

GARGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting
held Wednesday 2 November 2022

Councillors: Steve Coetzer (SC), Peter Ward (PW), Janet Sugden (JS), Martin Banks (MB), Chris Hoskin (CH) Karen Hunter (KH), Alan Sutcliffe (AS), Kath Ashby – Clerk and several parishioners.

1. To receive apologies for absence: Cllrs Joanne Hughes and David Shuttleworth.

2. To acknowledge those present: SC welcomed everyone to the meeting and was pleased to also welcome our two new Parish Councillors, Cllr Karen Hunter and Cllr Alan Sutcliffe.

3. To receive any declarations of interest: None received.

4. To confirm the minutes of the last meeting:

The minutes of the last meeting held were accepted as a true record. Proposed by JS and seconded by PW. All in favour and accepted unanimously.

5. Matters requested by councillors:

5.1 District Cllr Simon Myers:

Cllr Myers wished to congratulate the two new Parish Councils and hoped they would both enjoy their time on the Parish Council.

Cllr Myers told the meeting he had been extremely busy lately and had been all over the place recently. He has also attended meetings about the new planning system. He enquired if anyone knew if people from the village used the Settle Swimming Pool as it has recently re-opened and they do need support.

He gave details of the Healthy Living Club which provides brilliant facilities for Craven and the Gym is also very good.

We are trying to get the link road in Skipton finished by April 2023 which will improve access to Engine Shed Lane and Ings Lane for businesses and customers including the ultimate aim of creating a new vehicular link to the A629 via the Wyvern Park development.

Craven invested monies from Central Government into schemes such as the towpath and the Town Hall. There is still a lump left that is not money that will go to NY, it is money for the residents at Craven.

Cllr Myers expressed concern that we have the Warm Places Scheme and there is money available at Craven to assist community organisations, village halls and churches to provide

respite over the winter months. No one in Gargrave has yet shown interest in this scheme so if anyone is willing to help, he will make sure it gets funding.

There has also been reports of speeding problems up Marton Road and Eshton Road and the weight of traffic. In Malham it has helped by creating a narrowing priority island in the road. It was suggested we might look at the feasibility of doing this. It is hoped this will make more considerate drivers.

It was discussed that Church Street needs this up by the Railway Station so that people can cross safely.

PW suggested one at the bottom of the hill on Marton Road too. Cllr Myers will explore these possibilities with Sharon Fox.

KH put forward the suggestion of the possibility of Rumble Strips in a different colour to the road surface, to slow down the traffic.

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

6.1. Speeding/Yellow Lines (Church Street):

Ongoing issues are experienced especially in the summer months with traffic parking on each side of Church Street.

SC passed round photographs that had been taken Church Street towards the Railway Station, and Church Street looking towards A65. These are showing tractors and Lorries mounting the pavement. Is it time to push for the need for yellow lines on Church Street, as it is an accident waiting to happen.

PW suggested that if we could press for yellow lines from the river bridge to the turning by the Masons Arms with Keep Clear markings at each entrance to the river banks this would help the situation.

6.2 Public Participation:

A parishioner who lives down on Airebank Terrace wished to raise his concerns relating to the camping on Low Green as a number of women are quite uncomfortable and have experience serious anxiety when passing the encampment.

SC told the meeting that the Parish Council can only do what you can do and that is by ringing 101, reporting your concerns and the Police will provide you with an incident number. The Parish Council take the necessary action, within the powers which we have. If the Parish Council apply for an injunction to arrange for Bailiffs, by the time this is granted the travellers have usually moved on.

Another parishioner wished to point out that on the speeding problem the main issue on speeding is the tractors repeated number of local journeys. At the moment because of the parked cars on Church Street, they have to drive slowly but if you put down yellow lines, this may have the reverse effect, be careful what you wish for.

6.3 Police Report:

The figures are always a couple of months behind; these are for the month of August 2022.

Violence & Sexual Behaviour	4
Anti-Social Behaviour	1
Other Theft	1
Total	6 Crimes

6.4 Dogs in South Street Plantation:

A discussion took place and it was agreed there was no reason for the gates onto South Street Plantation to be locked. To deter fouling in the plantation, a 'No Fouling' sign will be erected. All in favour and accepted.

6.5 Water Fountain in Toilet Signs:

It was agreed to allow a sign on the railings surrounding the Public Toilets, a reasonably sized one.

6.6 Approval of Annual Meeting Minutes:

Approval of the Annual Meeting Minutes would normally be approved and signed off a year later at the following years meeting. We have recently received notification that these should be signed off at our next monthly meeting which is this evening.

MB proposed, PW seconded, all in favour and accepted.

6.7 Remembrance Sunday- 13 November 2022:

We will meet at the War Memorial at 10.45 for the placing of wreaths. There will then be a service at 11am up at St Andrews Church.

6.8 Footpath A65- Neville Road:

CH told the meeting that he has had a look through the file and feels we should get our collective heads together. In the summer he reached out to Penny Noakes at NYCC having reviewed the case. We now need to serve notices to all of the residents at each side of the footpath. Form C also needs completing. The Housing Association have no intention of re-opening the footpath even if we have got this registered on the Definitive Map.

Woolers have also written to us and it is thought they will have sold their properties on the premise that the footpath will provide safe access to the school.

It was agreed that CH would meet with the Clerk to complete the necessary paperwork and draft up a letter to be sent to the residents at each side of the footpath.

7. To consider the planning applications and decisions:

See attached List.

8. Financial Matters:

8.1 To approve the accounts for payment.

INCOME

None

EXPENDITURE

Wages = Holiday Pay	1070.79
RA Lowther – river wall repair	877.20
Village Hall Rent	152.00
Amazon-Poppy Wreath	21.95
Amazon-Nut, Bolt caps	11.99
Tyre disposal	2.90
Internet Services	5.99
Littlejohn Audit	480.00
CEF Street Light parts	36.30
CEF Street Light parts	33.00
JC Cowgill Playground	408.76
JC Cowgill Oct grass cutting	1392.92
Craven Stationery –Rubber Stamp	92.76
Maple Leaf Images	15.50
Total	£4602.06

NatWest £41,816.69

SBS £20,692.15

It was agreed to make a donation of £100 towards the Poppy Appeal. All in favour and approved.

MB reported that we now have the Agar Certificate approved and the invoice has now been settled.

SC proposed the accounts, PW seconded, all in favour and accepted.

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

See attached list.

2. Planning application now submitted to CDC, plus advice requested re Bat Survey.

4. Once a planning application is received, further action can be taken.

7. Response to send.

10. Awaiting response from school with possible dates before making final arrangements.

13. Agreed to wait and see what happens with the Marton Road planning application first.

10. To 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 December 2022.**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.20 pm.

Planning Applications – Meeting 2 November 2022

Appl. No.2022/24438/TCA Fell single multi stem Acer tree rear of 15 High Street, Gargrave

Appl. No.2022/24440/FUL Change of use part ground floor from shop incorporated into single dwelling at 22A High Street, Gargrave

Appl. No.2022/24490/HH Front porch to existing roadside elevation at 50 Eshton Road, Gargrave

Appl.No.2022/24453/FUL Proposed new dwelling with 2 no bedrooms at 33 Neville Road, Gargrave

Appl. No.2022/24506/FUL Proposed dwelling - Agricultural Building at 42 Eshton Road, Gargrave

Appl. No. 2022/24322/HH Demolition of existing conservatory, construct single storey rear and side extensions and a conservatory at 9 Meadowcroft, Gargrave

Planning Decision 2022/24261/FUL installation of new work of public art, South Street Plantation, Gargrave - **Grants Planning Permission**

Correspondence List – Meeting 2 November 2022

1. EA River Budget Progress update information received, providing new contact name.
2. Various emails relating to fallen Willow Tree into River Aire, enquiries made to remove second and response from CDC. Application to be submitted.
3. Request from EA to install Flood Warning Equipment, requested agreement and exact location proposed.
4. Email from local resident raising concerns relating to a proposed further Planning Appl on Eshton Road, originally refused.
5. Correspondence relating to essential tree work, plus planning application submitted.
6. Further correspondence relating to proposed meeting with Paul Hoey and GPC to address concerns raised by a member of the Parish Council.
7. Further email from local resident requesting once more, details of personal contact details of all Parish Councillors to be made public, plus ownership of noticeboards.
8. EA response to Freedom of Information request relating to permits at Whitelocks Ltd
9. Final Report and Agar Certificate approved and invoice settled.
10. Email from River Trust, suggesting two dates for an opening and an installation date.
11. YLCA notification of Parish and Town Liaison Meetings with NYC Councillors and Officers to discuss progress in implementing the new North Yorkshire Council.
12. CDC Business Support –Consultation on changes 28 October – 19 January 2023 relating to draft Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy, further info at www.northyorks.gov.uk/taxi-consultation
13. Request made to our Consultants who prepared the Neighbourhood Plan to submit suggested questions and for an estimate of cost to provide this information.

