

# **GARGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting  
held Wednesday 7 July 2021

Councillors: Peter Ward, Janet Sugden, Martin Banks, David Shuttleworth, Chris Hoskin, Steve Coetzer, Chris Smales, District Cllr Simon Myers and Kath Ashby – Clerk.

- 1. To receive apologies for absence:** Cllr Alan Robinson, County Cllr Gillian Quinn
- 2. To acknowledge those present.**
- 3. To receive any declarations of interest:** None received.
- 4. To confirm the minutes of the last meeting:**

The minutes of the last meeting held **Wednesday 2 June 2021** were accepted as a true record. Proposed by MB and seconded by SC. All in favour and accepted unanimously.

## **5. Matters requested by councillors:**

### **5.2 District Cllr Simon Myers:**

Cllr Myers told the meeting that there was a lot of things happening at CDC at the moment, and sadly they were losing a lot of their senior staff. It has been found to be very difficult to replace these and very expensive. We have got our new man in place, a Mr Vincent Haines who is our Planning Improvement Implementation Manager. He is now available to feed in any complaints and questions.

We have at the moment a backlog of 240 planning cases. Senior planning officers say dealing with complaints has just snow balled. We are recruiting temporary staff to cover the backlog.

PW asked when we are likely to find out about the new structure. Cllr Myers felt it would likely be before the Parliamentary Recess which is 26 July 2021.

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

### **6.1. Police Report:**

#### April

- 2 - Concern for safety
- 1 - Sudden death
- 6 - Road related offence
- 1 - Violence
- 2 - Road traffic collision
- 2 - Anti-social behaviour (environmental)

- 1 - Fraud
- 1 - Drugs related incident
- 1 - Theft
- 1 - Anti-social behaviour (nuisance)

4 Crimes

### May

- 2 - Road traffic collision
- 6 - Road related offence
- 1 - Hoax call
- 1 - Anti-social behaviour (personal)
- 2 - Domestic incidents
- 2 - Suspicious incidents
- 2 - Concern for safety
- 1 - Violence

1 Crime

### June

- 4 - Highway disruption
- 1 - Concern for safety
- 4 - Road related offence
- 1 - Suspicious incidents
- 3 - Violence
- 1 - Road traffic collision
- 1 - Anti-social behaviour (nuisance)

2 Crimes

## **6.2 Public Participation:**

A group of ladies provided a short presentation on their concerns about the management of the village greens cutting programme which they felt was a destruction of biodiversity. One parishioner read out the correspondence over the past year, when monthly meetings were not permitted. They requested that the subject be placed on the Agenda for the August meeting when they could have more time to present their case.

## **6.3 River Wall Update:**

PW told the meeting that the fencing had now been erected around the site within South Street Plantation and work will commence on Monday 12 July retrieving stone from the river and there will be a lot of concreting works to carry out prior to the building of the face wall. It should look very much like it is from the flood valve to the previous concrete repair so it will be that section of wall only, the rest of the wall will be left.

MB told the meeting that several of the Parish Councillors met with the contractors on Friday 2 July and the Parish Council then signed off for providing the go ahead to start work on site.

#### **6.4 Gullies and River Place Banking:**

The EA have advised that we can remove the sandbags from the gullies on Mill Lane and this been done. No further maintenance of these gullies will take place so they will be left as they are for now. Another issue is that currently the excess water from flooding in the canal and Eshton Beck flows towards Scapa in front of the last row of houses facing east off Skipton Road. The EA are discussing with Scapa proposals to strengthen the Scapa flood defences and the eventual removal of the weir. Further strengthening of Scapa defences could mean more water backing up into the existing flood plain round Pinfold, Airebank Terrace and Low Green. As part of the wider flood resilience plan for the village the EA are factoring this into their plans.

GPC/EA are also discussing whether a storage box for any local emergency sandbag needs could be provided and placed somewhere near the boundary of the private part of Mill Lane.

The sandbags on the River Place banking are also under discussion. We could keep the sandbags where they are but the EA prefer that the sandbags are placed not west to east but south to north alongside the existing wall. The sandbags as they are placed now are currently blocking a flow route into an informal flood storage area i.e. into the back of River Place. It is hoped that moving this sandbag barrier will direct the water down Mill Lane and into the existing flood plain and provide more protection for River Place.

The EA are hoping to complete their review of all the flood defences in Gargrave by the autumn. It should be noted that if any of their recommendations involve spending any of their money that there are no available funds in this financial year to April 2022 and any of their expenditure would be in 2022/2023.

#### **6.5 Playground Update:**

MB told the meeting that we have been going through the list of repairs raised following the Rospa inspection and our joiner is now going to do a little more painting on the Playhouse. Also we are to replace one of the swings next month.

#### **6.6 Speeding:**

SC told the meeting that following County Cllr Gill Quinn suggesting Daniel Herbert, was the man for Area 5 he made contact with him, copying GPC into all correspondence. Apparently it is not his area and SC was passed onto Daniel Griffiths and they had a conversation only this afternoon.

Various types of speed detection signs were then discussed, the cost of these and their life span.

Cllr Myers suggested the Clerk contact Philip Allott who is the new Fire and Crime Commissioner as there may be a pot of money available which we could apply for towards the cost of new speed signs.

SC is meeting up with Robert Marshall who was previously the lead member for the Speed Watch in the village who is happy to go through the details and provide a list of the volunteers he holds so that SC can then set up the Community Speed Watch once again for Gargrave.

### **6.7 Overgrown Verges – Chew Lane, Top of Walton Ave Entrance:**

The triangle of grass verge at the top of Walton Avenue entrance has now been cut, we are not sure who has undertaken this task. In the past it has been a local resident who has been cutting this we understand.

It was agreed to initially go to NYCC Highways to request they cut back the verges along Chew Lane as these are now too high, causing very poor visibility at each end of the lane. Also with the speed and amount of traffic which goes along Chew Lane, pedestrians cannot easily step into the side to avoid the vehicles because the verges are so high and overgrown. Also to raise the question of cutting the triangle at the top of the Walton Avenue entrance as this causes very poor visibility when the grass is so high.

DS agreed that when he next employs his contractors which will be in September, he is happy to instruct them to do a cut along Chew Lane.

Clerk to contact NYCC Highways through our Parish Portal first of all. If they are not willing to do this, it was agreed to ask our grass cutting contractor to cut the verges along Chew Lane and the triangle on Marton Road.

### **7. To consider the planning applications and decisions:**

See attached List.

### **8. Financial Matters:**

8.1 To approve the accounts for payment.

#### **INCOME**

Vodafone Rebate	33.60
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#### **EXPENDITURE**

Wages	595.88
Village Hall Rent	152.00
Internet Services	5.99
Vodafone	17.23
N Skeep (Playground)	250.00
Came & Co Insurance	1930.77

Merritt & Fryers	9.17
2 Land Registry Searches	12.00
NYCC New Light – Station	3484.70
PAYE	417.80
Merritt & Fryers – Benches	106.62
CEF St Lights	364.80
JC Cowgill Grass & Signs	1353.32
JC Cowgill Repairs	48.00
CEF St Lights	127.44
N Power Christmas Lights	393.75

Total £9269.47

NatWest as at 29.06.21 £43,330.50

SBS a/c as at 29.06.21 £20,692.15

The accounts were proposed by CS, seconded by MB, all in favour and accepted.

MB asked the meeting to agree that Janet Turner is now removed as a signatory on the Parish Council Bank accounts. All in favour and accepted.

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

See attached list.

7. Contact CDC to secure a date one Saturday during August.

11. PC to decide what we wish to do in June 2022.

12. PC asked to read through the Lease.

21. CH to ask the Church to email their request with further details.

24. Response to be sent to CDC's suggestion of a compost bin in Plantation.

25. It was agreed to make a donation of £100 for the Armed Forces Community.

26. This has already been completed by Walker Foster, Solicitors.

29. Letter to be sent to parishioner who has cut into river banking on Middle Green.

30. MB and JS are the PC representatives at the YLCA Meetings.

**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 4 August 2021**

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

### Planning Applications – Meeting 7 July 2021

**Appl. No. 2021/22596/FUL** Erection of agricultural shed, Butterhaugh Farm, Church St, Gargrave.

**Appl. No. 2021/22876/FUL** Two proposed dwellings including parking areas at Land off Smithy Croft Road, Gargrave.

**Appl. No. 2021/23021/TCA** T1 Ash – remove at 1 Beeches Close, Gargrave.

**Appl. No. 2021/22848/FUL** Formation of shared driveway at The Greenhouse, Eshton Road, Gargrave

**Planning Decision Notice** Appl. No. 2021/22694/TPO T1 Yew, remove and replant. **Granted**

**Planning Decision Notice** Appl. No. 2021/22720/HH Amendment to planning appl. **Granted**

**Planning Decision Notice** Appl. No. 2021/22559/HH Single storey front and side **Granted**

**Planning Decision Notice** Appl. No. 2021/22527/CPL Single storey rear extension **Granted**

**Planning Decision Notice** Appl. No. 2021/22775/HH Proposed garden room **Granted**

**Planning Decision Notice** Appl. No. 2021/22792/LBC Remove pointing & re point, replace windows and rear door **Granted**

**Prior Approval Refused** Appl. No. 2021/22953/PNAG Agricultural building to house cattle and roof over the slurry lagoon.

### Correspondence List – Meeting 7 July 2021

1. Chase up email to CDC for an update relating to leaning wall Mark House Lane and falling wall on Church Street.
2. Email to NYCC requesting an update on the re-opening of the Footpath A65 onto Neville Road
3. Response sent to email request for relocating Street Light on Neville Road.
4. Correspondence from Developer relating to proposed development off Eshton Road, for 4 houses.
5. Various emails relating to online meeting with EA and Parish Council regarding sandbag banking and gullies.
6. Email enquiry for contact details of who provided equipment in Playground and response.
7. Enquiry made to CDC to proceed with a Litter Pick in the village next month and their response.
- 8a) 8b) and 8c) NYCC Bulletin Updates dated 9, 23 June and 30 June 2021.
- 9a) 9b) and 9c) YLCA White Rose Updates, 16 June, 18 June and 2 July 2021.
10. Complaint raised with NYCC Highways relating to Traffic Lights and response.
11. YLCA The Queens Platinum Jubilee Beacons – 2 June 2022 information.
12. Correspondence from NYCC re: Station Car Park Lease signing.
13. Emails from local resident with update on refurbishment of benches, invoice plus concerns raised re: traffic lights and state of South Street Plantation, offering to trim and our reply.
14. Airedale Avenue resident enquiry relating to the newly erected signs in the Playground Car Park.
15. Letter sent to Airedale Avenue resident who has removed the new signs from the Playground Car Park.
16. Complaint raised with Northern Gas, on condition of Low Green following leak. Now re-instated.
17. Signed Agreement sent back to Aire River Trust giving go ahead for lectern on High Green.
18. Defibrillator now registered 28.06.21 with The Circuit – The National Defibrillator Network.
19. Enquiries made to Community Speedwatch at NY Police in order to set up new Lead member and volunteer group.
20. Email request and response from Area5 with details and plan of proposed Road Works, Gargrave to Broughton.
21. Enquiry from Church to hold a Fayre on Middle Green and also a religious service.

22. A number of email complaints re: cutting of grass alongside the river bank. Invited to attend PC Meeting.
23. Request to provide update within Public Participation re Path keepers Scheme by resident plus further email providing bank details for donations for the upkeep of the Toilets.
24. CDC enquiries re: who has left a number of bags of garden waste outside bins by toilets plus offer to provide a Compost Bin.
25. Royal British Legion letter requesting support for our Armed Forces community.
26. YLCA – HM Land Registry Parish Land Ownership Survey information.
27. Planned Road Closure Notification – 30446 Stainton Hall to Newton Hall at Bank Newton.
28. NYCC – Lease for Railway Station Car Park, Church Street, now received.
29. Concerns raised by resident re damage to the river bank on Middle Green.
30. YLCA Joint Annual Meeting – 17 July 2021 information to be held by Zoom, sent out to all PC.