

GARGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting
held Wednesday 5 April 2023

Councillors: Steve Coetzer (SC) Peter Ward (PW), Alan Sutcliffe (AS), Karen Hunter (KH), Derek Steele (DS), Kath Ashby – Clerk and several parishioners.

1. To receive apologies for absence: Cllrs David Shuttleworth, Janet Sugden, Martin Banks, and Chris Hoskin.

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 1 March 2023** were accepted as a true record. Proposed by AS and seconded by PW. All in favour and accepted unanimously.

5. Matters requested by councillors:

5.1. District Cllr Simon Myers:

Cllr Myers gave his apologies for this evening but asked that the Clerk read out to the meeting the points he wished to raise.

Firstly Cllr Myers wished to congratulate Cllr Derek Steele on joining the Parish Council after his notable Election Victory.

He expressed his disappointment on reading the response regarding the proposed chicane on Church Street but asked if we could look at more obviously straight roads that would benefit if the curves were a problem. He suggested both Eshton Road and Church Street as both have speeding issues and he would like to help with funding.

He confirmed that the transition to the new Council went smoothly and all systems seem to be working fine.

He also confirmed that Building Control are taking the owners to task over the dangerous wall leading up to the Railway Station. He is also waiting to hear more about the dumping of waste at Kelber Farm.

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

6.1. Police Report:

SC explained that these are the crime figures for February 2023

Anti-Social Behaviour 3

Violence & Sexual Offences 2

Total of 5 crimes reported.

6.2 Public Participation:

A parishioner raised concerns that she had heard the bins were to be removed on the canal Towpath. It was agreed to write to the Canal & River Trust regarding this and if correct the bin will be re-sited.

6.3 Litter Pick Final details:

This event has been confirmed as Saturday 29 April 2023 meeting at the Summer Seat at 10am where pickers and bags will be given out to all volunteers. The event will finish at 12 noon and everyone is asked to leave their filled bags back at the side of the bins next to the Summer Seat for collection by Waste Management the following week. Pickers can be left in the Summer Seat in the box provided. Poster will be displayed around the village shortly advertising the event.

6.4 Annual Meeting:

The Annual Meeting will take place on Wednesday 3 May 2023 at 6.30pm followed by the usual Parish Council monthly meeting at 7.15pm.

6.5 Coronation Update:

The Dalesman Café have some activities planned which will take place on the village greens and it has been agreed that the Parish Council will cover these under their Public Liability Insurance so the organisers do not have to worry about that.

The Parish Council has also agreed to work with the GWWG who look after the little area on the right hand side of the Summer Seat. SC has had a conversation with Twin Locks who have kindly donated some plants for the Coronation to be planted in four lovely new planters. These have kindly been made by the husband of one of the group members and two will be placed under the Gargrave Signs at each end of the Village and planted up with red, white and blue flowers. The group have also kindly agreed to maintain these going forward.

6.6 Changes to Financial Regulations:

A motion was passed to increase the limit from £25,000 to £30,000. All in agreement to accept the changes.

6.7 Traffic Stats – VAS Sign:

SC provided the traffic stats gathered from the VAS sign when the sign was located at the corner of Chew Lane/Eshton Road during the period 26 November 2022 to the 15 January 2023. Normally the sign is moved around the village every six weeks. The data collected is vital to the decision with regard to the visibility splay on the planning application we have with us this evening. During this period 29,328 vehicles approached the village from Malham, with a daily average of 578 vehicles per day a very high volume of traffic with the highest speed recorded at 55mph on the 12th February at 14:45. During the 14 weeks there

were 901 vehicles (3%) who exceeded the 30mph limit with an average speed of 38.7mph as you approach the canal bridge.

On the A65 approaching from Skipton we displayed the sign for four weeks. During this period 115,590 vehicles travelled through the village with a daily average of 5295 vehicles per day. The highest speed recorded was also 56mph on the 11th February at 02:10. During the 4 weeks there were 2320 vehicles (2%) who exceeded the 30mph limit with an average speed of 38.2 mph as you approach the village.

To consider the planning applications and decisions:

See attached List.

8. Financial Matters:

8.1 To approve the accounts for payment.

INCOME

Northern Power Grid compensation payment for Church Street failed street light.	185.00
---	--------

EXPENDITURE

Wages	696.23
Rent – Office & Storage	216.67
Internet Services	5.99
CEF	64.14
CEF	507.48
Craven Stationery	127.80
CDC Parish By-Election	7045.29
Room Hire – Match Room	36.00
Reliant –Replacement Kissing Gate	414.00
Hedge Cutting 2021	84.00
Hedge Cutting 2022	108.00
Wood for Planters	204.51
SHC Hire of Cherry Picker	189.76
Craven Stationery	9.00
Smith of Derby – PC share for Church Clock repairs	1630.20
YLCA Membership Subscription	581.00

NatWest £32737.44

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

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

See attached list.

1. PW suggested a new bench could be placed in the Plantation, made from new recycled material.
5. A report is scheduled to go to the Assistant Director on 2 May 2023.
9. Responses to be sent to the complainants.
10. Ongoing.
11. Confirmation received that money will be sent through to PC. Two RFO's to sign the documentation when this is received.

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 3 May 2023**

12. Cllr Ward told the meeting that he has decided to step down from the Parish Council. Sc thanked him for his many years of service on the Parish Council as Chairman, Vice Chairman and also Councillor and will be missed by all.

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

Planning Applications – Meeting 5 April 2023

Appl. No. 2023/24793/FUL New Dwelling at rear of No. 24 High Street, Gargrave - **The PC recommend Refusal**

Appl. No. 2022/24500/OUT Outline permission for up to 4 residential dwellings with all matters reserved except access – **Amendments** on Land at rear of 48 Eshton Road, Gargrave - **The PC recommend Refusal**

Appl. No. 2023/24861/FUL Installation of new external lighting at Old Swan Hotel, High Street Gargrave – **Extension agreed with NYCC Planning for 21 days**

Appl. No. 2023/24682/LBC - As above, **Listed Building Consent** at Old Swan Hotel, Gargrave. **Extension agreed with NYCC Planning for 21 days.**

Planning Decision Fell 4 Ash Trees, Land East of School, Hellifield Road, Gargrave – **Granted.**

Gargrave Cricket Club – Notification of an application for License at the club. The consultation period will end on 14 April 2023. **No objections made.**

Correspondence List – Meeting 5 April 2023

1. Request from a family to have a bench near the river IMO a relative.
2. Proof of Insurance now received for the proposed Fitness Bootcamp Sessions over the summer.
3. Confirmation email from Insurance Company that we can use our Public Liability Insurance for the Coronation events planned on the village greens.
4. Sharon Fox NYCC advises Highways engineers have reassessed Church Street, the proposed Traffic Chicane cannot be provided as the visibility distances are insufficient.
5. Update to NYCC advising the consultation on a proposal for a Definitive Map Modification Order to add a footpath (Neville Road to A65) has now closed. Now referred to Assistant Director to make a decision to proceed to make a DMMO.
6. Church Clock invoice now in for the PC Share of the repairs for payment.
7. Email from local resident enquiring the reason for felling tree corner of East Street and our reply.
8. Response from NYCC advising they will re-clean the lantern lights on High Street.
9. Various correspondence, telephone complaints and social media re: letter sent to Airedale Avenue residents, regarding the parking of vehicles in Playground Car Park.
10. Complaint sent to NYCC Highways and Area 5 following numerous complaints on the condition of the Church Street, over to Broughton.
11. Walker Foster Easement documentation for signature relating to Northern Gas works on Low Green.

