

GARGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting

held Wednesday 5 July 2023

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

1. To receive apologies for absence: None received.

2. To acknowledge those present. SC welcomed everyone to the meeting, advising with us this evening we have two representatives from NYCC who are here to speak about the closure of Neville House and answer any questions, plus Lesley Tate from the Craven Herald.

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 June 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 Mike Rudd and Rachel Bowes have very kindly come along from NYCC regarding the planned closure of Neville House. He did not wish to say too much only to say this has been on the cards for a very long time. If people have read the report they will have noted that the current building is in danger of failing, similar to Airedale Hospital.

It currently costs £70k a year in maintenance and over 3 years this amounts to £460k. It has been closed for admissions since March 2022 and the reason for that is it is not able to deal with acute residential care. North Yorkshire is moving away from nursing homes in the old fashioned sense, moving to a much better model of Extra Care units where people can retain a degree of dignity and independence. Residents at Neville House are very happy to move to Ashfield in Skipton and the existing staff will be offered local suitable employment.

Cllr Myers confirmed that he would be granted the £600 requested to the GWWG to purchase equipment.

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

6.1. Travellers Update:

SC told the meeting that we had an incident over the Bank Holiday weekend and we were concerned about the Traveller's on their return from Appleby.

We met with PC Paul Evans, North Yorkshire Police who was very supportive and I confirm we have a plan starting in October this year in preparation for Appleby Fair in 2024.

The Waste Management Team have been absolutely fantastic and delivered two extra bins, bin bags and pickers. They will of course be part of the plan for next year and we had no trouble with the Travellers on the way back.

6.2 Closure of Neville House:

SC told the meeting that he appreciated this was a very sensitive issue for the residents, their families and staff at Neville House.

Within Craven there are 211 unites to date which are fully occupied, with an additional 57 people across Craven having expressed interest in Extra Care, of which 27 are in the wider Skipton/Gargrave areas. There are now 24.7 Extra Care units per 1000 residents aged 75 and over in Craven. This compares to 10.8 units in 2020.

Rachel Bowes, Assistant Director Adult Social Care, NYCC told the meeting that Neville House is very valued and we do not want to lose any of the staff members. There are a large amount of vacancies across North Yorkshire but we are confident that everyone will be able to be supported in another role within our care facilities. We have met with resident's families and discussions have been taking place with staff. A Steering Group will be set up for staff consultations towards the end of July 2023.

Mike Rudd, Head of Services Development NYCC, told the meeting he was responsible for Extra Care and they are looking towards using the NYCC owned site on Eshton Road. The plan is for 30/32 units and we already have a site and the demand for extra care units. It is recommended that Neville House ceases to deliver services from autumn 2023. It is not big enough to provide extra care units.

Neville House site could however provide supported living for people with disabilities and mental health issues. It is therefore thought that something could be developed on the Neville House site.

At the new Eshton Road site, they would offer 24 hour care, with alarms in each unit. It will just be a case of pressing the button and someone will attend promptly.

Cllr Steele raised concerns relating to the crossing of what is a very busy road with speeding issues?

It was confirmed that NYCC will make it work as it is their site and they are the Highways authority.

6.3 Public Participation:

One parishioner asked if the two proposed developments would be contingent on each other. It was confirmed they would not.

Cllr Myers expressed an interest in residential sites for Carers = Key Worker Housing. NYCC had a housing revenue which could help and make things much better for our Carers.

6.4 Police Report:

Unfortunately we have no updated figures to provide the meeting with this month.

To consider the planning applications and decisions:

See attached List.

8. Financial Matters:

8.1 To approve the accounts for payment.

INCOME

Northern Powergrid Wayleave	45.39
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EXPENDITURE

Wages	728.48
Internet Services	14.42
Rent, Office, Storage	212.67
Combination Lock-Playground	29.69
Hazard Tape	3.99
Defib Pads	73.19
NYCC Street Lights	10,171.63
Cherry Picker	189.76
C.E.F. St Light parts	202.99
Craven Stationery	127.80
JC Cowgill Grass Cutting	1,392.92
JC Cowgill – Tree work, Sluice	42.00

Total	£ 13,193.54
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NatWest as at 01.07.23 £38,156.63

We have had a request from the GWWG for a little funding of £92 to complete the amount which Cllr Myers has this evening confirmed he will be providing.

All in favour and accepted unanimously.

Two quotations were opened and provided to the Parish Council for new fencing at the Playground. All agreed to go with the cheapest quotation.

Proposed by AS, seconded by DS, 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 2 August 2023**

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

Planning Applications – Meeting 5 July 2023

Appl. No. ZA23/25113/TCA G1 Copper Beech, T1 Copper Beech, Bring back to a hedge at 3 Beeches Close, Gargrave.

Appl. No. ZA23.25117/HH Replacement Windows at 70 High Street, Gargrave.

Appl. No. ZA23/25118/LBC Listed Building Consent at 70 High Street, Gargrave.

Appl. No. ZA23/25140/TCA T1 Sycamore – Remove at 24 Higherlands Close, Gargrave

Appl. No. ZA23/25157/TCA 1-Plum tree in garden of 32 High Street, Gargrave (pruning required) 2-Beech Tree at 30 High Street, Gargrave – requires crown lifting and crown reduction by 30%

Correspondence List – Meeting 5 July 2023

1. Traveller Meeting with Sergeant Paul Evans emails and responses.
2. Proposed Rail Link between Colne and Skipton information.
3. GWWG application details of their funding bid to Cllr Simon Myers plus request to PC for difference. **Cllr Myers has agreed to fund and the PC agreed to pay the difference of £92.**
4. Confirmation of date of installation (4 July 2023) for the new VAS power socket on Hellifield Road. – **Now installed today 2m away from the entrance to Park Croft.**
5. Email to NYCC thanking them for support providing two extra bins, litter pickers and bags.
6. Email complaint from local resident re: Travellers and request for sight of Minutes/Proposed plan to deal with this issue and our response.
7. Thank you email sent to PC Evans for their response and increased presence over the weekend of the Open Gardens.
8. NYCC notification of Planned Road Closure-40410-Newton Hall to Marton Road, Bank Newton 29 July to 30 July 2023.
9. Request sent to Area5 for keep clear signs to prevent parking in front of bin on Low Green, which were refused but they will contact Waste Management to have the bin turned.
10. Concerns raised with Canal & River Trust regarding condition of wooden footbridge by Anchor Lock. **Now repaired.**
11. Correspondence relating to recent planning appl. ZA23/25085/TCA and EA response.
12. Letter and resident's email requesting permission for gas connection to property **Permission granted and this work is now completed.**
13. Public Liability proof requested and provided for Fitness Class held on Low Green.
14. Further correspondence relating to new gas main work planned across Low Green.
15. Email from NYCC on Built Sports Facilities Strategy Progress Report 2022-2023 and Open Space Assessment Progress Report on Delivery 2023.
16. Letter from Julian Smith CBE MP relating to 2 new grants for various local projects. **Pass to Caroline Thompson.**
17. Update on the proposed installation of new equipment in the Playground with a start date of 18 July 2023. **Letters to be sent to all residents as this installation now has a proposed start date of 10 July 2023.**

18. NYCC Transport information on the Review and Renewal of subsidised Local Bus Services.

19. Email sent to Canal & River Trust advising the bin at Higherlands Lock is the property of the Parish Council and should not be removed.