

GARGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting
held Wednesday 2 August 2023

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

1. To receive apologies for absence:

2. To acknowledge those present.

3. To receive any declarations of interest: Cllr David Shuttleworth declared an interest in a planning application this evening.

4. To confirm the minutes of the last meeting:

The minutes of the last meeting held **Wednesday 5 July 2023** were accepted as a true record. Proposed by AS and seconded by CH. All in favour and accepted unanimously.

5. Matters requested by councillors:

5.1. District Cllr Simon Myers:

SC told the meeting that Cllr Myers has sent his apologies for this evening but he has asked me to provide an update on the failing wall on the left hand side of Church Street, which leads up to the Railway Station. It is deteriorating more and more and even behind the Harris fencing it is starting to fall down. He will speak with the Enforcement Team to pay another visit to the landowner to organise a repair.

The traffic lights are once again in the village area due to urgent repairs to the old Post Office roof.

He also drew attention to the letter that all residents of Sharphaw View should now have received from NYCC advising of Footway improvement works. These will commence on Monday 14 August 2023 0800-16.00hrs under a full road closure for the convenience of residents and the safety of the workforce.

Please be aware if you use that road, it will be closed for that period of time.

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

6.1. Co-option of new Parish Councillor:

SC told the meeting that the Parish Council currently have a vacancy for a Parish Councillor and as we have two prospective candidates, Mr Gregory Butt and Mr Nick Thwaite, we will

give them the opportunity to tell us a little bit about themselves and whether they can add value to the Parish Council. SC also mentioned as part of the process each Councillor will have the opportunity to ask each candidate 1 question only.

Following on as part of the Co-option process, we will then ask the two candidates and public along with the Press to leave the room.

The Parish Council will have a brief discussion and then we will all re-convene and take a vote. The successful candidate will then join the Parish Council.

Back in public session, a vote was taken with Mr Butt taking six votes to Mr Thwaites two.

6.2 Playground Update ad Playground Car Park:

MB confirmed that the playground work had now been completed and this work has been inspected by an independent Inspector. A few items have been raised during the inspection. These will be sorted out this week.

This new equipment has been made possible by using the CIL monies. SC explained to the meeting about the CIL monies and how we were awarded this amount.

MB mentioned that there was still some CIL money available for other approved projects.

A discussion took place regarding the use of the Playground Car Park and complaints received from both residents of the Avenue and visitors unable to park sometimes due to residents parking one of their vehicles in the car park instead of at their own property. This will continue to be monitored.

6.3 Police Report:

These figures are the crime figures for May 2023

Anti-Social Behaviour	8
Violence & Sexual Offences	2
Public Order	1
Total	11

6.4 Public Participation:

A parishioner wished to ask why we had a car park provided for the Playground. An explanation was given.

Another parishioner requested that we contact Area5 and ask them to walk the length of Chew Lane so that they can witness the speed of the traffic along there. Also, to point out that the signage is not clear indicating the Passing Places along the lane.

It was agreed that the Clerk would write to Area5 once again.

6.5 Footpath A65 to Neville Road:

We are now in the process of the Modification Order to have the footpath registered on the Definitive Map.

6.6 Stepping Stones – Low Green:

We have been made aware that one of the stepping stones by Low Green has fallen over and we suspect this is a result of the Weir which has collapsed behind Airebank Terrace. We have a planning application in this evening for the removal of the remains of the Weir.

We have last week written to SCAPA to ask for a contribution towards the cost of re-seating the whole of the stepping stones. As this will fall under the category of Emergency Work, to re-seat these stepping stones, we do not have to seek permission from the EA, prior to the work being carried out.

To consider the planning applications and decisions:

See attached List.

8. Financial Matters:

8.1 To approve the accounts for payment.

INCOME

VAT Repayment	1552.28
Internet Services	8.44

EXPENDITURE

Wages	615.15
Rent, Office & Storage	216.67
Internet Services	14.42
PAYE	463.44
Stamps	29.60
Government Loan - River	2211.14
JC Cowgill Grass Cut July	1392.92
JC Cowgill Ragwort removal	102.00
Gallagher Insurance	132.79
Craven Stationery	92.57
Total	£ 5270.70

Nat West as at 02.08.23 £26250.97

MB commented on a summary of the budget monitoring report that showed that the main item affecting the level of reserves was the election of new councillors at a cost of approx. £7000. The next council budget meeting at the end of 2023 will need to decide whether or not to include provision for this type of expenditure in next year's precept costs.

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

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

See attached list.

1. Lesley Tate to chase this matter up, along with the failing wall on Church Street.
 6. MB to request a quote to replace the Basket Ball stand, backboard and net.
 7. Cllr Steele retrieved the Kissing Gate which is in the PC Lockup prior to re-fixing.
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 6 September 2023**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.05pm.

Planning Applications – Meeting 2 August 2023

Appl. No. ZA23/25156/FUL Construction of roof over cattle loading and handling yards at Heber Farm, Hellifield Road, Gargrave

Appl. No. ZA23/25176/HH Proposed two storey side extension, single storey rear extension and dormer to rear to create additional living accommodation at Rowan House, Eshton Road, Gargrave

Appl. No. ZA23/25173/TPO Fell 1 Ash, Reduce overhanging branches on 1 Willow at 13 Marton Road, Gargrave.

Appl. No. ZA23/25206/TPO 2 Lime trees – Trim branches at 2 Gargrave House Gardens, Gargrave.

Appl. No. ZA23/25203/FUL Construction of detached garage, construction of two storey side extension and single storey rear extension and extension of residential curtilage at Paradise Cottage, 47 Marton Road, Gargrave

Planning Decision Notice – Appl. No. 2022.246615/HH - Demolition of 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 – **GRANTED**

Correspondence List – Meeting 2 August 2023

1. Email sent to Canal & River Trust requesting acknowledgement that the bin at Higherlands Lock belongs to the Parish Council and is emptied by NYCC (formerly CDC).
2. Environment Agency email advising that a permit may not actually be required for Planning Appl. ZA23/25085/TCA Water Street, Gargrave.
3. Email request made to Area5 for a new Limited Parking sign to be supplied for affixing to railings by Gents Toilets as the original has gone missing.
4. NYCC Letter relating to the adoption of the Parish Charter by the Executive setting out how we will work together.
5. Email requesting permission to add an additional plaque to a bench already on the riverside for his Grandma, to commemorate his parents too - granted.
6. Email enquiry if the Basketball stand, backboard and net will be reinstated at the Playground.
7. The Kissing gate has once again been removed but is held in the lockup. Email from nearby resident reporting the matter.
8. Email and our reply regarding tree felling on canal bank near Anchor Bridge.
9. Email request from local resident for the PC to consider widening the path along Damside and our reply.
10. Enquiry made to NYCC as to what the process is for settling the invoice for Playground Equipment purchased using the CIL monies and their reply.
11. Northern Power Grid Foundation applications information if we wish to apply for funding.
12. National Effort to Protect Neighbourhood Development Plans email and information re a recent Appeal.
13. Emails sent to EA and NYCC requesting an update on the situation at Kelber Farm plus images.
14. Email sent to Area5 requesting a re-evaluation of the traffic problems on South Street.

