

GARGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting
held Wednesday 3 May 2023

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

1. To receive apologies for absence: None received.

2. To acknowledge those present. SC welcomed everyone and advised the meeting that we have Lesley Tate from the Craven Herald.

3. To receive any declarations of interest: KH advised the meeting that she had a planning application for consideration this evening.

4. To confirm the minutes of the last meeting:

The minutes of the last meeting held **Wednesday 5 April 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 how very sorry he was to learn that Cllr Peter Ward had resigned. He wished to record that Peter has made a major contribution, working extremely hard for the village and will be sadly missed by the Parish Council.

Cllr Myers asked if anyone had experienced any difficulty getting hold of officers at the Belle Vue Offices and if so, please let him know. It is inevitable with the amalgamation of eight councils as it is very difficult to achieve but the staff are trying to bring everything together. Cllr Myers also expressed his disappointment that long outstanding planning applications which he hoped would be dealt with are still outstanding, such as the Hellifield Flashes, and of course the Saw Mill Site application.

He was also disappointed with the decision not to go ahead with the proposed Traffic Calming Chicane up by the Railway Station. However, there are other ways into Gargrave where there are good visibilities and a chicane would be effective. NY Police are currently having a review of their speed enforcement.

Cllr Myers told the meeting he was very proud that so many people attended the Litter Pick.

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

6.1. Police Report:

The Crime Figures are for March 2023, a total of 5 Crimes.

Anti-Social Behaviour	2
Violence & Sexual Offences	2
Public Order	1

6.2 Public Participation:

A parishioner wished to raise his concerns relating to the Crusher machine now operating at Kelber Farm, which was still going at 8pm last night. This has been filmed and was still working this evening. This is a serious issue. The video will be sent through to the Clerk.

Another parishioner wished to raise the incident which he has already reported to the Clerk when his daughter and his granddaughter (in a pram) had a very scary encounter with a speeding motorist which led them to having to dive into a neighbour's gateway for safety. Small speed bumps, similar to those at Coniston Hotel maybe the solution and it was agreed that the Clerk contact Area5 NYCC Highways to request a site meeting to discuss this issue. Cllr Simon Myers confirmed he will support the case.

A resident of Park Croft wished to raise concerns relating to a letter that all residents have recently received from NYCC advising that they are ceasing bin collection from driveways with immediate effect. Their reasoning for this appears to be that it is not safe to reverse the wagon onto the A65 which they have had to do as cars were parked in the turning point area.

It was agreed to raise the matter with NYCC Waste Management and Cllr Myers agreed to look into the matter.

6.3 Mill Lane (ownership, erosion, sewer pipe):

CH expressed his concerns regarding the erosion from Pinfold, down Mill Lane. It was thought that Yorkshire Water only act when something has happened but the banking is seriously undermined.

CH suggested the Clerk to write to Michael Gane, Tree Officer to request a site visit to look at the trees in this area. It was also agreed to write to Yorkshire Water.

MB advised that some time ago John Grey suggested dropping one of the trees to help prevent further erosion and hold the banking but then unfortunately someone unknown to the Parish Council managed to get a TPO on all the trees in that area, so this then prevented the suggested solution from happening.

6.4 River/EA erosion, course of river, possible preventative/remedial actions:

CH advised the meeting that it was evident now that the river level is dropping considerably and is much lower since the work has taken place at the Weir. This also seems to be altering the course of the river.

SC suggested that CH, MB, and DS could pick up this matter on behalf of the Parish Council. All were happy to do this.

6.5 Closed Footpath Neville Road/A65:

SC confirmed that we have written to the Housing Association advising that we understand that the family at No 32 Neville Road have now moved from the property. We attached a photograph showing that the gate has now been removed.

We have only received an automated acknowledgement but when we hear back, it was agreed to request that a replacement gate is installed.

CH suggested that we also write to NYCC to advise them that the immediate problem has been resolved and we will await to hear from them further relating to the footpath being placed on the Definitive Map.

6.6 Additional VAS point A65:

SC advised the meeting that at the recent Finance Meeting the Parish Council discussed the possibility of an additional VAS point on the A65 on Hellifield Road near the entrance to Park Croft. He took the sign down 12 April which had been located at the corner by the white cottage and the data recorded over a period of 43 days showed that the highest speed at that point was 65mph at 23:50. SC went through in detail the data collected and with the information now to hand, he felt this justifies to put in an additional power point closer to Park Croft on Hellifield Road. SC also commented that it may appear that vehicles are speeding however the data collect show that during this period the average speed was 24.6mph. There were a total of 231,202 vehicles over the 43 day period that passed through the village.

All were in favour and accepted.

6.7 Removal of signatories from NatWest:

MB advised the meeting that now Cllr Peter Ward has left, we are in the processing of getting him removed as a signatory on the NatWest Bank account.

To consider the planning applications and decisions:

See attached List.

8. Financial Matters:

8.1 To approve the accounts for payment.

INCOME

NYCC Precept	23000.00
--------------	----------

EXPENDITURE

Wages	475.61
PAYE	433.60
Rent Office & Storage	216.67
Internet Services	5.99
Safety Tree Works	3540.00
Craven Stationery	127.80

JC Cowgill	1392.92
Commercial Waste	137.46

Total	£6330.05
-------	----------

NatWest £46,713.81

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

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

See attached list.

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 7 June 2023**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.55 pm.

Planning Applications – Meeting 3 May 2023

NY/2023/0065/FUL Removal of existing boundary fencing and replace with new green mesh fencing on land at Gargrave C of E Primary School Land.

Appl. No. ZA23/24956/FUL New Agricultural Building at Beckridge Farm, Coniston Cold

Appl. No. ZA23/24957/OUT Outline application for proposed rural worker's dwelling on Land to South West, Beckridge Farm, Coniston Cold.

Appl. No. ZA23/24967/HH Demolition of shed and construction of single storey garage at 9 Meadowcroft, Gargrave.

Appl. No. ZA23/24970/HH Single Storey rear extension at 11 Smithy Croft Road, Gargrave.

Appl. No. ZA23/24953/HH Proposed single storey extension and demolition of outbuildings at 1 Marton Close, Gargrave.

Appl. No. ZA23/24980/TCA T1 – Ash-Fell at Croft House, 19 High Street, Gargrave.

Planning Decision Notice Appl. No. 2022/24500/OUT Outline permission for 4 no. residential dwellings – Land at Rear of 48 Eshton Road, Gargrave - **REFUSED**

Correspondence List – Meeting 3 May 2023

1. Email re: Plant a Tree idea, from the GWWG. A 2/3 year established tree for the Coronation.
PC Approved this idea.
2. Waste Collection enquiry from resident at Park Croft, as NYCC ceasing collection from driveways.
Discussed earlier.
3. Email request to consider traffic calming for South Street, plus request for large trees to be trimmed. **Meeting with Highways to be arranged.**
4. Email enquiry asking what policy PC have to deal with Travellers and our response. **The PC do not have a policy and have very limited powers but report onto 101 and encourage parishioner to do the same.**
5. Resident of Park Croft email relating to speeding, on Agenda this evening for further VAS point approval. **All in favour to install a further power point on Hellifield Road.**
- 6a) Canal & River Trust Letter advising they are to cease providing bins along the towpaths, plus our response. **In consultation stage yet, no decisions have been made yet.**
- 6b) Further enquiry made relating to Trees on towpath, marked for removal.
CR&T advised that trees all have Ash die back and in a dangerous condition.
- 6c) Response from Tree Officer, NYCC confirming trees owned by Canal & River Trust.
7. Weight Limit enquiry made for the River Bridge to Area 5, and their response so far. **David Cairns provided Schedule explaining the reasoning behind this.**
8. Litter Picking Event, good turnout. Pickers now returned and bags to be collected by Council Depot.

9. Concerns raised with EA re: activities at Kelber Farm, plus complaint email and our reply. **Late response has come in this evening from EA which needs reading carefully.**