

GARGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting
held Wednesday 1 December 2021

Councillors: Peter Ward, Joanne Hughes, Martin Banks, Steve Coetzer, Chris Hoskin, Chris Smales, David Shuttleworth, Kath Ashby – Clerk and several parishioners.

1. To receive apologies for absence: Cllr Janet Sugden, County Cllr Gillian Quinn and Cllr Simon Myers.

2. To acknowledge those present.

3. To receive any declarations of interest: JH declared an interest in the GWWG and SC declared an interest in the proposed new development on Marton Road.

4. To confirm the minutes of the last meeting:

The minutes of the last meeting held **Wednesday 3 November 2021** were accepted as a true record. Proposed by SC and seconded by MB. All in favour and accepted unanimously.

5. Matters requested by councillors:

5.1. County Cllr Gillian Quinn: Apologies received for this evening.

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. Police Report:

These figures are for the month of October 2021

Violence and sexual offences	3
Anti-social behaviour	1
Public Order	1

6.2 Public Participation:

A representative from Marton Road, raised concerns for the proposed development on Marton Road and highlighted several reasons why it was felt this should not go ahead. He asked for the support of the Parish Council on this matter.

PW explained briefly how the plot of land was chosen by the village and placed in both the Neighbourhood Plan and the Local Plan for development.

Therefore at this stage there is nothing that the Parish Council can do, we need to wait until such time as an application is submitted for our comments but the final decision will be made by CDC.

Another parishioner said he believed that somewhere was a document from the original owner of the land where it stated that there was to be no further development on that field.

Another parishioner wished to speak about the possibility of taking over the car parks in the village to prevent NYCC taking control in the near future. CDC have made a very good offer for a long term lease for these car parks. This could be done by setting up a CIC Company, whereby the charges for the Car Parks could finance the running of the Public Toilets.

PW told the meeting that at a closed finance meeting earlier this week this matter was discussed and the costs involved such as business rates, electricity, policing the car parking charges with ticket machines and the general maintenance of the surfaces.

At this meeting a vote was taken and we voted against taking over the car parks as this was not viable. This vote was accepted unanimously.

The first parishioner also wished to raise the question of speeding traffic when pedestrians are walking by the river along the A65 and because of the speed issue, this is becoming more and more dangerous walking along the footpath. SC advised that the matter needed to be reported to both 101 and 95 Alive.

A representative from the GWWG made an enquiry regarding the possibility of the group being covered under the Parish Council's Public Liability Insurance and confirmed they had sent through a draft Risk Assessment for review. MB told the meeting that there were several points he had raised which he felt needed included in their document and the Clerk would send this information to them. Once amended, this document will be sent to our Solicitor and the Insurance Company for their attention.

6.3 Public Advertising around the Village:

CH wished to raise this matter as he has noticed there are a lot more businesses advertising and attaching their adverts onto existing signs on the village greens.

Do we have a policy on this, or do we have a view on the matter?

PW told the meeting that yes there is to be nothing attached or tied to the railings, especially the old Victorian ones nearest to the bridge itself. We do try to be fair to the local businesses in the village if these signs are not causing problems. We did have an issue some time ago with too many boards placed at the bottom of Eshton Road which were dangerous for vehicles trying to pull out onto the A65 as this was causing visibility problems. We do need to keep an eye on these.

6.4 Tree Works, High Green Steps:

Work has taken place on the High Green to remove a dead Silver Birch Tree and several branches from Willow Trees. Some work in the Playground to remove the Cherry Tree saplings which needed removing and the cutting back of a bush near the car park was also carried out on Monday of this week.

We have confirmation that the work already agreed to repair the steps and make good on High Green will happen very soon.

We have received feedback from the two contractors who were requested to look at the large conifer and the two cracked willows near the War Memorial. Both have reported back that these trees are all fine but do need the dead wood in the middle removing. Quotes for this work have therefore been requested.

6.6 New Housing developments:

The Marton Road proposed development has been discussed earlier in the meeting this evening.

We have just had notice that the proposed development behind No 48 Eshton Road has been refused. The application for behind No 42 Eshton Road has been withdrawn.

To consider the planning applications and decisions:

See attached List.

8. Financial Matters:

8.1 To approve the accounts for payment.

INCOME

Co-op Community fund for railings refurbishment	1557.69
Bench refurb Volunteer invoice paid twice	49.90
Hunt donation	60.00

EXPENDITURE

Wages, incl. Holiday Pay	1081.02
Village Hall Rent	152.00
Internet Services	5.99
Council Mobile	17.23
P.A.Y.E.	1640.74
British Legion Donation	50.00
M Banks Trees to tip (Playground)	5.40
CEF Street Light parts	34.24
Village Hall Room Hire	30.00
CEF LED Unit	212.64
CEF Outdoor String Lights	39.98

NatWest £35,889.04

SBS a/c £20,692.15

Proposed by JH, seconded by SC, all in favour and accepted.

MB asked that we record this evening that the proposed Health & Safety document, recently prepared has been accepted and approved by all the Parish Council at the closed

Finance Meeting which was held on Monday evening, 29 November 2021. All in favour and accepted unanimously.

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

See attached list.

1. We are awaiting a detailed reply from NYCC following a telephone conversation with them today relating to the pathway from Neville Road onto the A65.
6. SC is meeting with NYCC Highways to have a walk around the village and agree where the speed signs can be located.
7. MB gave an update following his meeting with NY Fire & Rescue who advised the best location for the safety signs to be placed on the village greens.
11. CH has volunteered to take this on and make contact with Stantec.
14. To respond advising that the Parish Council paid for the existing lanterns which need returning to us when they are replaced by the proposed new ones.
15. The tree order has been confirmed, delivery planned for 6 January 2022, volunteers needed and the GWWG are interested in helping.
16. MB asked to create a spreadsheet of the information for the website.
17. Go ahead given to Path Keepers Group to trim around finger post signs in future.
19. Poster to be displayed in our Notice Board.

0. 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 12 January 2022**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.00pm.

Planning Applications – Meeting - 1 December 2021

Planning Appl. No. 2021/23035/FUL - Change of Use of Post Office, 7 High Street, Skipton.

Planning Appl. No. 2021/23378/FUL – Proposed extension to Milton Lodge Nursing Home, Marton Road, Gargrave

Planning Appl. No. 2021/23379/LBC – Listed Building Consent – Milton Lodge Nursing Home.

Planning Appl. No. 2021/23502/TCA - Tree works prune various trees – Bowling Green, Marton Road, Gargrave

Planning Appl. No. 2021.23510/TCA - T1 Rowan – remove at 7 Old Hall Croft, Gargrave.

Planning Appl. No. 2021/23506/TPO – T1 Ash- fell, T2 Ash –Fell at Taira Gardens, Church Street, Gargrave

Planning Decision – Appl. No. 2021/22876/FUL 2 proposed dwellings, Land of Smithy Croft - **GRANTED**

Confirmation of Withdrawn Appl No. 2021/23342/FUL Proposed dwelling 42 Eshton Road, Gargrave

Refuse Planning Permission – Appl. 2021/23322/FUL – 4 dwellings rear of 48 Eshton Road.

Correspondence List – Meeting - 1 December 2021

1. Designating the A65 Footpath snicket to Neville Road, chase up to NYCC, awaiting reply.
2. Response from Canal & River Trust relating concerns raised on over-topping of Canal.
3. Area5 response to our email regarding concerns raised on the disruption through village.
4. Request for road sweeper along Mark House Lane, due to compacted mud and leaves.
5. Quotes requested for removal of dead wood on the trees near War Memorial area.
6. Correspondence re the purchasing and location of new speed signs within the village.
7. River Aire Update – NY Fire and Rescue service project, relating to safety warning signs.
8. Zoom call with EA 15 December 2021 – 10.30 – 12.30pm. Sent out to all PC.
9. The Craven Trust – Annual Report 2020-2021
10. Pendle Forest and Craven Hunt, donation Cheque for £60.0 towards Christmas Lights.
11. Rail Study on line which runs between Leeds and Morecambe/Heysham Port.
12. Update from NYCC on the creation of the new North Yorkshire Council. Sent out to PC.
13. Volunteer Flood Wardens leaflets and information sheets which they are distributing.
14. Proposed new street lights my NYCC, following our request to have current ones cleaned
15. Tree Order confirmation from TCV, The Conservation Volunteers.
16. Water Quality Spreadsheets received from the EA, following our recent enquiry.
17. Request by Path Keepers Group to further trim around fingerpost and continues to do so.
18. YLCA White Rose Updates, 5 & 12 November & Law and Governance, and 19 November 21
19. Yorkshire Wildlife Trust – Tree Planting info plus poster to display.
20. Permission requested from CDC to remove dead tree on High Green and response.
21. Art Connections Newsletter, forwarded by local parishioner for our information.
22. NYCC Invitation to Parish and Town Councils Online Briefings during December 2021.
23. Local resident requesting further tree trimming in the Playground.
24. Concerns raised re the creation of steps onto A65 reported onto NYCC Highways.

