

GARGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL

Report dated 14.11.20

Prepared by the Clerk in place of our usual monthly meeting minutes.

Flooding:

There was flooding in the village during Sunday 1 November 2020 to Monday 2 November 2020. It occurred by the River Aire and the Leeds and Liverpool Canal resulting in properties being flooded in different areas of the village. Unfortunately the Environment Agency responded too late. We are therefore in correspondence with both the EA and CDC and taking their advice.

Remembrance Service Plans:

A shorter service was planned for the Remembrance Service on Sunday 8 November 2020 with no following Church service.

Social distancing and masks were requested and posters were placed around the village to this effect.

The service was conducted by Rev Andrew Steer and the laying of wreaths was carried out on the day safely.

AJ1 Project Update:

We are pleased to report that we have now heard back from North Yorkshire Police that we have been successful in being offered the amount of £928.76 towards the application submitted. The Parish Council requested a total of £3,317.00 to support Gargrave Station Safety Improvement Project.

This is on the understanding that the Parish Council can match fund the remainder of the cost of this project. The Parish Council are in favour of going ahead with this essential work and therefore will match fund the work so that this can go ahead as soon as possible.

Certain tree work will need to be carried out to facilitate the most effective performance for a new light at this location. We are awaiting confirmation from NYCC Highways that the 30mph sign can be moved back towards the car park.

Playground – Rospa Report:

A very comprehensive report that lists quite a lot of minor faults easily dealt with, as well as some more complicated ones that need working through before Christmas school holidays.

Playground Car Park:

The Parish Council has received complaints about the number of vehicles owners on Airedale Avenue who have started to park their vehicles all day and sometimes overnight in the Parish Council Car Park provided for families using the Playground.

A letter is to be sent out asking for the resident's co-operation in this matter so that families using the Playground can park safely in the car park.

Dog Fouling Problem at Sports Fields:

The problem of dog fouling on the sports fields has been reported once again. The young team of football players using the pitch at the weekend are having to remove the fouling prior to playing.

Signage has now been erected by the team and the Parish Council has sent letters out to all residents who live nearby asking for their help in identifying the owners and their dogs so that action can be taken to stop this happening once and for all.

Additional Defibrillator – St Andrews Church:

The second Defibrillator purchased for the village is now with our electrical contractor for installation at St Andrews Church. This will be affixed to the right hand side of the stonework by the millennium arched gateway before you enter the church yard. The work is planned in the very near future.

Tree Planting:

Our saplings are growing and will be planted on the Woodland Walk near the track during the next few weeks.

Christmas Lights:

Hopefully these will be erected for the last Sunday in November 2020 the start of Advent. Sadly due to Covid 19, we cannot have our usual festivities that evening. Stay Safe.

Travellers:

The Clerk and two Parish Councillors attended a meeting at Skipton Police Station recently, along with a Police representative and two CDC representatives.

This meeting was organised following the complaint raised by the Parish Council regarding the apparent lack of co-operation from the Police during the summer months when we had travellers visiting Low Green.

Looking forward, the Parish Council will hopefully receive more co-operation from the Police next year.

Finance:

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

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

GARGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL			
Invoice List: 5th November 2020			
DATE	ITEM DESCRIPTION	INCOME	PAYMENTS
30/10/2020	WAGES 1		497.04
20/10/2020	VILLAGE HALL RENT		152.00
14/10/2020	VODAFONE - COUNCIL MOBILE PHONE		17.00
19/10/2020	WEBSITE SERVICES		5.99
16/09/2020	PAYE		441.10
	J C COWGILL (monthly cut)		1,332.92
	CRAVEN STATIONERY (FILES)		9.59
	CEF (STREETLIGHT PARTS)		498.06
	A J PILKINGTON (HEDGE CUTTING)		84.00
	SHC TRAILER HIRE (FOR STREETLIGHTS)		162.00
NAT WEST as at: 30th OCTOBER - £45,978.22		-----	-----
SKIPTON BS as at: 30th OCTOBER - £20,680.35		0.00	3,199.70

Proposed by Cllr Peter Ward, seconded by Cllr Janet Turner, all in favour and accepted.

Planning Applications:

Appl. No. 2020/22107/TCA T1 Sycamore – fell - Somerville, Marton Road, Gargrave

Planning Decision – 2020/21976/HH 2 storey extension, 10 Riversway, Gargrave – Permission Granted

Correspondence List:

1. Further complaint re dangerous parking on grass verge corner of Skipton Road, Eshton Road, Re-reported.
2. Letter reported damage to a vehicle parked near Low Green, thought to be from a strimmer. Grass contractor able to confirm did not work on the green on the day in question, response sent.
3. Follow up letter from NY Police following our recent meeting at Skipton Police Station.
4. Various correspondence from Enforcement Team relating to unfinished wall on Mark House Lane.
5. Email request for permission to plant a Willow Tree IMO of a parishioner and response.
6. Thank you letter from PC to Scapa for continuing to cut the grass verges on both sides of A65.
7. Correspondence relating to request for a plaque to be affixed to a bench IMO a Biker.
8. White Rose Update, 23 October 2020 circulated to all Parish Councillors.
9. Letter sent to Fisher Medical Centre enquiring if and when the surgery here will be re-opened.
10. Response sent to Cllr Richard Foster, stating an East-West split would be preferable for local input.
11. Email confirmation that the tree work will be carried out on Middle Green on 7 November 20.
12. Confirmation email from resident on Walton Ave, majority of work has now been completed.
13. Various emails, with weather warning, emergency numbers supplied, placed on website.
14. CDC confirmation that the owner has been contacted regarding the leaning wall on Mark House Lane with the hope of a speedy removal of the risk.
15. NYCC Letter thanking for the constructive feedback which have helped to develop their proposal on Local Government Reform.
16. YLCA Code of Conduct – further consultation, questionnaire to complete.
17. Confirmation email from Co-op Local Community Fund that we have been chosen for next round of funding.
18. Copy Letter sent out to residents nearest to the Playground and Sports fields, asking for assistance in helping to stop dog fouling. Thank you received from Embsay Juniors and Cricket Club.
19. Email complaint relating to letter dated 13 June, re management of greens, no invitation to a monthly meeting and our response.
20. Request sent through Parish Portal for gullies and drains to be cleared ASAP in the village.
21. CDC Commercial Waste Service, collections will continue as normal.
22. Anonymous Letter raising concerns of trees being cut down in plantation behind property 2 Gargrave House Gardens, reported to Mr Gane and Planning Dept., CDC.
23. Request for consideration to a dropped kerb by Swan corner, placed for funding appl. By Area5 for next year 2021/2022.
24. Concerns raised by resident of all day parking of residents of Airedale Avenue, action to be considered as this is for users of the Playground only, Parish Council owned land.
24. Email enquiry if any available allotment plots within the village, response sent.
25. Confirmation from NY Police offering an amount of funding from the AJ1 Project if the PC can provide match funding.
26. Various emails and responses relating to the fallen Willow Tree, above stepping stones on High Green.

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