

GARGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL

Report dated 14.12.20

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

Flooding:

The Clerk has been in correspondence with the Environment Agency over many months now setting out a long list of requests for advice or approval to carry out work on our stretch of the River Aire.

CDC arranged for 150 sandbags to be delivered near the bottom stepping stones to create a temporary banking to help with flood prevention.

The gullies have been cleared on Mill Lane and we have requested our contractor to clear the gate at the corner of Low Green of leaves and grass cuttings.

A further letter has also been written to the Canal and River Trust following the canal over topping once again in November when we were assured they had plans in place to prevent this happening again.

Several properties up Marton Road also experienced flooding due to drains being blocked in that area. The Clerk has reported the matter to Area 5 who have confirmed they have a works order in place for a high pressure Jetvac wagon to attend site to clear gullies and the main drains. At the same time they will be surveying the drains with CCTV to check for any damage or blockages in the drains. We have not been given a date for this work but assured it will happen as soon as possible.

AJ1 Project Update:

The Clerk has followed the required paper trail to move the project forward and has arranged for the necessary tree work to be carried out prior to the installation of the new light up by the Railway Station.

Playground Rospa Report:

The list of repairs is quite lengthy and therefore this matter will be taken to the Budget Meeting in the New Year.

Tree Planting:

All the saplings which have been grown on over many months have now finally been planted on the Woodland Walk. This was undertaken safely following Covid 19 guidelines. Thank you to everyone who gave their time to plant these young trees.

Christmas Lights:

These are now shining brightly and look well. Prior to the switch on of the lights, the Parish Council did receive a request from a local parishioner offering to clean the lamps on the River Bridge and following the usual Public Liability Insurance check, permission was given for this work to go ahead.

I am sure everyone will agree that these look much better and thanks have been sent to the lady, as this was a job well done.

New Defibrillator:

Our electrical contractor is awaiting new cabling and parts but has confirmed that the new Defibrillator will be up and running before Christmas which is good news for the village.

Dangerous Wall – Church Street and Mark House Lane:

Numerous emails have been sent to both the landowner and NYCC Highways raising concerns relating to the wall, which is in a dangerous condition on Church Street on the left hand side as you go up the hill towards the Railway Station. Stones are falling from the wall and causing an obstruction onto the footpath. The situation is made worse with the dark nights for passengers coming from the train in the evening.

The Clerk contacted Mr Alan Dawson who is the Building Control Surveyor at CDC asking for his help with this ongoing matter.

Mr Dawson attended the site on 2 December and has reported his findings to Highways suggesting the risk be mitigated by warning cones/barriers as soon as possible. The ownership of the wall is now being investigated.

He also checked the wall on Mark House Lane, the condition of which, he reports is unchanged. He will continue to monitor both situations and press for repairs.

Finance:

The Parish Council accounts have passed the annual external audit carried out by PKF Littlejohn LLP and are available to view in the Notice Board and on the website.

There are some queries and comments regarding the production of minutes and reviewing some of the Council's procedures which will be actioned in the near future.

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

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

GARGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL			
Invoice Review: 3rd December 2020			
DATE	ITEM DESCRIPTION	INCOME	PAYMENTS
20/11/2020	VAT REPAYMENT	1314.63	
12/11/2020	CLEANING BENCH FOR MEMORIAL PLAQUE	85.00	
23/11/2020	PLAQUE FOR BENCH	50.00	
23/11/2020	CRAVEN HUNT DONATION	60.00	
01/12/2020	WAGES 1		1,070.31
12/11/2020	VILLAGE HALL RENT		152.00
13/11/2020	VODAFONE - COUNCIL MOBILE PHONE		17.00
24/11/2020	VODAFONE - MOBILE PHONE CASHBACK	33.60	
12/11/2020	WEBSITE SERVICES		5.99
16/09/2020	PAYE		441.10
	J C COWGILL (drainage, plantation trimming and Goit plate removing)		564.00
	CRAVEN STATIONERY (PAPER and PRINTER INK)		155.44
	CEF (CHRISTMAS LIGHTS)		42.72
	CEF (CHRISTMAS LIGHTS)		185.52
	CEF (CHRISTMAS LIGHTS)		130.38
	CEF (CHRISTMAS LIGHTS)		41.88
	R D FORESTRY (TREES ON MIDDLE GREEN)		900.00
	PFK LITTLEJOHNS (ANNUAL EXTERNAL AUDIT)		360.00
	BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL		75.00
NAT WEST as at: 30th NOVEMBER - £44,189.58		-----	-----
SKIPTON BS as at: 30th NOVEMBER - £20,680.35		1,543.23	4,141.34

Proposed by Cllr Bryony Lebeter, seconded by Cllr Peter Ward, all in favour and accepted.

Planning Applications – up to 2 December 2020

Appl. No. 2020/22157/HH - 2 Storey and 1 storey rear extension, 1 storey side extension
4 Church Street, Gargrave.

Appl. No. 2020/22175/HH – Single storey rear extension - 4 Gargrave House Gardens,
Gargrave.

Appl. No. 2020/22267/TCA – T1 Apple Tree – Fell - 68 High Street, Gargrave.

Appl. No. 2020/22239/TCA – T1 Conifer – remove T2 Conifer – remove, T3 Poplar – remove
Pebble Barn, Church Street, Gargrave.

Correspondence List – up to 2 December 2020

1. Response received from Tree Officer at CDC relating to tree felling on land rear of Gargrave House Gardens.
2. NYCC confirmation letter of their endorsement to the submission to the proposal for a single unitary council to replace the County Council.
3. Various emails relating to completion of wall up Mark House Lane and clearance of site.
4. Several lights out on Church Street, reported to Northern Powergrid for their attention.
5. Letter sent to residents of Airedale Avenue, following complaints of parking on Playground Car Park daily by homeowners.
6. Enquiry email relating to the closed footpath from Neville Road to A65 and response.
7. Area5 requested to jet clear drains on Marton Road as soon as possible, following flooding of several properties and their agreement to undertake this work. Not done to date.
8. Letter from Richard Foster, Leader of CDC advising they have submitted outline proposal for local government re-organisation to Government.
9. IMO Plaque has now been erected on chosen bench and photos sent to the family.
10. Festive Lights paperwork passed to electrical contractor to complete.
11. Pendle Forest & Craven Hunt donation acknowledged, towards the Christmas Lights.
12. Further email sent to Canal and River Trust following the recent flooding from the canal and also regarding conflict between cyclists and pedestrians along Towpath.
13. Correspondence relating to cleaning of the lights on River Bridge, permission granted.
14. Email for assistance sent to CDC regarding dangerous state of wall going up to the Station and response received from Mr Dawson, the Building Control Surveyor at CDC.
15. Enquiry regarding Meals on Wheels in the Village and response.
16. Various emails relating to flooding at River Place and confirmation of delivery of sandbags to create a temporary banking.
17. Various emails relating to felling of trees on Middle green and responses.
18. Planning Peer Review Report link for the Agenda pack provided, sent out to all PC.
19. Letter sent to EA re: Bank erosion below Pinfold towards Airebank Terrace which they acknowledge has now been passed onto their local team to deal with.
20. Airebank Terrace Residents Association email relating to flooding concerns and clearing of gullies and response.
21. Email confirmation sent to NYCC to accept the quotation for the installation of the new light up by the Railway Station.
22. NYCC Bulletin Updates for 11, 18 and 25 November, & 2 December 2020.
23. YLCA White Rose Update dated 6 November and 4 December 2020 circulated to all Parish Councillors.

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