

GARGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting
held Monday 7 March 2016

Councillors: Janet Turner (JT) acting Chair, Janet Sugden (JS), Derrick Evans (DE), Alan Robinson (AR), Pearl Holmes (PH) and Clerk - Kathryn Ashby.

1. To receive apologies for absence: Cllrs Peter Ward, David Syms, Brian Atkinson, District Cllr Simon Myers 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 4 January 2016 were accepted as a true record following a couple of amendments which were agreed by all. Proposed by Cllr Alan Robinson and seconded by Cllr Derrick Evans. All in favour and accepted unanimously.

4.1 Matters Arising:

DE advised the meeting that a good job had been done repairing the leak on the Summer Seat roof. JT confirmed the bill was in the finance basket for payment.

6.1(c) JT told the meeting that with DE's assistance recently, both JT and JS had been able to look at the signage in the toilets. DE suggested these be placed inside the door of all three toilets.

JT and the Clerk to prepare the new signs and laminate them in the office as soon as possible.

6.1(f) Dog Fouling, JT confirmed she has put a piece in the Parish Magazine raising the problem. A discussion then took place on ways to tackle this increasing problem around the village. DE suggested a reward for a successful prosecution. JT told the meeting that we can actually set our own fines. It was decided to prepare the correct wording, establish a fine and this can then be placed with our standing orders and brought to the April Parish Council Meeting on the 4th for approval. Also more notices can be obtained from the Dog Warden and placed around the village. JT also confirmed that we are looking at more bins to be placed around the village to alleviate the problem of dog fouling. JT asked if everyone was happy to ask our Association about procedure for the Parish Council to set its own fines, all in favour.

The Clerk told the meeting that she had emailed Paul Florentine today chasing up the request for a large bin to be placed by the lay-by on the A65 and had received confirmation back from him that this has now been actioned.

5. Matters requested by councillors:

5.1 County Councillor - Shelagh Marshall has sent her apologies for this evening.

5.2 District Councillor - Simon Myers has also sent his apologies.

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

6.1 GNPWG Chairman' Report: To receive yet

6.2 Police Report: No report received this month.

6.3 Notice of Parish Councillor Vacancy: JT confirmed this vacancy had been advertised and a poster placed in the Notice Board. We have received no interest as yet.

6.4 Flood Awareness Meeting: This meeting has been arranged for Wednesday 16 March 2016 in the Annex at 7.30pm. JT asked the meeting to tell friends and neighbours to come along. Posters will be placed around the village to advertise the event.

JT explained the meeting was for the general public and the idea is to compile a list of telephone contact numbers and access points for people to obtain sandbags. The new type vacuumed packed sandbags have now arrived and are stored safely. JT confirmed an order has been placed with Environmental Health for more of the original sandbags and these should be delivered later this week.

This meeting falls on the same evening as the Parish Liaison Meeting at Craven District Council offices in Skipton and therefore JS will attend this meeting on behalf of the Parish Council.

6.5 Public Participation:

a) DE raised the matter of the price of the flagstones to go under the benches and JS confirmed the quote was £100 per bench and there will be three or maybe four stones needed to go the full length of each bench. JS confirmed that the Parish Council will be able to claim the VAT back on the cost.

b) DE also raised the matter of cutting back the weeds by the river and has discussed the matter with our contractor recently. The contractor advised DE that he felt this weed needed cutting back around 2/3 times per year with a hand strimmer. The contractor told DE that he could not risk using his machine to cut the large weed back as there are too many large rocks within the weeds. The estimated cost would be up to £1000 per year. JS told the meeting that we must determine a definite price for each cut if this was to be 3/4 times a year.

DE pointed out that the contractor already cuts a splay to the water's edge and felt this was sufficient as there are a lot of good stuff in the weeds and wildlife. JT confirmed that it had been cut like that in the past to protect the habitat for the ducks.

A parishioner asked for an update on the cutting back of the weeds in the Goit. DE told the meeting that the contractor had advised him that he has not been for the training to obtain the necessary licence yet.

JT raised the matter of the closed footpath on the A65 and asked DE for an update.

DE said nothing further had been heard since he passed this onto Cnty Cllr Shelagh Marshall but had not wanted to push the matter over the Christmas period.

A discussion took place on the state of the hedging around this footpath area and the rubbish which is in there. The Clerk to report this to Environmental Health once again.

6.6 Meeting dates can we suggest a change to the 2nd Monday in month: JT explained to the meeting that as these fall on the first Monday in the month these often coincide with Bank Holidays. There is no rule against changing these dates and so it has been suggested to change the meeting date to the 2nd Monday in the month. All in favour. This will commence from the May meeting.

6.7 Yorkshire Cycle Race UPDATE: JT circulated a Summer Events List to all Parish Councillors and went through the different events planned. She suggested some Union Jack flags and some Yorkshire flags be purchased along with the large new flag that AR was going to obtain for the village. AR will also ask if they supply bunting when he contacts the supplier.

JT told the meeting that it was still unclear whether the road would be closed for this event on the 29 April. Clerk to contact CDC to ask for more information and any road closures that may affect the village.

JT confirmed to the meeting that the School have now responded to our letter and are happy for the children to design posters for the Yorkshire Cycle Race. The printing of which will be done by our usual Stationery suppliers in Skipton. Afterwards these posters will be fastened to the new fence in the Playground for all to see.

District Cllr Alan Sutcliffe joined the meeting at this point and advised that there will be a rise in Council Tax this year and this is going up by 3.3% for Craven. He told the meeting that he had objected to this rise.

He advised the meeting that he is now lead over Environmental Health, Waste Disposal, Leisure and Housing. There is to be big changes at Craven District Council and some jobs will cease to exist. New job titles will be given and for the vacancies which may arise, agency staff will fill these gaps until new appointments can be made. At the end of April the new structure for Waste Disposal, Environmental Health and Housing will come into force. There will be a new telephone contact system giving extension numbers for each particular individual in the department who is responsible for that particular area.

7. To consider the planning applications and decisions:

See attached List.

8. Financial Matters:

8.1 To approve the accounts for payment.

INCOME

Toilet Honesty Boxes	145.42
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Groundwork UK Grant	1400.00
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EXPENDITURE

DD - Village Hall	204.00
Clerk Wages PC	280.35
NPG	42.06
	264.41
J Provan Wage	417.40
JM Syms Holiday Cover Wage	108.45
JC Cowgill Inv 791	400.00
792	150.00
RAY yearly subs NPG	35.00
Village Hall Room Hire x 2	100.00
SD Lord - S.Seat Roof repair	170.00
RL Lowther - Jubilee Seat repair	629.40

Barclays Comm Acc £42,157.23

Skipton B.S. Acc £22,349.27

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

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

See attached list.

Item 4 & 18. Parish Liaison Meeting will be attended by JS.

Item 5. Playground Presentation will be attended by as many Cllrs as can make that date and time.

Item 9. Response to be sent to Systagenix saying yes to their offer of volunteer help for a project in the village and that we will be in touch early summer.

Item 13. 95 Alive Speeding Updates were read out to the meeting.

DE raised the matter of congestion around the Village Hall area on Neville Road right round to Higherlands. The Clerk raised the matter of cars parking on the pavement again outside the Swan car park across from Crossgates.

Clerk to contact the Police to request them to view both areas and give feedback as to whether they feel yellow lines would be the answer.

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 4 April 2016

There being no other business the meeting closed at 10.00pm