

GARGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting
held Monday 12 December 2016

Councillors: Peter Ward, Janet Turner, Janet Sugden, David Syms, Derrick Evans, Martin Banks, Pearl Holmes, Alan Robinson, District Cllr Simon Myers, Clerk- Kath Ashby and several parishioners.

1. To receive apologies for absence: 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 14 November 2016 were accepted as a true record. Proposed by JT and seconded by DE. All in favour and accepted unanimously.

4.1 Matters Arising:

a) DS raised the matter on 4.1 third paragraph relating to extending the footpath from the Station Car Park. PW explained that an email request has been sent to Northern Rail this week suggesting a solution and we awaiting their response. Highways are responsible for each side of the road and the banking coming up to the bridge.

b) Thanks were given to JT for attending the Christmas Lights.

c) Also in matters arising, second page, third paragraph relating to the installation of the defibrillator, it has been agreed that this will be fastened to the wall under the canopy of the entry to the Village Hall on the right hand side. Hopefully this will be fitted by our electrical contractor before Christmas. We will of course apply for the grant towards the cost in the meantime. JT agreed to obtain an estimate and then put the form in with Cllr Simon Myers this week.

d) Under 6.3 PW told the meeting that he met with the drainage people on site and we are now awaiting some proposals from them to see what he is actually going to do. It is proposed that the work will not be done until February next year. The equipment people and the drainage men will co-ordinate their work as it is more sensible to work together. During the meeting it was decided by all that it was probably not a good idea to have a raised banking and the representative from the Playground group who was also in attendance that day has now accepted this.

e) PW told the meeting that the other drainage work which has been undertaken recently to clear the blocked drain right through to the A65 is not satisfactory and he has informed the contractor of this but they have not got back to us. PW to chase the contractor once again. The invoice for the work to be held in abeyance for the time being.

f) Our contractor has now completed the work to repair the bridge on High Green, and make good the area in front of the stepping stones by Low Green. The metal posts remains on Low Green have now all been removed also.

JT told the meeting that there have been lots of thanks from people in the village for the bridge work on the High Green.

5. Matters requested by councillors:

5.1. County Cllr Shelagh Marshall: – apologies received for this evening.

5.2 District Cllr Simon Myers:

Cllr Myers advised that the closing date for applications for the Community Grant is the end of March 2017.

He advised that he has not received details of the local Government grants yet but we will see where we are at. We are usually informed before Christmas. He would be attending a Policy Meeting tomorrow with a view to putting up car parking charges.

PW commented that the 20p parking is one of the better ideas. Cllr Myers said the plan was to put this in the Coach Street car park too. The increase in charges is because we need the money and Government are cutting grants, it is all about income. NYCC has to deliver services over a much larger area. We have the highest number of pensioners in the country who do not pay for buses. 40% of the national average of under 50's. AR told Cllr Myers that the roads are not being kept clean.

It was agreed that all would email the Clerk with any roads they felt needed cleaning and this will then be forwarded through to Cllr Myers who will get this work done.

Cllr Myers told the meeting that he thought the Christmas Lights looked great and the Nativity Play was very good too.

He also advised that the Senior Staff Review at CDC was taking place tomorrow and therefore he would update us next month. On the matter of the proposed footpath at the Station, he wondered whether it would be a good idea to have a word with David Smurthwaite on the basis of safety with all the people who commute daily. It was decided that a letter would be sent to David Smurthwaite to this effect referring to our conversation with Cllr Myers this evening.

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

6.1. Police Report: PW read out to the meeting the recent report received from the Police, this has also been circulated by email to all Councillors prior to this evening's meeting.

6.2 Public Participation:

a) A Street light was reported as being out which is No 11, outside No 12 Neville Crescent. Clerk to report this to our electrical contractor.

b) DE raised the matter of dog fouling around the village and asked if the Clerk would chase the Dog Warden regarding this.

c) He also asked if some form of thanks could be given to the Dalesman Café for the splendid display of Christmas Lights on their shop front. It was decided that a Christmas Note with thanks from the Parish Council would be sent as soon as possible.

d) DE told the meeting that he had received a response back from Julian Smith MP regarding the closed footpath on the A65 and read the letter out to the meeting.

Basically he agrees with the Parish Council that the length of time that the footpath has been in constant use, lends itself to be re-opened.

6.3 Christmas Lights:

PW told the meeting that the existing lights within the Christmas tree itself have become tangled and actually grown into the branches. Therefore we will need to look at purchasing some new lights for the tree in 2017.

JS suggested we contact the wholesaler in September when they have a sale on.

It was decided that we should look at getting a few more lights next year, a little bit more modern.

6.4 Pinfold River bank update:

PW felt that there was a lot of green to wash away before we got to the road. DE advised the meeting that he looked at the area only last week and if you look across where the willow tree is, there is a big hole and it looks like we have lost another 15 metres of banking. PW felt that unless we drop the tree down now, and agreed to speak with Jon Grey to request his help and see what we can do about the tree. Jon Grey was in talks with the Environment Agency about removing the tree.

JT asked the meeting if they knew what the blue circles and sticks all the way along the river were and was told that this had been done by River Surveyors working for the Environment Agency.

6.5 Goffa Mill update:

PW confirmed that he had spoken with the resident at Goffa Mill and there are some blue marks on the road where they are going to put a speed bump in. The cost is around £2000 plus vat and the residents want to know if we will give a contribution but they do want to get on with the work as they do not want to be flooded.

JS asked what agreement had been reached. PW told the meeting that he understood there are four people willing to contribute and he proposed the Parish Council gave £1000.00 as a contribution.

It was agreed to request an estimate for the work first of all. MB suggested if the Parish Council did give £1000 it will limit the liability. All in favour to make the donation of £1000.00.

7. To consider the planning applications and decisions:

See attached List.

8. Financial Matters:

8.1 To approve the accounts for payment.

INCOME

VAT Refund	1912.11
Honesty Box	169.20
Locality Grant	845.00

EXPENDITURE

Village Hall	152.00
Staff Wage	16.30
Staff Wage	83.60
Staff Wage	32.00
S.G Ives – toilet repair	42.00
Drake Plant Hire Hedge cutting	30.00
C. Cowgill - Tree work	600.00
Yorkshire Water 2 nd qtr.	429.71
Craven Energies	4327.65
Craven Stationery	160.92
NYCC - VAS signs	320.00

Community a/c £46,552.35

SBS a/c 22,738.19

To consider – Arrange a Budget meeting in the New Year. PW told the meeting that if it was felt this was necessary, we should arrange a date. It was agreed to leave the precept at the same amount.

DS proposed the accounts and DE seconded, all in favour and accepted.

Clerk to look at paperwork for Locality Grant to see when we need to return the grant monies, due to delay with Neighbourhood Plan and Local Plan.

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

See attached list.

3. JS advised there has been further pollution seen in the Goit. Clerk to advise G Tarn accordingly to re-visit.

5. JT to place new contact details in the Parish Magazine.

14. PW to get back to Ken Martin, requesting a meeting on site and requesting ideas and feedback.

17. Passed to JS and JT for payment of fees for 2017/18.

20. Agreed to allow Hunt on Boxing Day, clerk to confirm.

PW told the meeting that we have had various responses from the GNPWG and we are proposing to respond to David Feeney and Ruth Parker and request a meeting with CDC early in the New Year.

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 9 January 2017**