

GARGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting
Held Tuesday 28th May 2024

Present: Chris Hoskin (CH), Allan Sutcliffe (AS), Gregory L Butt (GB) Chair, David Shuttleworth, Derek Steele, Karen Hunter, 3 members of the Public, and Cllr Simon Myers.

1. Chairman's Opening Remarks

The Chair opened the meeting and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. To receive apologies for absence: Cllr Janet Sugden (JS), Cllr Martin Banks (MB),

3. To receive any declarations of interest not already declared under the Council's Code of Conduct or any members Register of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests:

Nothing declared.

4. Stepping Stones and the River

Discussion around the current issues with the stepping stones. Highlighted that there were other ongoing issues with the erosion of the river bank and changing level and course of the river.

The meeting was also made aware of the correspondence from the Environment Agency outlining the 'defective' river bank and the Councils' obligation as a riparian owner. The PC response was also outlined and no action will be taken until a substantive definition of an acceptable 'river bank' is established.

The PC have requested quotations to undertake remedial work on the 'River Place' stepping stones and interested parties have been asked to respond by 30th May so that the cost and timing of any required works can be discussed at the next meeting on the 5th June 2024.

5. Planning Issues : Marton Road, and the Old Saw Mill (ZA23/25403/FUL - Land Off Marton Road & 2022/24127/FUL Old Sawmill Marton Road)

The PC has been notified that both the Marton Road and Old Saw Mill site will be considered at the next NYCC Planning meeting on the 3rd June at the Belle Vue Office. The planning meeting will be preceded by visits to both sites in the morning prior to the meeting.

The original comments and position taken by the Parish Council on both planning applications was discussed. Also Councillor Myers outlined the history of both applications and how they aligned with the Neighbourhood Plan and current housing policy. It was determined that the Chair, Cllr Butt would attend the Planning Meeting on the 3rd June and present the Parish Council position on both applications.

6. To confirm the date of the next meeting as **Wednesday 5th June 2024**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.05.