

GARGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting
held Monday 12 September 2016

Councillors: Peter Ward, Janet Turner, Janet Sugden, David Syms, Derrick Evans, Alan Robinson, Brian Atkinson, Martin Banks and Clerk, Kath Ashby

- 1. To receive apologies for absence:** Cllr Pearl Holmes and Cnty Cllr Shelagh Marshall.
- 2. To acknowledge those present.**
- 3. To receive any declarations of interest:** JT told the meeting that she has contacted Planning at CDC today regarding a breach of planning control with illuminated lights on the signage.
- 4. To confirm the minutes of the last meeting:**
The minutes of the last meeting held Monday 8 August 2016 were accepted as a true record. Proposed by DE and seconded by DS. All in favour and accepted unanimously.

4.1 Matters Arising:

DS asked PW if anything more had been heard regarding the signage on Marton Road, but PW advised no definite answer has been received so far but read out to the meeting the response received from Ken Martin, NYCC on the matter.

PW told the meeting we had not received a report from our Electrical contractor on the progress of the repairs agreed earlier this year. Clerk to chase for a response.

JT told the meeting with regard to a top surface for the footpath leading to the Railway Station Car Park, she had been speaking to Northern Rail who indicated there was a pot of money available. There will be a local group meeting this coming Thursday when the matter of putting a layer of tarmac on the footpath. They will of course come have a look to see if this can be done first of all.

5. Matters requested by councillors:

5.1. County Cllr Shelagh Marshall – Cnty Cllr Marshall sent her apologies for this evening.

5.2 District Cllr Simon Myers – Nothing heard from District Cllr Myers.

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

6.1. Police Report:

Sergeant Les Moorhouse attended this evening's meeting and advised that he now looks after the rural areas such as Settle, Ingleton, Grassington, Gargrave. There are Response Officers at all the Stations and there will be no further reduction of staffing which is good

news. PCSO Joe Simms has been successful in his bid to join the Police and has passed the recruitment with West Yorkshire Police, he has no start date as yet but they have started recruiting new PCSO's for Craven area. They already have irons in the fire to recruit PCSO's from Harrogate area and we are hopefully getting up to 13 for the Yorkshire area. There will be an extra PCSO for Grassington which means there will be someone on all the time.

Overall crime remains low though there was a burglary overnight 25 August on Eshton Road where car keys and the vehicle were taken. We have really been trying to push making sure people secure their downstairs windows and doors on a night in the warm weather. There have been a few burglaries mainly down towards the Crosshills area where offenders have come over the border in the night and have usually attacked insecure properties. As the darker nights come in again, we need to start making sure back doors are locked after dark not when we go to bed, as we do suffer some sneak in offences on occasions.

There has been a few reports of anti – social behaviour on Neville Road with kids and families falling out but they are now back to school and PCSO Joe Simms is dealing with this matter at the moment.

Crime is really low compared to West Yorkshire and Lancashire areas. From 2017 there will be new speed vans out and about all the time. One large and one smaller van. Police do in fact catch a lot of innocent people.

It is still okay to use 101 but 999 is still the primary number.

AR advised Sergeant Moorhouse of his concerns for a white van which has been parked for some time in the car park across from Bollywood Cottage on the A65. Sergeant Moorhouse will make some enquiries and then email the Clerk with his findings.

6.2. Neighbourhood Plan Update:

PW told the meeting that the Parish Council did send a letter to David Smurthwaite recently asking various questions as basically we are struggling to understand why CDC will not adopt our Neighbourhood Plan. Nevertheless they are continuing to consult on their Local Plan and we feel as a group in a position to look at our Neighbourhood Plan to amalgamate the two. We did request a reply to our letter by the end of August but no response has been received.

PW explained that CDC have produced a document called Gargrave Conservation Area Appraisal August 2016, so we put some amendments forward about this and it was the Spatial Planning Meeting last week and I along with JT attended this meeting. We tried to encourage them to answer the question, why they do not adopt the Gargrave Neighbourhood Plan. We also threatened nicely that maybe we will have to be thinking about taking Legal Advice.

Edward Bartle, Chairman of the Neighbourhood Planning Group told the meeting that as Henry Cumbers has now left CDC, our new contact will be Amy Towton. Although she has only been in the job for two weeks she did assure me that she would find out when the SEA will be completed by the end of September. As soon as the SEA is completed we must press CDC to get the Local Plan out for consultation. This does not stop us pressing on with our Neighbourhood Plan. Another group meeting is to be arranged shortly.

Some discussion took place regarding the sawmill site and the ongoing planning submission and how this will affect the Gargrave Neighbourhood Plan.

6.3 Public Participation:

One parishioner wished to say that he felt the Parish Council did a good job.

DE advised the meeting that wood on the bench up Mark House Lane has been damaged. JT to advise the contractor to repair as soon as possible.

DE also advised that the moorhen has reared her family and gone. It was agreed to contact the contractor to spray the Goit before we fill it up again and later in the year we should remove the plate to flush all through. PW to also ask the contractor to ask him to remove the tree which is in the Goit

.
Although the tree on the High Green which was reported as dying at last month's meeting, it is not now felt this is the case.

JT told the meeting a lady on Skipton Road had raised her concerns regarding the amount of A-Boards appearing. PW told the meeting that we have reported these previously but Area5 did not feel these were causing a problem. JT felt that if these were to blow into the road they could cause an accident and suggested the possibility of a joint board where several businesses could advertise.

After discussion it was decided to write to all businesses who advertise in this way advising that the Parish Council do not expect the boards to be out 24/7 and request they take them away at the weekend and display again the following day.

6.4 Closed Footpath:

PW told the meeting that we did feel we were making progress on the re-opening of the closed footpath situated between Neville Road and the A65 and the Parish Council were willing to take it over and maintain in the future. However we have been advised that a local resident is seeking legal action. The Clerk read out to the meeting the email received from Ken Martin, NYCC expressing his concerns following information he had received regarding a child with severe learning difficulties and further discussions were needed.

The meeting agreed to leave the matter in abeyance for a further three weeks and then the Clerk will contact Ken Martin again for an update on the situation.

PW told the meeting that regarding the proposed new development on Hellifield Road and the access from this, he had asked someone to produce a design for a possible footpath along the towpath. These designs were passed around and it was decided that PW would forward these onto Woolers for their comments.

6.5 Co-opting of new Parish Councillor:

The meeting welcomed Martin Banks to the meeting and the Clerk passed over the necessary paperwork for completion.

7. To consider the planning applications and decisions:

See attached List.

8. Financial Matters:

8.1 To approve the accounts for payment.

INCOME

VAT	£1273.70
Honesty Boxes	187.67

EXPENDITURE

Village Hall Rent	152.00	
Staff Wage	GNP 51.82	284.48
	PC 487.06	
Staff Wage	85.72	
Staff Wage	24.00	
G.G. Fabrications	264.00	
Yorkshire Water 1 st Qtr	404.81	
Scott Janitorial	366.36	
CDC Litter Bins	1410.00	
Craven Stationery	58.69	
P Ward – Telephone	22.97	
J.C. Cowgill	3446.64	
Kirkwells	378.00	
Barclays	35,400.97	
Skipton B.S.	22,738.19	

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

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

See attached list.

8. Clerk to get prices for Litter Pickers.

11. PW to follow up on report from Jon Grey and proposed we allow him to carry out the necessary work to the River to prevent further erosion.

DE proposed and AR seconded, all in favour.

12. Site meeting arranged for Wednesday 14 September at 6pm with various Cllrs and local residents.

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 10 October 2016.**

