

GARGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting
held Wednesday 8 February 2023

Councillors: Steve Coetzer, Peter Ward, Janet Sugden, Martin Banks, David Shuttleworth, Alan Sutcliffe, Chris Hoskin, Karen Hunter, District Cllr Simon Myers, Lesley Tate of the Craven Herald, Kath Ashby – Clerk and several parishioners.

1. To receive apologies for absence: None received.

2. To acknowledge those present. SC reminded the meeting to make sure all mobile phones were switched off, or onto silence and if anyone is going to record the meeting please let him know

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 4 January 2023** were accepted as a true record. Proposed by AS and seconded by KH. All in favour and accepted unanimously.

5. Matters requested by councillors:

5.1. District Cllr Simon Myers:

Cllr Myers told the meeting that he has raised the matter of Kelber Farm with Environmental Health at CDC and will do so again. Regarding the falling wall up Church Street, he will also write to the owners about the state of this wall. Highways will re-build the wall and send the owner the bill.

Congratulations to Cllr Alan Sutcliffe who has been awarded Honorary Alderman who has given 21 years' service to the people of Craven. We all give him our thanks for this service to our community and it cannot be underestimated. He has been Chairman of the Council, Chairman of Planning for years which is an unpopular task. He was also responsible for the Leisure Centre, Waste Disposal and the Bereavement Services.

I am sure I speak for everyone that we are all very grateful to Cllr Sutcliffe for his service. Congratulations.

Several councillors have now left CDC and the remaining are really stretched and we are faced with using Agency staff which works out very expensive. Once things have settled down, there is a lot of room for development.

The new Locality Grant Scheme for North Yorkshire starts on the 3 April 2023. Cllr Myers is happy to help with the proposed Chicane up by the Railway Station in the village.

SC asked if the CCTV could be chased up as the dog fouling was a very serious problem at the moment. We have contacted Canal and River Trust to ask for permission to erect some of our CCTV signs along the Towpath as this is covered in dog fouling. It is such a selfish thing to do. Lesley Tate, Reporter for the Craven Herald asked about the pink spray paint she has seen around the village. SC explained that this is to alert people to the problem in

the hope this will deter dog owners from allowing their dogs to foul and not pick up after them.

Cllr Myers mentioned that the Doctors Surgery does not appear to be re-opening, even though they said they would. Now they have given permission for a Butty Van to park in front of the closed surgery. AS asked Lesley Tate if she could make enquiries as to Fisher Medical's intentions regarding the surgery. If they do not intend to re-open, they could offer the building to another practice, such as Dyneley House.

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

6.1. Police Report:

The crime figures for December 2022 are 1 for Vehicle Crime.

6.2 Public Participation:

One parishioner told the meeting that people have been asking why the gate between the Playground and the Football Field is locked.

PW advised that only this week he had removed two amounts of dog fouling in the Playground.

We decided to lock this gate as people were letting their dogs off to foul in the Playground, and again on the Football field this was a problem. Dogs are not allowed in the Playground but locals and visitors were cutting through.

SC told the meeting that dog fouling is a big problem so we have asked for covert surveillance cameras to be erected to help with this problem. We also have five signs which will be erected in hot spots around the village.

Another parishioner asked why within the Minutes if someone raised a question, why they were only referred to as 'a parishioner' and the person is not named.

It was explained that this fell under the GDPR rules and it also protected people.

Another parishioner wished to highlight that thousands of tonnes of waste appears to be transported to Kelber Farm and it appears this is also being used as a plant hire company. He is not aware of a change of use being submitted to CDC? There is clay and mud on the road which is dangerous for vehicles using the road, especially the risk of cyclists getting injured.

SC confirmed he would cover this matter later in the meeting within the Correspondence Section.

AS told the meeting that this is an Enforcement issue and suggested we contact Leon Hazeldene at CDC to look into this matter further.

6.3 Trees:

PW told the meeting that as you all well know, we put an application in to CDC for permission to remove eleven trees. We have only got permission to remove 4 and we can deadhead two and we are going to pollard the one at Water Street.

A large Willow fell across the river last November so we are going to pollard this one in the hope that it will sprout again and last a few years.

Tom Askew is the preferred contractor and he will arrange to carry out this work in the very near future.

KH asked for a timescale, PW advised this would be by mid-March 2023

6.4 Request to plant a Tree/Bury Ashes:

CH told the meeting that recently he had been approached by a parishioner enquiring if it would be possible to plant a tree in memory of his partner and also to bury a combustible urn with the ashes underneath the tree.

PW felt that for someone to spread ashes, you can accept but to bury ashes under the tree could open up the floodgates. We need to also stipulate where the tree can go.

This was put to a vote, and all apart from one Parish Councillor were in favour of allowing a tree to be planted but not the ashes.

6.5 Risk Assessment:

MB had asked for this to be circulated to all the Parish Councillors and a few comments were received.

All were in favour and this was accepted.

6.6 King's Coronation:

KH told the meeting that this would soon be upon us. The Village Hall will be hosting afternoon tea on Sunday 7 May 2023 with live music.

The Church plan to do something similar and this will be confirmed following their meeting planned for later this week.

The Dalesman Café is preparing a programme of events and this will be sent out to all the residents in the village once this is agreed. One of her ideas was to have children make crowns and then they are floated down the river to commemorate the occasion.

Cllr Myers confirmed there would be monies available to fund some of these ideas. There will be a big event in Skipton too.

One suggestion was to place planters with red, white and blue flowers in by the signs entering and leaving the village.

SC asked that if anyone had any other ideas, please submit these to the Clerk for consideration.

To consider the planning applications and decisions:

See attached List.

8. Financial Matters:

8.1 To approve the accounts for payment.

INCOME

VAT Refund 1611 .60

EXPENDITURE

Internet Services 17.98

Rent-Office, Storage 216.67

Amazon Stamp Pad 10.70

PAYE 810.29

Land Registry-Marton Road 3.00

Wages 455.13

Internet Services 5.99

Defibrillator Pads Church 73.19

CEF Street Lights 118.20

Craven Stationery 14.52

YLCA Webinar 25.00

Total £1750.67

NatWest £39,713.10

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.

1. Cllr Myers to chase this matter on our behalf.

2. This matter is ongoing.

3. Completion of works estimated by April/May 2023.

6. Rates to be raised.

7. We have 1 vacancy on the Parish Council and this could have been filled by the co-option process at zero cost to the residents. Unfortunately someone in the village has obtained 14 names which has now triggered an election. This means an unbudgeted amount of £6000-£6500 will have to be found to pay for the Election.

We did plan to do a traffic calming chicane up by the Railway Station plus another couple of projects which we now cannot proceed with.

8. To chase up our Solicitor who we have appointed to deal with this matter.

10. Middle Green was thought to be the best location for the Fitness Bootcamp, response to be sent.

11. Awaiting the go ahead to erect the CCTV signs.

12. Craven Branch Meeting will be held via Zoom on 21 February 2023 at 7pm.

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 1 March 2023**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.15pm.

Applications – Meeting 8 February 2023

Appl. No. 2023/24696/TPO T1 Sycamore – reduce the crown by 2m, thin and reshape Tree West of No 1, at 1 Ivy House Gardens, Gargrave. **No Objections.**

Appl. No. 2022/24651/LBC - Replace all non-double glazed windows with new wooden framed double glazed windows at Higherland House, West Street, Gargrave. **No Objections.**

Appl. No. 2022/24615/HH Demolition of an existing washhouse and erection of extension within the washhouse footprint, extending to connect to existing house, raise roof height of existing 2 storey side extension, revisions to openings at 3 Water Street, Gargrave. **No Objections.**

Appl. No. 2023.24747/TCA Fell 1 Birch at Storys House, North Street, Gargrave

Planning Decision Notices

Appl. No. 2022/23669/FUL Residential development with access, Land off Marton Road, Gargrave - **Refuses Planning Permission**

Appl. No.2022/24322/HH Demolition of conservatory, construction of single storey rear and side extensions and conservatory at 9 Meadowcroft, Gargrave. **Grants Permission.**

Correspondence List – Meeting 8 February 2023

1. Traffic Chicane Trial by Gargrave Railway Station email, plus follow up chase email for response from Sharon Fox and Area 5.
2. Concerns raised with DVSA (VOSA) regarding the operation of large HGVs at Kelber Farm.
3. Update from Yorkshire Water on the progress of the works on Airebank Terrace.
4. NYCC Planned Road Closure Notification – 37807 – West Street, for a period of 19 days between 20 March and 7 April 2023.
5. NYCC intention to pass a Resolution on 7 February in relation to adopting the provisions of Part 11 of the Local Government Act 1976 which relates to the licensing of hackney carriages and private hire vehicles, drivers and operators.
6. NYCC Letter relating to Urban Highway Grass Cutting and payments for 2023/24.
7. Notice of Election published 02.02.23 Closing Date for Nominations 10.02.23 Polling Day set for 09.03.23 in the Village Hall. Cost to PC will be between - £6000-£6500.
8. Northern Gas advised getting nearer to replacing the gas main across Low Green, Solicitor being chased up this week.
9. CDC Poster advertising Freedom Parade - Thursday 2 March 2023 11am to 3pm Skipton High Street.
10. Enquiry to use a field in the village for a Fitness Bootcamp over the summer months.
11. Email request to Canal & River Trust to erect 3 CCTV signs to deter dog fouling along towpath.
12. YLCA Craven Branch Meeting Notice – Tuesday 21 February 2023 at 7pm on Zoom.
13. Land Registry Notice of Appl for registration of Land at 16 Airedale Avenue, Gargrave.

