

GARGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting
held Wednesday 4 January 2023

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

1. To receive apologies for absence: Cllrs Peter Ward and David Shuttleworth

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 7 December 2022** were accepted as a true record. Proposed by AS and seconded by JS. All in favour and accepted unanimously.

5. Matters requested by councillors:

5.1. District Cllr Simon Myers:

Cllr Myers told the meeting that the budget is looking bad for NYCC as there is a deficit of circa £30 million this year.

When it comes to the Council Tax, certainly there will be pressure to put it up by the maximum. Social Care is a massive drain on resources as are utility costs.

North Yorkshire does have reserves of £90million, we are not like some other County Councils who claim they are going bankrupt as we do have the money and will not be declaring we cannot afford to provide services.

CDC is not handing over a deficit. There will be savings from the local government re-organisation which will be quite considerable. Also, there will be savings made by having less offices too.

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

6.1. Police Report:

The Crime Figures for November 2022

Violence & Sexual Offences 3

Burglary	2
Criminal Damage & Arson	1
All Other Crime	1
Total	7

6.2 Public Participation:

A local resident came along this evening explaining how she would like to open A Youth Club for the children in the village and was working with a Youth Development Worker from NYCC who also attended the meeting this evening.

Play Away at Eshton have already offered their facilities and also the use of their Mini Bus to transport the youths to and from the venue for a small charge.

The Vicar did offer the use of the Church initially but it was felt that there is so many facilities already in place at Play Away which will be great for the young people to enjoy.

It was agreed that the next step would be to set up the group in its own right and use social media and perhaps the Community page on Facebook and the Parish Magazine to advertise for volunteers.

It was suggested that a consultation with young people to find out what they would like to do might be a good idea. The day offered is a Wednesday from say 6pm to 7.30pm.

Cllr Myers agreed to look into whether there was any help available by NYCC.

6.3 Grass Cutting Specification for 2023:

It has been suggested by one Cllr of the possible spraying around the bulb planted area at the War Memorial and also the triangle by the Kissing Gates off Eshton Road.

After discussion it was agreed not to spray either area and to go with the current specification. All in favour and accepted.

6.4 Trees:

As Cllr Ward was to cover this Agenda item and has sent his apologies this evening, it was agreed to move this to our next monthly meeting on 8 February 2023.

6.5 Flood Plan Presentation:

A group attended this evening, one representative from NYCC, Lee Brayford and two members from CDC, along with three local residents, two of which are the Flood Wardens for our village appointed by the Environment Agency.

A discussion took place, relating to the proposed Flood Plan being linked in some way to the Community Emergency Plan.

SC explained that the Community Emergency Plan was a NYCC template document which the PC had completed. This provides a cascade of telephone numbers in case of any emergency. This also includes a list of personal details of local volunteers who kindly put their details forward to help in an emergency, providing such things as transport, refreshments, door knocking and support. Therefore, this plan is not to be placed in the public domain and our contact at NYCC at the time this was prepared, advised the Parish Council to provide a front sheet to be placed on the website and in our Noticeboard giving initial contact details.

It was agreed that the Flood Wardens could make an appointment to come into the office to look at the Plan, excluding personal details.

6.6 CIL Monies Update:

MB told the meeting that we already have a quotation for the adult equipment at the Playground and we are waiting for two further quotations. We need three quotations before we can proceed any further.

6.7 Financial Regulations Resolution:

SC wished to clarify that when we produce a list of the invoices, we then have to produce a list of all the payments made. MB confirmed that this was correct.

An amendment to the Financial Regulations relating to online payments was accepted and a Resolution was passed to accept the amendment.

6.8 Internal Audit Appointment:

SC told the meeting that we agreed to Internal Audit Yorkshire at the last Budget Meeting and all in favour for this appointment.

6.9 Church Defibrillator Resolution:

SC explained that money had been raised by both the Art Group and the Playground Association to provide a First Responder Kit for the village but were then advised that another Kit was now, no longer required but maybe the monies raised could be used to provide another Defibrillator for the village.

Permission was given by both groups and our then Chairman approached the Church to see if they would be willing to have this fastened onto the wall at the Church. The Chairman did kindly pay for the power for this machine.

A new guardian has now been appointed to look after this and do the regular checks and the Church would like the PC to pay for the new pads and the battery when this are required.

All in agreement and the Resolution passed.

Clerk to respond to the Vicar, accordingly.

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	337.76
Internet Services	5.99
Village Hall Rent	216.67
Data Protection	35.00
CEF Street Lights	13.80
CEF Street Lights	144.72

NatWest 31.12.22 £39,869.99

Proposed by KH, seconded by CH, all in favour and accepted.

8.2 Budget Monitoring Statement: This was circulated to all the Parish Councillors before the meeting.

All in agreement and the Resolution was passed.

8.3 Renewal of External Auditors Contract: MB gave confirmation of a new five year contract with PFK Littlejohns.

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

See attached list.

1. This matter has been chased up again this evening with Cllr Simon Myers.
 2. As the Cllr who raised these concerns, is not now available to attend the round the table meeting we have been trying to arrange for some time. Therefore, this matter has been filed and the CDC Monitoring Officer has been advised of the decision not to proceed without the Cllr being present at the meeting.
 4. This quotation will be held on file for the foreseeable future.
 11. These letters will be checked, signed and dated and hand delivered tomorrow. The Notifications will be posted to the Housing Association and NYCC at the same time.
- 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 8 February 2023**

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

Planning Applications – Meeting 4 January 2023

Planning Decisions

Appl. No. 2022/24542/TPO Grants Permission for the Removal of T1,T2 & T6 Ash, Removal of T7 Weeping Ash and Removal of deadwood on T10 Ash only. Subject to certain conditions.

Appl. No. 2022.24490/HH Front Porch 50 Eshton Road, Grants Permission.

Appl. No. 2021/22981/LBC Roofing Works, Windows and restoration work, re-instatement at Old Swan Inn Grants Permission.

Correspondence List – Meeting 4 January 2023

1. Chase-up email sent to Cllr Simon Myers relating to CCTV to help deter dog fouling.
2. Proposed Round the Table Meeting correspondence and update.
3. Email from Lisa Lord, Monitoring Officer re: the Standards Committee Parish Representative.
4. Quote from Swarco for an additional VAS Sign to be situated on Hellifield Road.
5. Planned Road closure Notification – West Street, Gargrave 9 Jan 2023 – 13 January 2023.
6. Response from CDC regarding failing wall up Church Street, attempts to contact the landowner.
7. Update from Yorkshire Water at Airebank Terrace area.
8. Ingleton Neighbourhood Policing Team move to Bentham Fire Station information.
9. Further email from EA reporting obstruction to flap value and our response.
10. Letter sent to resident raising concerns of the condition of green, following building works.
11. Letters and Notifications are being finalised and will be sent out to residents each side of closed footpath A65 – Neville Road, later this week.