

# **GARGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting  
held Wednesday 2 March 2022

Councillors: Steve Coetzer (SC) Peter Ward (PW), Janet Sugden (JS), Martin Banks (MB), Chris Hoskin (CH), David Shuttleworth (DS), Joanne Hughes (JH), District Cllr Simon Myers, Kath Ashby – Clerk and several parishioners.

**1. To receive apologies for absence:** County Cllr Gillian Quinn and Cllr Chris Smales.

**2. To acknowledge those present.**

**3. To receive any declarations of interest:** None declared.

**4. To confirm the minutes of the last meeting:**

The minutes of the last meeting held **Wednesday 2 February 2022** were accepted as a true record. Proposed by JH and seconded by PW. 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:**

Cllr Myers advised the meeting that he had recently spoken with County Cllr Gillian Quinn who told him that at NYCC it is mainly preparation work for the planned new authority.

He confirmed the grant that the Clerk recently applied for towards the cost of the new VAS speeding sign, is going ahead. He had spoken with the officer today who confirmed this.

Everything is going ahead, preparing for the Elections in May and our officers are doing a lot of work on the new work systems which are being put in place for the new authority.

Everything they do is subject to what the new members of the Shadow Authority think who will be in office for 1 year only.

There are likely to be six area committees which will be made up of all the unitary councillors from that area, approximately 15, taking decisions on matters like licensing and planning. Then in April 2023 County and District Councils will disappear and you will be left with nine councillors for our area and we need the very best councillors going forward. I cannot emphasise this enough.

The Town Hall has been lit with the Ukraine colours and we are organising a collection outside. A cash donation box to help the people of Ukraine has been set up in the Town Hall Reception area. Donations will be split equally between UNICEF and The British Red Cross.

Cllr Myers asked for a copy of our response to CDC Planning Dept with attached Table, relating to the Marton Road Planning Application and confirmed he would make sure that

all the officers receive a copy prior to the meeting. Clerk to send the Parish Council's email response together with the prepared Table to both Cllr Myers and Cllr Alan Sutcliffe.

The new charging point for electric vehicles is set to be installed between 16 – 19 April on the North Street Car Park.

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

### **6.1. Police Report:**

Unfortunately we do not have the up to date figures this evening, the Police website has not been updated since last time. We hope to have more information for next month's meeting.

### **6.2 Public Participation:**

A spokesman for the GWWG wished to thank the Parish Council for the opportunity to talk about the ideas they wished to suggest but asked for this to be postponed until he gets further details. One item he would like to put to the Parish Council which could be implemented this year, was shown in the diagram he handed out to each of the Parish Councillors to consider.

This provided dates of suggested grass cuts, and showed an area they would like considered for wilding.

SC felt he would like to have a look at the area first of all and then the Parish Council needs to discuss the matter further.

Another parishioner wished to ask the Parish Council how they can prevent the risk of flooding on Mill Lane?

He asked what the Parish Council's relationship with the two flood wardens was like.

He also asked if it would be possible to meet with some of the residents for a cup of tea so that they can air their concerns.

SC advised that the risk of flooding is under continued monitoring by the Environment Agency and the Parish Council. They are installing a new Monitor further up the river. Having a recent look at the Weir, it is definitely going to drop. All the Parish Council can do is to report the matter onto the EA on your behalf and trust them.

Another parishioner asked if the Planning Committee would carry out a site visit at the proposed Marton Road development prior to the planning meeting.

Cllr Myers said he imagined that will happen. He explained that each member would make their own way to site, and the visit will be conducted by officers. Members of the public will not be allowed to speak.

### **6.3 Environment Agency Update & Flooding Issues:**

The canal over topped once again into the School Playing Fields. We have again written to the Canal and River Trust and await their response on this matter.

### **6.4 Grass Cutting Contract:**

The suggestions made earlier by the GWWG will be considered, once the Parish Council has had time to visit the area in question.

### **6.5 DNAire – Sculpture:**

CH told the meeting that last month he agreed to pick up on this which he was happy to do. He has had two calls with the gentleman who is now dealing with this project on behalf of the DNAire to bring salmon back into the River Aire.

Following interviews of several artists, they have now appointed an artist called Alex Blakey who mainly works with glass, combined with other materials such as wood, concrete, stone, steel etc.

They have a Consultation Event planned in the Village Hall on 17 March 2022 commencing at 6pm to 7.30pm. They are hoping to reach out to other groups, hoping to gain ideas for the Sculpture from children at the school and other groups such as the Heritage Group for the proposed Sculpture and of course parishioners. The location for the sculpture has still to be decided.

### **6.6 Playground Update:**

MB updated the meeting advising that the new See Saw is now in place and there are now just two issues, one is the re-positioning of the Basketball post.

The other issue is the list which needs finalising for new equipment which will be covered by the CIL monies. We do of course need to mention, that since the original amount was confirmed, two further dwellings have been built on the Hellifield Road site.

It was agreed that once we receive the revised amount, we need to decide what equipment we feel would benefit the Playground and get things moving.

### **6.7 Dog Fouling:**

SC expressed his deep concern that the matter of the dog fouling had become horrendous around the village. Why would you pick up and then leave the bag in a wall or hung from a fence, this is not acceptable. It is very difficult to approach the person and someone was assaulted only recently on the towpath.

Extra bins was an option but that would rely on Canal and River Trust emptying them which they will not want to do.

Cllr Myers asked that we firstly identify the hot spots around the village and he will try and get us some extra bins. He also suggested some surveillance cameras which could act as a deterrent.

Clerk to send through details of the hotspots once these have been identified.

### **To consider the planning applications and decisions:**

See attached List.

## **8. Financial Matters:**

8.1 To approve the accounts for payment.

### **INCOME**

Internet Services

8.44

## EXPENDITURE

Wages	667.00
Council Mobile	17.23
Internet Services	14.42
Village Hall Rent	152.00
YLCA 2 x Webinars	60.00
Cherry Picker Hire (3)	720.00
C.E.F. Street Light Parts	42.35
C.E.F. St Light Parts	16.50
Loan repayment	2207.76
S Claxton Christmas Lights	412.50
S Claxton Street Lights 2021	1037.50
S Claxton Street Lights 2022	75.00
Stamps	20.40
C.E.F. Street Light parts	95.75
SHC Cut off Saw	33.06
NYCC Speed Survey	264.00
Craven Stationery	127.80
JC Cowgill Step Repairs	420.00
JC Cowgill replacement See Saw	720.00
M Banks Nut & Bolt caps, Playground	16.99
Total	£5442.06

Nat West £40,754.02

SBS £20,692.15

DS to chase up the contractor to provide us with the first quote to refurbish the railings around the South Street Plantation. We then need one further quote.

MB confirmed that we had received two applications for the Internal Auditor vacancy and we are looking for everyone to approve that we appoint one of these two people. All in favour and accepted.

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

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

See attached list.

**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 6 April 2022**

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

## Planning Applications – Meeting 2 March 2022

**Appl. No. 2021/23470/HH** Installation of solar panels to rear roof plane at 10 Mickle Hill Mews, Gargrave

**Appl. No. 2022/2373/FUL** Proposed extension to Milton House Nursing Home, Marton Road, Gargrave

**Appl. No. 2022/23732/LBC** Listed Building Consent for proposed extension at Milton House Nursing Home, Marton Road, Gargrave

## Correspondence List – Meeting 2 March 2022

1. Email enquiry and response relating to River Aire Sampling points.
2. Enquiry re campaign to plant more trees, and our response advising the ongoing work.  
**JH to enquire if they can provide a larger tree to commemorate the Jubilee.**
3. Complaint raised with CDC relating to building work on Skipton Road, following concerns.
4. CIL monies email enquiry, and response now received with full explanation from CDC.  
**Make enquiries to CDC following 2 further houses being built on Hellifield Road site.**
5. Letter of Thanks sent to resident of Marton Road, who has kindly cut triangle of grass.
6. YLCA Craven Branch Meeting invitation, sent out to all PC, this has now taken place.
7. White Rose Bulletins, 11, 18, and 25 February, plus Levelling Up White Paper information.
8. YLCA update email advising of progress being made on the Civility and Respect Project.
9. Invite to a meeting with main organiser of Jubilee celebration planned for Middle Green, no response received to date.
10. Email from resident of new development on Hellifield Road, raising concerns of speed limit on A65 and our response.
11. YLCA notification of NY Police, Fire & Crime Commissioner Meeting 26 May 2022
12. Email with link to walking in England information, passed info onto Parish Mag Editor.
13. Confirmation from NYCC Highways they will cut the triangle of grass on Marton Road.
14. Concerns were raised to Yorkshire Housing re the misuse of gate leading off towpath onto Higherlands Close.
15. Installation of new VAS speeding sign planned for 4 March, full training to be given.
16. Email sent to EA raising our concerns relating to sandbag barrier built - Airebank Terrace.
17. Enquiry email sent to EA contact, re their budget for 2022 and financial assistance.
18. Email from Church relating to repair bill for Church Clock, will be placed on April Agenda.
19. Two letters now sent to owner of land where precarious branch overhanging onto Marton Road. Also reported to NY Highways. **No response to date.**
20. Broken kerbing and pavement, plus dropped kerbing reported to Highways for attention.
21. CDC information sent setting out Election procedure, Publication Notice being provided to be displayed with effect from 7 March 2022. Plus YLCA Timetable for local elections.
22. Invitation to service of Institution and Induction by Rt. Rev Bishop Helen-Ann and Archdeacon Jonathan Gough on Monday 14 March at St Andrew's Church in Gargrave.
23. NALC Briefing on Code of recommended practice on Local Authority Publicity during the pre-election period.

