

GARGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting
held Monday 10 October 2016

Councillors: Peter Ward, Janet Turner, Janet Sugden, David Syms, Pearl Holmes, Alan Robinson, Martin Banks and Clerk – Kath Ashby.

1. To receive apologies for absence: Cllr Brian Atkinson, Cllr Derrick Evans and Cnty Cllr Shelagh Marshall.

2. To acknowledge those present.

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 Monday 12 September 2016 were accepted as a true record. Proposed by DS and seconded by AR. All in favour and accepted unanimously.

4.1 Matters Arising:

6.1 Fourth paragraph, AR last month had raised his concerns regarding a white van parked for some time in the car park across from Bollywood Cottage on the A65. This van went the very next day.

Item 3, JT told the meeting that the illuminated lights on the signage at the Co-op are still lit.

6.4 Closed Footpath, PW told the meeting that potentially he felt that this footpath was not going to be re-opened due to certain issues. JT informed the meeting that DE attended the Association Meeting last Saturday and mentioned the matter to Julian Smith MP who knew nothing about it. JT and Clerk to prepare a precis of the history and development of the footpath closure and forward onto Julian Smith.

MB asked whether a name had been decided for the Hellifield Road development. PW confirmed that Wooler & Co Ltd had recently advised that this was to be called Park Croft.

4.1 Third paragraph, DS asked if the Parish Council could consider extending the footpath from the Railway Station Car Park down to the lower entry of the Station.

JT told the meeting that a local resident had asked recently if there was a camera fitted within the new solar powered light and should she have been informed? JT confirmed to the resident that there was no camera fitted to the new light.

6.3, Third paragraph, PW confirmed to the meeting that we would not be replacing the plate in the Goit, this would be left off over winter.

6.4. Neighbourhood Plan, JT told the meeting that she raised our Neighbourhood Plan with Julian Smith MP at the Association meeting held recently and he wants us to keep him up to date.

DS raised his concerns regarding quite a lot of stones within the spoil which has been placed on the High Green following the clearance of the Goit. PW explained that he did not intend to do anything as although the spoil has crusted over, it is still mud underneath and we should let this settle over the winter.

5. Matters requested by councillors:

5.1. County Cllr Shelagh Marshall: Cnty Cllr Marshall in her absence sent through her October Report set out below:-

Report to Parish Councils October 2016

Yorkshire Dales National Park

- Neil Heseltine (Parish Council Rep. appointed to Planning Committee.
- Chris Clark appointed member champion for sustainable development.
- Chris Clark and Neil Heseltine addressed the members on the future of farming.
- I have resigned as a member. 30 years less about 5 year break.
- There is a programme of fundamental reviews every 3 years and in between light touch reviews.
- Volunteering and apprentices is a priority for the NP; with DCM, historic environment, tourism and access for all adequate programme to progress.
- Target 5,000 volunteer hours
- Government published an 8 point plan for England's National Parks.
- International Tourism
- New Apprenticeships
- Promote the best of British Food from N. Parks
- Everyone's N. Parks
- Landscape and Heritage
- Health and Wellbeing Promote innovative schemes to serve national health.
- Support for Wainwrights coast to coast walk to have national trail status.
- LOCAL PLAN UPDATE

The housing discussions were very detailed. The inspector questioned the evidence so more surveys' have been done by Craven and Richmond.

- Richmondshire and the Home Builders Assoc. objected to the evidence and methodologies that the NP used to inform its target and strategy.
- During the course of the examination, the inspector suggested a number of potential further modifications to the plan to clarify some of the policies.

The officers have been busy drafting these modifications.

The NP has dropped the option of a Conservation Levy for open market barn conversions.

The modifications will be published on the Authorities website for public consultation for 6 weeks.

Any responses will be considered by the inspector not the NP. The final draft will come to the December meeting.

The Inspector will ask the NP to undertake an early review of its housing supply, potentially a new call for housing sites and a review of housing development boundaries.

Councillor Shelagh Marshall

5.2 District Cllr Simon Myers: Cllr Myers gave his apologies for not attending last month's meeting due to being in London on business. £800 from the Community Grant was given to Gargrave Tennis Club last month. He has £1000 of our money to give away to the right sort of project. To apply for this grant, contact Kate Senior before the closing date April 2017.

The Christmas tree will be re-sited this year when work commences on the new roof for the Town Hall. We have also got a new logo for the Town Hall and the building is now dementia friendly which is a really good thing.

Devolution is still rumbling on but West Yorkshire does not want to take on Hull's financial difficulties.

Cllr Myers and Cllr David Ireton are onto Julian Smith MP to re-visit the by-pass as this road is not fit for purpose. We cannot accept this. In the 1980's there was 10k of traffic that went through the village then, what is now? Your children are all breathing in these fumes. We are trying to get this matter back on the agenda. PW suggested that maybe Greater Yorkshire might drive it through. Cllr Myers felt that if Julian Smith would be willing to back it, we will stand a chance.

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

6.1. Police Report: Clerk has already forwarded the recent report out to the Parish Councillors.

6.2 GNPWG Chairman's Report:

As I mentioned in September, the Gargrave Neighbourhood Plan was submitted to Craven District Council for their Formal Public Consultation on 4th July 2016. Unfortunately, the consultation will be delayed because further work is required on the CDC Local Plan Strategic Environmental Assessment and this is unlikely to be completed before January 2017.

So regrettably, we have to be patient and wait because our Neighbourhood Plan is dependent on the SEA assessment being completed to the satisfaction of Natural England. All of this is important because we need to be able to demonstrate to the examiner,

(appointed to scrutinise the NP), that the European directives have been followed properly and the concerns of Natural England have been addressed as a result.

Once this work is completed there will have to be a conversation with CDC about any proposed amendments to the NP which may be required to address the concerns of Natural England and The Environment Agency. It is likely that we will have at least two issues to address because they are already concerning these agencies: The Saw Mill site is in flood zone 3b and should be deleted. The working group thought originally that this site was suitable because flood prevention measures were proposed by the owner. The Environment Agency have rejected this because they are worried that these measures would protect the sawmill site but result in flooding downstream i.e. the centre of the village. This is clearly undesirable and indefensible.

Secondly, Natural England are requesting that the boundary of land to the west of Walton Close (G2/4) is amended to include a buffer zone to protect the view from the Pennine Way.

Kirkwells, our consultants, recommend that following completion of the SEA in January, these changes should be complied with and then the revised NP can be re-submitted to CDC and discussions regarding an agreed way forward, commenced.

Legal action by the Parish Council at this stage would be expensive and likely to fail so not to be recommended.

Common sense needs to prevail and then we will secure a sensible future for Gargrave.

Edward Bartle

6.3. Public Participation:

Jo Volpe from the Alzheimer's Society had requested a slot to promote her work and told the meeting that basically she is employed to work over five care homes, one of which is Milton House in the village. The aim is to try and reduce isolation and provide some stimulation for residents within the homes and bring the community into the care homes and encourage residents out of the homes. Also to make each community more dementia friendly. Cnty Cllr Shelagh Marshall suggested she contact the Parish Council to ask for any suggestions they may have and any groups residents could become involved with. JT suggested placing an advert in the Parish Magazine and she advised Jo of places people do meet in the village.

MB asked what suggestions had already been put forward. Jo explained that residents like music, pets and children and she would be contacting organisations who do pet therapy whereby they take a dog into the home, in a safe way.

Alzheimer's are looking for people to go in to do gardening, such as pot planting and flower beds outside, any coffee mornings in the village and AR suggested the British Legion and the Heritage Group who could visit the home.

6.4. Christmas Lights: The lights will be switched on Sunday 27 November at 4.30pm. Clerk to advise our contractor of this date.

6.5. Remembrance Sunday: : AR advised the meeting that the British Legion can no longer provide the poppies and wreath for Remembrance Day, in future these have to be ordered

from CDC. District Cllr Simon Myers agreed to make enquiries to CDC regarding the poppy wreath and supply of poppies.

Parish Mag - give thanks to people who have looked after plots of land they do not own:

Thanks will be put into the Parish Mag next month and it was agreed that a letter be sent to Systagenix to thank them for cutting the verges at each side of the road by the entrance to the factory.

7. To consider the planning applications and decisions:

See attached List.

8. Financial Matters:

8.1 To approve the accounts for payment.

INCOME

Groundworks grant	1775.00
CDC Precept	22000.00
Toilet Money	154.82

EXPENDITURE

Staff Wage	437.84
Staff Wage	419.40
Staff Wage	132.55
Merritt & Fryers - Keys	3.98
Craven Energies	666.72
Village Hall - NP Meeting	25.00
JC Cowgill	866.64
JC Cowgill	150.00
JC Cowgill	96.00
Village Hall Rent	152.00
PKF Littlejohn LLP - External Audit	360.00

Barclays Comm. A/c	52,384.92
Skipton Building Soc.	22,738.19

PW proposed the accounts and PH seconded, all in favour and accepted.

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

See attached list.

8. PW to respond to the resident's letter.

9. Respond to Embsay Parish Council and send NYCC contact details.

14. PW to respond to the Playground Group.

16. To write to Systagenix and suggest a sign to be attached to railings saying No Turning.
Also to contact CDC.

PW told the meeting that the VAS bases had now been fitted in all locations. We have received a quote to remove the trees around the one to be placed on the A65 and he asked the meeting if we could go ahead with this work. All in favour to proceed.

Clerk to chase CDC regarding our request to them recently, to go ahead with the removal of the trees.

PW also read out to the meeting the most recent report from Jon Grey who has agreed to keep us informed regarding the proposed river work.

PW advised that he met with two contractors on site at the weekend regarding the flooding problems at Goffa Mill. Residents will be more than happy to contribute to the cost of a new drain from the corner of the mill to the Village Green. The Parish Council do own the car park and he asked the meeting whether they would consider contributing towards the cost. We are now awaiting the two quotes for the necessary work.

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 Monday 14 November 2016