

GARGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting
held Wednesday 6 April 2022

Councillors: Steve Coetzer, Peter Ward, Janet Sugden, Martin Banks, Chris Hoskin, Joanne Hughes, David Shuttleworth, District Cllr Simon Myers, Kath Ashby – Clerk and several parishioners.

1. To receive apologies for absence: County Cllr Gillian Quinn and Cllrs C Smales

2. To acknowledge those present.

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 2 March 2022** were accepted as a true record. Proposed by JS and seconded by CH. All in favour and accepted unanimously.

5. Matters requested by councillors:

5.1. County Cllr Gillian Quinn: Apologies received.

5.2 District Cllr Simon Myers:

Briefly, CDC has taken possession of two new houses on the Wooler development site off Hellifield Road which will be shared ownership. A 2 bedroom and a 3 bedroom property if anyone is interested in shared ownership. Basically a resident has to have worked in the area for the last 12 months. Apparently it works really well but if you think, you would have a little mortgage and a little rent which works out cheaper than market rent. They will be advertised on the CDC website imminently.

CDC have 20-25 shared ownership properties and these are better terms than the Housing Associations. It is a very popular scheme.

A parishioner wished to ask Cllr Myers what the protocol would be when the Marton Road application came before the Planning Committee. He asked if the venue could be a much larger one than the room in the CDC Offices as there would be a large number of parishioners' wishes to attend.

Cllr Simon Myer's response was that ultimately the view that the establishment takes is that it is up to them where they hold their meetings. However I am happy to suggest a larger venue but it will also depend on the availability of the village hall in June.

Cllr Myers will speak to the chair of the Planning Committee as we might be able to extend the time people can speak. He is very happy to help as he is very used to dealing with the Planning Committee.

It was agreed to send through to Cllr Myers the worst areas of dog fouling within the village.

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

6.1. Police Report:

These figures are taken from the Police portal and are for January 2022 only.

Violence & Sexual Offences:	2
Criminal Damage & Arson:	1
Burglary:	1
All other crime:	2

6.2 Public Participation:

A parishioner wished to enquire what the protocol would be for the planning application along Marton Road. It was agreed to put this question to Cllr Simon Myers who would be attending the meeting a little later this evening.

Another parishioner wished to raise her concerns relating to the spraying of pesticide by NYCC Highways around our village.

SC told the meeting that we cannot allow the village to be weed ridden but it was agreed to write once again to David Jones, NYCC to ask if they intend using an alternative weed killer this year.

The same parishioner raised the question of possible charges for our car parks as she understood there was some talk that a voluntary group might be taking over the car parks in the village.

SC explained that a couple of months ago it was decided that the Parish Council would not be taking over the car parks as the liability was too high. However we understand that the volunteer group are looking into an alternative to North Yorkshire taking these car parks over and the money they would charge would help fund the public toilets.

One parishioner asked if anyone knew why Raybridge Lane was closed to traffic. PW advised that this was due to the bridge being repaired.

6.3 Church Clock:

SC told the meeting that we have had a request to pay for some repairs to the Church Clock and this was quite a substantial amount.

JS has kindly gone through all the history of the clock, we have old ledgers and Minutes dating back to almost 1900. Thank you to Janet for that.

JS explained that the Parish Council have paid the maintenance agreement for some time but any additional bills have been under £200 and have just paid them.

The bill for the latest repairs will be £2717 plus VAT and as it stands this might be a little bit too much.

It was therefore suggested to offer to pay half of the final bill, all in favour and accepted.

This offer will be put in writing to the Church as soon as possible.

6.4 Grass Cutting:

It was agreed that we cannot expect our Contractor to cut the greens on certain dates. SC told the meeting that he met with the spokesman for the GWWG yesterday evening, to determine where the banking they wish to maintain was situated and the size. Alternative locations were also discussed.

We are not under any circumstances going to dictate to the contractor when he does the cutting of the greens. It was felt that the banking in question had not been cut last year. SC plans to meet with the contractor to discuss further.

6.5 DNAire – Sculpture Update:

CH told the meeting there had been a public consultation in the village hall about a month ago and this was quite well attended. The Artist wishes to work with the local school and groups to try and gain ideas for the sculpture but wishes this to be steered by local people. She is however very keen on working with glass and metal.

6.6 Trees:

DS told the meeting that he was willing to help the contractor who will be dealing with the cutting back of the dead wood of the trees adjacent to the War Memorial very soon.

PW expressed his concern for the condition of some of the trees on our greens and felt we should get some advice from a couple of Tree Surgeons and obtain quotes. Some of the trees on both Middle Green and High Green are very heavy and a lot need crown lifting.

6.7 South Street Railings:

DS told the meeting that he is still awaiting the quote to completely replace the railings as it is felt that if these are sandblasted, some will disintegrate. There are fifty sections of railings, and three gates.

SC has also contacted a decorator for a second quote for the repainting of all the railings.

It was confirmed that our grass cutting contractor has now stone picked the section of South Street Plantation where the river wall repair took place. Once he has made his first grass cut, the plantation will be re-opened.

DS suggested that at the same time as the South Street railings are refurbished, could we consider painting the railings at the side of the river on Hellifield Road, black.

He was advised that these railings were the property of NYCC Highways, not owned by the Parish Council.

It was agreed however, to write to NYCC asking if these could be re-painted as they are now in need of refurbishment and suggest black as a more suitable colour and would match with our railings in the village.

CLlr Simon Myers suggested that it might be a good idea to have a word with the GNAT group as they have a lot of experience with railings, after dealing with the ones surrounding the Public Toilets.

To consider the planning applications and decisions:

See attached List.

8. Financial Matters:

8.1 To approve the accounts for payment.

GARGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL			
Invoice Review: APRIL 2022			
DATE	ITEM DESCRIPTION	INCOME	PAYMENTS
01/04/2022	MS K ASHBY		130.66
01/04/2022	MS K ASHBY		583.71
28/03/2022	MARTIN BANKS - PHONE CASHBACK	33.60	
16/03/2022	1 & 1 INTERNET		14.42
15/03/2022	VODAFONE		17.23
08/03/2022	VILLAGE HALL RENT		152.00
28/03/2022	CRAVEN STATIONERY - ACCIDENT BOOK		7.95
30/03/2022	21CC GROUP - JUBILEE BEACON		588.00
	CRAVEN DC - TRADE WASTE CHARGES		129.22
	JC COWGILL - SLUICE GATE AND STONE PICKING		198.00
	J C COWGILL - NOTICE BOARDS PAINTING		71.99
	YLCA MEMBERSHIP		573.00
	VILLAGE HALL - ONE OFF ANNEXE ROOM RENTAL		30.00
		33.60	2496.18

NAT WEST as at: 3rd March 2022 £38,330.42

SKIPTON BS as at: 30th November 2022 £20,692.15

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

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

See attached list.

14. It was agreed to make a donation of £100 to the Ukraine Refugee appeal.

17. Agreed meeting date of 12 April 2022, SC and CH to attend.

20. PW to write back to Canal & River Trust suggesting raising of the banking from Woolers site back to Neville House Community Centre.

32. It was agreed to write to NYCC Highways and also do a Land Registry search.

33. Confirm Classic Car Show may go ahead, request confirmation of Public Liability Ins.

37. Establish if PC have any flags in lock up before responding to email request.

42. Response to be sent to email enquiry, re: 30mph signage on Hellifield Road.

45. Awaiting response from CDC on Kelber Farm issues.

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 4 May 2022**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.00pm.

Planning Applications – Meeting 6 April 2022

Appl. No. 2022/23833/TCA T1 - Cherry to fell at 17 High Street, Gargrave. **No objections.**

Appl. No. 2021/23579/OUT Beckridge House, Coniston Cold - **No objections.**

Appl. No. 2022/23853/HH Replacement of timber to UPVC windows at Melville Hall, 76 High Street, Gargrave

Appl. No. 2022/23902/TCA T1 Conifer cut back T2 removal of main limb – 28 Church St, Gargrave

Appl. No. 2022/23883/HH Repositioned entrance door, larger opening with bi-fold doors to rear garden, garage space formed into boot room/entrance lobby and new window openings at Pebble Barn, 30A Church Street, Gargrave

Planning Decisions

2022/23647/HH Erection of new single story Extension 20 Eshton Road, Gargrave – **Granted**

2022/23680/HH Raising height of boundary wall, erection of lean-to – 3 Church Street, Gargrave - **Granted**

2022/23681/LBC 3 Church Street, Gargrave **Listed Building Consent – Granted.**

2022/23470/HH -Installation of Solar Panels at 10 Mickle Hill Mews, Gargrave – **Granted.**

Correspondence List – Meeting 6 April 2022

1. Damaged litter bin in Playground reported to CDC and needs replacing. **CDC agreed to replace.**
 2. NYCC Pharmaceutical Needs Surveys, links provided.
 3. VAS Sign delivery and Training cancelled, **now rescheduled for 12 April in the Annex.**
 4. 20s Plenty NY March 2022 Update and Zoom Link provided.
 5. White Rose Weekly Bulletin 4 March, NALC Salary Awards, North Yorkshire update.
 6. Response to enquiry from TVC who cannot provide larger trees for Jubilee.
 7. Update chart on progress on outstanding issues at Playground from MB.
 8. Freedom of Information request, information supplied.
 9. Emails to and from contact at Environment Agency relating to Sandbag Barrier, Airebank Terrace.
 10. Response to our concerns regarding the overhanging branch confirming this will be removed and supplying address for future correspondence relating to Milton Park.
 11. Email to CDC reporting overflowing Bin at Higherlands Lock, confirming it is a CDC job. **Now emptied.**
 12. Enquiry and reply from the EA on the Budget Progress for next financial year.
 13. Email sent to Cllr Simon Myers requesting further information on possible surveillance to combat dog fouling around the village.
 14. YLCA information relating to the Ukraine Refugee Appeal. Sent out to all Parish Councillors.
 15. CDC Letter providing details of Agenda items for Parishes Liaison Meeting 23 March 2022.
 16. Email history relating to DNAire Project – advertising consultation event re Sculpture.
 17. Invitation from local resident of Airedale Avenue, to discuss concerns relating to flooding.
- Suggested dates now provided.**
18. Queens Jubilee Flags, Banners, Bunting and Beacon information and ordering process.
 19. Flood Prevention at Higherlands Lock area, meeting to be arranged to discuss.
 20. Response to concerns raised to Canal & River Trust and their reply, relating to recent overtopping of canal into School Playing Field.

21. YLCA Remote Conference Update - 25 March 2022, sent out to all PC.
22. Airedale Avenue resident reporting light casing broken and parking issues and suggestions.
23. Report to Highways re: broken dropped kerb by River Bridge, **now repaired**.
24. Yorkshire Water update relating to Weir collapse advising of the current position.
25. Several emails relating to Marton Road development recommendations.
26. White Rose Updates dated 18 and 25 arch 2022 sent out to all Parish Councillors.
27. Emails from local resident relating to the failing of the Gabion Baskets near Low Green and our reply.
28. Enquiry raising several questions relating to the change of use of properties on the High Street and reply.
29. Royal British Legion, Planting a Tree for the Jubilee information.
30. CDC requesting PC set up a meeting with them to discuss the CIL monies. **Meeting now arranged for 25 April 2022.**
31. Countryside Access information provided by the Green Lane Association.
32. Report received informing of broken garden stone trough, outside the two flats on High Street. **Quote now received for approval.**
33. Local Resident enquiry to host a Classic Car Show on Low Green, possibly August 2022.
34. Go ahead given to contractor to carry out stone picking in South Street Plantation prior to first grass cut, when the area can then be re-opened.
35. Request made for quotes for new River Warning signs, spec sent, awaiting prices. **Template received for approval.**
36. YLCA Government Response to the Report on Local Government Ethical Standards.
37. No 29 Business requesting funding for flags for the High Street to celebrate the Jubilee and reply.
38. Email information from Cllr Simon Myers, Zoom Presentation 4 April and link provided.
39. Request sent to Cllr Simon Myers for more bins, following his offer of help with this issue.
40. I Dig Trees & the Queens Green Canopy re: registering all trees supplied.
41. Email from Settle Swimming Pool requesting support towards to renovations works.
42. New resident at Park Croft, wishing to contact someone regarding the 30mph sign on A65.
43. Rev Steer advising that the Defibrillator at the Church is not working and our reply.
44. Concerns raised re travellers on Highways site, adjacent to Railway Station Car Park reported to NYCC and Police. **Travellers have now moved on, gate to be repaired by Area5.**
45. Complaints raised with CDC relating to Kelber Farm site chimneys and buildings plus the road condition from the entrances over to Broughton.