to send out this correspondence week commencing 8 June 2020.

Finance:

The Finance Sheet prepared by the two Responsible Financial Officers, Cllr Janet Sugden and Cllr Martin Banks is set out below:

This was then sent by email to all Parish Councillors by the Clerk for approval.

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Finance Sheet -1st June 2020

DATE	ITEM DESCRIPTION	INCOME	PAYMENTS
01/06/2020	WAGES 1		525.97
05/06/2020	VILLAGE HALL RENT		152.00
13/05/2020	WEBSITE SERVICES		5.99
	CRAVEN STATIONERY		19.50
	CRAVEN STATIONERY		87.42
26/05/2020	TRANSFER TO SKIPTON BS		10,000.00
01/06/2020	NORTHERN POWERGRID WAYLEAVE	20.00	
	VODAFONE (council phone monthly rent)		17.00
	J C COWGILL – 7 th and 20 th May - Damside, memorial, Meadowcroft, plantation 11 th and 25 th May – all greens cut		1,332.92
	J C COWGILL – Playground – supply topsoil around edges and seed areas as quoted		636.00
	SLCC – Society of Local Council Clerks renewal		140.00
NAT WEST AS AT: 31stMay £36,996.03		-----	-----
SKIPTON BUILDING SOCIETY ASAT: 31st May £30,569.40		20.00	12,916.80

Cllr Peter Ward proposed the accounts, seconded by Cllr Janet Turner, all in favour and accepted.

The two RFO's confirmed that our financial Annual Return details are now with Yorkshire Audit to complete their audit.

Planning Applications:

Appl. No. 2020/21480/VAR - Application to remove condition No 9 (access) on application Ref No. 30/2007/7115 Kelber Hill Farm, Gargrave

The Parish Council objects strongly to this application. The detailed objection can be viewed on CDC website.

Appl. No. 2020/21525/CND Application to discharge condition No 3(Landscaping Plan) on planning application referenced 2019/20192/FUL granted 28 February 2020 – Anchor Croft Farm, Gargrave

The Parish Council has considered this application and strongly objects. The detailed objection can be viewed on CDC website.

Appl. No. 2020/21666/HH Proposed 2 storey side and single-storey rear extension – 2 Airedale Avenue, Gargrave

The Parish Council has considered this application and has no objections.

Correspondence List:

1. Response received following enquiries made to CDC re: the anonymous letter raising concerns of building work on Neville Road. Confirmation that the building is permitted development and no planning consent is required. To monitor.
2. Email received reporting poor state of one area of towpath at Bank Newton, caused by residents of two barges. Clerk reported on to Canal and Rivers Trust, copied to Bank Newton Parish Council.
3. CDC Commercial Waste Service Update.
4. North Yorkshire Police alert of Pet Sales Online fraud information.
5. Email from member of Covid group reporting concerns regarding a man with an Ice Cream Truck visiting our village that it is felt is not following correct hygiene practises and our response asking for more details of vehicle.
- 6a) A couple of emails reporting some residents on River Place claiming part of the green area, turning them into garden extension of their properties. Clerk contacted Environment Agency requesting a site visit and advice.
- 6b) An Environment Agency acknowledgement, we are now awaiting the Area Team contacting the Clerk.
7. Email from resident on South Street asking if grass could be cut in the plantation. Response advising until river wall repair completed, the area will remain closed and the grass left uncut.

8. Correspondence re: clearing of ginnel adjacent to property on Neville Road and our responses.

9. Clerk chased up repair to Warning Sign on Middle Green repair, confirmation now received this work has now been carried out.

10. Correspondence relating to Traveller concerns and visits, plus updates.

11. NYCC - Buy Local posters provided, laminated and placed around the village, placed on Notice Boards and Website.

12 NHS Test and Trace information received from North Yorkshire Police, to be placed in Parish Magazine.

13. Various emails and responses relating to the new access onto Middle Green.

14. Email reporting unsightly untaxed vehicle parked alongside towpath at Bank Newton, thought to be connected to people living in barges. This matter has been reported to the Police to make further enquiries.

15. Response from CDC re: alleged breach of planning control re damaged wall on Mark House Lane, unfinished work.

16. Complaint email from visitor to village of the condition of toilet on canal towpath by Higherlands Lock. Response advising to re-direct their concerns to Canal and River Trust as this is not owned by Parish Council.

17. YLCA Notice of Craven Branch Annual Meeting – passed to Cllr Peter Ward to attend on 17 June 2020.

18. Complaints received relating to boxes of books and toys placed in the Summer Seat without permission from the Parish Council. Now made contact with lady who set the idea up asking for these to be removed for safety reasons due to the coronavirus advice.

19. Network Rail request to place a block of 4 Toilets on the Railway Station Car Park granted. All the necessary paperwork has been completed and signed off and returned to Network Rail. The work will commence Monday 8 June – Monday 22 June 2020. Vehicles will only be parked between the hours of midnight and 5am each day and will leave before the first train comes through the station each morning.

20. A letter has been prepared and sent to the residents along Damside due to unauthorised use of the High Green for building materials, work vehicles and now a Motor Home asking for this to be removed. The letter was hand delivered to the property.

The Report was proposed by Cllr Peter Ward, seconded by Cllr Janet Turner, all in favour and accepted.

