

GARGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting
held Wednesday 2 June 2021

Councillors: Peter Ward, Janet Sugden, Martin Banks, Alan Robinson, County Cllr Gill Quinn, Kath Ashby – Clerk and Mr Steve Coetzer.

- 1. To receive apologies for absence:** District Cllr Simon Myers.
- 2. To acknowledge those present.** PW welcomed all to our first open meeting for quite some time. We have Mr Steve Coetzer here tonight who wishes to join the Parish Council and we are expecting Mr Chris Smales. The other two applicants are Mr Chris Hoskin and Mr David Shuttleworth who are both away at the moment but their paperwork for co-option has been posted out to them both.
- 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 12 May 2021** were accepted as a true record. Proposed by MB and seconded by JS. All in favour and accepted unanimously.

5. Matters requested by councillors:

5.1. County Cllr Gillian Quinn:

Cllr Quinn raised several points this evening, and looking back over the last year, 2020 and continuing into the future and throughout the Pandemic.

NYCC has over three thousand staff working from home, this was a huge effort from the IT people to facilitate this.

Our social services team went to a temporary 7/7 working model, which we are now consulting staff on continuing with this good practice.

We have supported the 235 care settings in the County by being in daily contact with them and have set up infection prevention control teams.

Our children services have been rated as Outstanding by Ofsted, the first in the country to get this rating. 82% of our children attend a good or outstanding school. We have seen a decrease in fixed term and permanent exclusions

The music service has changed to online and does over 1000 lessons a week in this way.

We have continued to pay bus operators even when services have not been running to make sure they are still there when normal running resumes.

We continue to invest heavily in broadband provision, edging ever nearer to 100% coverage and this year should see us achieve 97%. However we know the final 3% will be the most difficult and we are determined not to leave them behind.

NYCC proposal is for a single council that will undertake the whole county working in close partnership with the City of York Council, unlock devolution and provide a strong powerful voice in North Yorkshire.

NYCC strongly believes that a single unitary council for everyone in North Yorkshire working in close partnership with the City Of York Council - the only existing unitary authority in North Yorkshire is the best option. York has given its full backing to this devolution deal.

Six of the seven districts and borough council are backing an alternative proposal which would create two completely new unitary council covering North Yorkshire and York and would split the county in half:-

- East North Yorkshire made up of Ryedale, Scarborough, Selby and York
- West North Yorkshire made up of Craven, Hambleton, Harrogate and Richmondshire

The proposal to break up North Yorkshire is not supported by York

North Yorkshire is a county like no other due to its rurality and sparse populations. A single council would provide the critical mass, scale and financial sustainability to deliver outstanding services, tackle the challenges facing the whole county after the ravages of the Covid 19 Pandemic and take advantage of future opportunities.

A decision will be made by Government - Robert Jenrick is expected to announce this mid-June, early July 2021.

5.2 District Cllr Simon Myers: Apologies received for this evening.

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

6.1. Public Participation

No members of the public attended this evening.

6.2 Police Report

PW explained to the meeting that as we no longer seem to be able to get a Police Officer to attend our meetings, we take data from the Police website link we have been provided with. Unfortunately the latest information is March 2021, which is set out below:

Total of 4 = Anti -social Behaviour Reports on Marton Road, Gargrave.

Total of 3 = 2 Violence & Sexual Offences, and 1 Anti -Social Behaviour reported at the Tennis Club, Gargrave.

Total of 2 = 2 Violence & Sexual Offences reported at River Place, Gargrave.

It was agreed that the Clerk should contact the Police to ask if we could have more up to date information provided and maybe the occasional attendance at our monthly meetings.

6.3 River Wall Update:

PW told the meeting that our Contractor has been communicating with the EA who have asked two further questions from the original application which he has answered as requested. He has been given the verbal go ahead subject to a confirmation email being sent to the EA that the soil stack be moved nearer to the public toilets.

The metal work will go into production next week. Materials are being stored at Swindon Quarry and all orders will be given to the sub-contractors once the go-ahead is received in writing from the EA.

It is hoped that work will commence in a week.

6.4 Playground Improvements Update:

MB told the meeting that 24 items had been raised within the Rospa report. The most expensive one being the skate ramps which have now been recovered.

The other item was the carousel and all bolts have been replaced and this is now in a safe condition.

MB reported that the seat on the cradle baby swing is cracked.

The joiner has finished repairing the little playhouse and this is all painted up now.

He has also painted the motorbike springer nearby.

Our Contractor has power washed the base of every piece of equipment and installed the Bug Finder.

The signs for the Playground Car Park and the Bug Finder are now ready and in the office ready for our Contractor to install these.

7. To consider the planning applications and decisions:

See attached List.

8. Financial Matters:

8.1 To approve the accounts for payment.

INCOME

24.05.21	VAT Refund	523.76
15.05.21	Wayleave	20.00
01.06.21	Wayleave	45.39

EXPENDITURE

Village Hall Rent	152.00
Internet Services	5.99
Council Mobile	17.00
Wages	642.11
Flowers	40.00
Audit	325.00
Willow Way Signs	114.00
J C Cowgill	1332.92
JC Cowgill	3600.00
JC Cowgill	30.00

Total £6259.02

NatWest as at 31.05.21 £51,858.30

SBS a/c as at 31.05.21 £20,680.35

MB wished to record that the Precept has been agreed for this financial year at £46,000.00.

Proposed by AR, seconded by PW, all in favour and accepted.

9. To consider the following new correspondence received and decide action where necessary.

See attached list.

7. Agreed to chase this matter with NYCC.

9. Parish Councillors have no comments they wish to make.

13. Respond -No.

15. This equipment has been repaired today.

16. All agreed to respond to John Wood at the EA requesting a meeting remotely, week commencing 21 June 2021 with two Parish Councillors, John Wood, but no parishioners.

20. No invoice has yet been received from NYCC to date, as there was quite a delay in the installation of the light up by the Railway Station.

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 7 July 2021**

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

Planning Applications – Meeting 2 June 2021

Appl. No. 2021/22932/TCA T1 Flowering Cherry – Crown thinning and re-shaping- The Vicarage, Church Lane, Gargrave

Appl. No. 2021/22887/HH Glazed porch extension, widen and level parking area, raised terrace to front, replace extension steps to East elevation; full height glazing to gable and extend rear terrace to rear elevation; window amendments to west elevation; summer house in rear garden – 33 Marton Road, Gargrave

Appl. No. 2021.22775/HH Proposed garden room in front garden – 5 New Brighton, Gargrave

Planning Decision – 2021.22479/HH – 15 Riversway, Gargrave Grants Permission

Planning Decision – 2021/22454/HH - 26 Marton Road, Gargrave – Grants Permission

Planning Decision – 2021/22511/HH - 4 Hellifield Road, Gargrave – Grants Permission

Planning Decision – 2021/22483/HH -Bumble Cottage, South Street, Gargrave – Grants Permission

Correspondence List – Meeting 2 June 2021

1. Yorkshire Internal Audit Report for the financial year ending 31 March 2021.
2. CDC notification of change to Waste Collections – Round 2 and 5 Refuse and Recycling.
3. Email enquiry re quoting for river wall work and our reply.
4. Enquiry made to Post Office re the possibility of a temporary Post Office in the village.
5. Area5 confirmation email they will now fund a dropped kerb on the Swan Corner.
6. Emails from local resident of Airedale Avenue, re parking, this situation will be monitored.
7. Local resident of Hellifield Road, enquiry re the re-opening of the footpath off A65 onto Neville Road.
8. Trespass on Railway to deface bridge, Coniston Cold reported to Network Rail response.
9. Survey by independent Planning Consultant engaged by CDC to take forward a programme of change to the Planning Service.
10. NYCC Bulletin Update 26 May 2021, sent out to all Parish Councillors for information.
11. White Rose Updates, dated 14 May, 24 May and 28 May 2021.
12. CDC Response re Tree Preservation Order – Airebank Terrace, Gargrave area.
13. Email request from local resident relating to relocating a street light on Neville Road.
14. NYCC notification of new company for the delivery of operational highway services.
15. Two separate emails reporting dangerous playground roundabout, reported to contractor.
16. EA suggestions for meetings with local residents and Parish Councillors re flooding issues.
17. Further application submitted to Co-op to continue being a local cause for funding.
18. Complaint sent to Northern Gas re: the condition the re-instatement of sites left following location and repair of Gas leak.
19. CDC Citizens Online Project – to help people with digital skills and technology.
20. Request from Planning Co. and a potential Developer asking for a virtual meeting to discuss a small development.
21. NY Police request for End of Project report re: new light at Railway Station.

