

GARGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting
held Monday 4 April 2016

Councillors: Peter Ward (PW), Janet Turner (JT), Derrick Evans (DE), Alan Robinson (AR), Brian Atkinson (BA) Pearl Holmes (PH) and Clerk - Kathryn Ashby.

1. To receive apologies for absence: Cllr David Syms, Cllr Janet Sugden and District Cllr Simon Myers.

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 7 March 2016 were accepted as a true record. Proposed by DE and seconded by AR. All in favour and accepted unanimously.

4.1 Matters Arising:

6.1(c) JT told the meeting that the signs for the toilets are still to prepare. These will be done as soon as possible by JT and the Clerk.

6.1(f) Dog Fouling is still a big problem and PW told the meeting that we have an agreement with CDC for a new bin to be placed near the Lay-by, they have assured us that will definitely go ahead. We are however still awaiting confirmation of the other bins and costs. These are to be placed by the Anchor Bridge, Chew Lane and Raybridge between the field and the Canal gate. Clerk to contact Paul Florentine at CDC regarding this matter.

At the same time requesting that the bin near the War Memorial be moved into the car park at the Co-op in between the seats near the Pelican crossing. The existing co-op bin to be moved to the War Memorial location.

JT met with a Mr Gray who arranged the delivery of the 100 sandbags for placing in the lock up. He is now the Dog Warden for CDC and is arranging for more signs for us to put around the village. He is also now the contact for Environmental Health and informed JT that he was absolutely over the moon with the fence along the Damside.

6.3 Notice of Parish Councillor Vacancy - JT told the meeting that we usually put out posters advertising the AGM which takes place in May and suggested we put on that notice that the Parish Council has a vacancy. All in favour.

JT asked if DE had seen the book in the office on Rights of Way. PW told the meeting that we needed to move forward with this or we will lose the Right of Way.

5. Matters requested by councillors

5.1 County Councillor Shelagh Marshall

Cnty Cllr Shelagh Marshall told the meeting that she did not have too much to report this month, but good news is that the Government are to give £24 million for rural roads.

CDC have now completed the draft Local Development Plan which is out for consultation at the moment. SM told the meeting that we did ask for allotments to be included in the plan but they have not identified any land for this purpose.

SM raised the matter of the latest Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority – Parish Briefing in which it states changes to the boundary which will come into effect on 1st August 2016. The boundary will be extended to include parts of the Orton Fells, northern Howgill Fells, Mallerstang, Barbon, Middleton, Casterton and Leck Fells. The park will increase in size and population by about 23%. Defra has already announced additional funding, which will start this year. Defra has also announced proposals to increase the Membership of the Board to provide representation for the new areas, without altering the representation for the existing National Park.

The targets for new housing set in the National Park Management Plan are still not being met. To try to help speed up deliver of the type of housing needed in the Park, the Authority has reviewed its policies on local occupancy and site viability.

5.2 District Councillor - Simon Myers - District Cllr Myers sent his apologies for this evening.

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

6.1. GNPWG Chairman's Report - No report has been received from the Chairman this month.

6.2 Police Report - The Clerk confirmed the monthly newsletter from the Police has now been circulated to all Parish Councillors for their information. The Police have requested us to keep them up to date with the Travellers. PW asked the meeting if they felt it was necessary to erect the posts again around the Low Green. All agreed not to erect the posts this year and to see how we go.

6.3 Grass Cutting Spec: PW told the meeting that as they may already be aware, the hedge on Middle Green has now been cut down to a manageable height. It will only get better. As it was 10ft, it does look as though it has been hacked but it will settle down. PW said that it is his proposal that we extend the area of cutting nearer to the trees.

Clerk to contact CDC Tree Officer before removing some of the lower branches of these trees on all three village greens. Once removed our Contractor will be able to trim nearer to the trees. The contractor will stone pick down by the river and then we will be in a position to cut down to the water's edge. PW told the meeting that the lower branches of the trees need to be removed and we should go to the River's edge with the cutting, as we agreed some months ago. The contractor has advised that he can cut the bulk on his mower.

A discussion then took place as to how everyone felt about how short to cut back the weeds by the water's edge and who felt we should just cut out splays as before. It was decided to

put the matter to a vote. 2 voted to just cut splays and 5 voted to cut down the weeds completely to the water's edge.

6.4 Community Resilience: PW told the meeting that he and several other Cllrs attended the NYCC meeting recently and that one item on the Agenda was Community Resilience. Hellifield Parish Council have kindly forwarded their completed plan as an example of what is required. They have also provided the contact name of Mr Robin Derry at NYCC Emergency Planning. Mr Derry will be able to obtain the maps for our parish and help us create our Emergency Plan.

We now have a list of names and contact telephone numbers which were provided by parishioners at the Flood Awareness Meeting held recently. These are people who are willing to be contacted if floods occur and wish to help with supplying sandbags to those homes which require them.

One of the concerns raised at this meeting was a blocked culvert in the field over the stile which is located in the old Church School playground on Church Street. PW asked for volunteers to go along with him to have a look at this culvert in the near future.

6.5 Public Participation:

a) JT raised the matter of the wall at the back of the public toilets. This needs someone to concrete the hole that has appeared in this section of wall. The Environment Agency does not know if it is theirs or our responsibility. PW to advise the EA that we intend to concrete the hole. He will also request our contractor to do the repair.

b) PW explained to the meeting that he had emailed the Parish Councillors to see how they felt about supporting the Sports Club, Football and Cricket fields as he understands they are always short of finances. DE raised several concerns and PH told the meeting that she did not think that as Parish Council we could use the precept for the sports facilities. JT told the meeting that under Section 137 we have helped all in the past.

PW told the meeting that it was just a suggestion, perhaps over a period of time to contribute X amount that could maybe go towards work needed on the Pavilion as he felt it was a great asset to the village. It was suggested that maybe we could sponsor the odd match and this would be a way of putting some funds in.

c) JT had invited Mr Alan Poxon to do a presentation to the meeting of the types of banners he could source for the Village which could be purchased to display at both the Cycle Race and the Queen's Birthday. JT told the meeting that the WI are preparing bunting which will be used to trim the railings by the Summer-seat. Mr Poxon has kindly offered to let the Parish Council borrow the poles needed to display the banners and it was suggested that the large 4 metre flags could be tie-wrapped to the two 30mph signs at each end of the village for the Tour de Yorkshire event. JT asked Mr Poxon to source some flags for the Parish Council to display throughout the village on the 29th April when the Tour de Yorkshire will pass through Gargrave.

6.6. Banking System - internet banking: PW told the meeting that enquiries had been made to Hellifield Parish Council as to whether they used internet banking for some payments.

HPC confirmed they had recently changed their banking system and now used both. JT advised the meeting that both she and JS were happy with the current system which worked well for them both and did not wish to change this at the moment.

6.7 AGM - agree date:

It was agreed to set the date for the AGM on the second Monday in May - 9th May 2016. This will be held at 6.45pm prior to the Monthly Meeting at the usual time of 7.15pm.

6.8 Goit Spec and Quotes: PW has spoken with DS and they both feel that the waste removed from the Goit should be taken away but this does increase the cost. Around £2000 or more.

The grass cutting contractor has suggested putting the waste down on the Woodland Walk. PW asked the meeting what their thoughts were on this suggestion. We would of course have to spray the waste once this was done as there would be all sorts of weeds in there. The waste would have to be removed and left on the green for two weeks to allow wildlife to crawl out of there and then it could be taken away and put down on the Woodland Walk. All in favour for this to happen.

7. To consider the planning applications and decisions:

8. Financial Matters:

8.1 To approve the accounts for payment.

INCOME

Honesty Box	£145.33
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EXPENDITURE

D.Debit - Village Hall	£102.00
K Ashby Clerk	
GNPWG hours	88.75
PC hours	355.11
J Provan - Toilet Clean	417.40
Village Hall	
GNWG 2 xRm Hires	50.00
PAYE Salaries	278.80
NYCC Street Lights 1yr Elec	3058.45
Flood Sax Direct	135.00
Kirkwells Consultants	1680.00
(Grant £1400)	
JR Turner - 100 2nd Stamps	54.00
YLCA Assoc Membership	414.00

1. Barclays Com Acc	25.02.16/24.03.16	£39925.90
2. Skipton Building Society		£22349.27

For Information, GNPWG from 03.07.13 to 31.3.16 spent £20,346.71
Grants received £13,700.00
- Non Domestic Business Rates £544.50 O rated = 0.00

DE 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.

1. It was agreed no posts to be erected.
3. Clerk to chase Insurance Company again.
7. Reminder of Playground meeting, DE, JT, PW and AR to attend.
10. PW read out to the meeting the times and road closures for Tour de Yorkshire. Leaflets have been distributed.
15. Yes to Duck Race, remind of licence required and give contact for Lock up keys.
16. To respond to complaint from resident on hedge cutting on Middle Green.
17. Response to be sent to resident regarding extension on Walton Avenue.
18. Respond to Village Hall, advising PC Office will not open - Village Hall Open Day.
19. Response to be sent to visitor's email with concerns on removal of bollard.

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 May 2016