

GARGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting

Held Monday 8 August 2016

Councillors: Peter Ward, Janet Turner, Janet Sugden, David Syms, Alan Robinson, County Cllr Shelagh Marshall, Clerk - Kathryn Ashby and several parishioners.

1. To receive apologies for absence: Cllr Brian Atkinson, Cllr Pearl Holmes and Cllr Derrick Evans.

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 11 July 2016 were accepted as a true record. Proposed by Cllr Janet Sugden and seconded by Cllr David Syms. All in favour and accepted unanimously.

4.1 Matters Arising:

Under 4.1. 6.2 speeding updates, which is on the Agenda this evening at 6.6 PW told the meeting that speeding signs are being distributed for attaching to green wheelie bins along the A65 and Marton Road. With regard to the speed activated signs, after meeting with a representative from NYCC, it was thought the best place for the Marton Road sign would be above the turning down to Riversway but this may cause a visibility hazard so it will be placed a little way from that junction. The one on the A65, will be positioned outside 17 Skipton Road, 100 yards in from the 30mph sign and again on the opposite side of the road. To install there will be a hole in the ground which will have a flat lid, the sign will drop into the hole and will be solar powered.

Before the one up Hellifield Road can be installed, it will be necessary to cut the first tree down. To place one on Church Street will be quite difficult to do. JT suggested across from Taira House in front of the plantation. PW to have another word with the NYCC representative.

Cnty Cllr Shelagh Marshall put to the meeting the possibility of a mini roundabout by the Garden Centre. PC Jo Simms also suggested speed bumps up Church Street and asked if this suggestion had been put to NYCC. JT told the meeting that this would create more noise for residents with the amount of farm vehicles travelling on this road and they would make a tremendous noise. One parishioner raised the matter of only one 30mph sign coming in from Bank Newton and then nothing else. PW told the meeting that the NYCC representative advised him that the signage was incorrect and that he was going to look into the matter.

Playground - PW told the meeting that the Playground Group are trying to find a cost to do the drainage but there is a large problem in so far as the cost of this has been quoted at £44,000 which is a considerable amount of money. The group are going to get a definite plan produced and then get some new quotes for this work.

4.1. Under 6.7 Street Lights - PW told the meeting that having spoken with the contractor today for an update on his progress, he has now purchased his own cherry picker for future repairs and the solar light for the Station car park is shortly to be put in place and the other lights he will be on with soon.

5. Matters requested by councillors:

5.1. County Cllr Shelagh Marshall:-

Cnty Cllr Shelagh Marshall read out the report below to the meeting.

Highways road and footway maintenance work 2016/17

Arncliffe - Carriageway Brootes Lane to Out Gang Lane

Buckden - Carriageway, Oughtershaw Road, Langstrothdale Road to Bank Bottom.

Embsay - Carriageway, Kirk Lane, Barden Road, Sandbed Gate to Barden Road.

Gargrave – Footway- Eshton Road;

Grassington - |Footway – Sedber Lane.

Halton Gill – Carriageway - High Foxup to Home farm

Litton - Carriageway, Crystal Beck Bridge to Gooselands Hill

Threshfield – Footways - High Bank; Wharfeside Avenue; Badgergate

Finances

The County Council has accepted an offer from Government of a multi-year settlement for 2017/18 to 2019/20. This will cover:

The Revenue Support Grant;

Rural Services Delivery Grant and

Transitional Grant (this relates to the transition of LA funding from RSG grant from

Government to the collection of Business Rates.

Outturn

Draft Outturn position at 31st march 2016 £68, 982 m 18.9% of net operational revenue budget.

This year represents the single biggest year of savings since 2011/12. The longer term up to 2019/20 still has a shortfall of £14m to find. You will recall that NYCC sought permission to raise an additional 2% of Council tax but that this increase would not be sufficient to pay for the additional Living Wage to those in the care industry.

Broadband

Broadband and mobile Telephony

SFNY has commenced its procurement process for phase 3 of the extension of Superfast broadband provision to homes and businesses. |This phase has a contract value of £20.5m of which £12.5m is provided by NYCC. By the end of phase 2 the county will have connected 91% of premises to superfast bb and the latest phase will take that figure to ABOUT 96%.

This will be disappointing to those communities who have not yet received an improved speed. Every effort is being made to keep residents informed. There has been a meeting with mobile phone operators to explore how NYCC can facilitate and encourage more rapid extension of 4G.

The Waste Recovery Plant at Allerton Park has passed its halfway stage of development. Electricity will be generated from this plant and transferred to the national grid. Harrogate will be first from May 2017, full service is expected to begin in January 2018.

School Funding.

The Government is consulting on a national funding formula. NYCC has lobbied for a fairer distribution of school funding across England. And it looks likely that the details – when available later this year will confirm a move towards this. However, we do have concerns if the Government moves to allocate funding direct to every school in the country without any local input from April 2019.

Cllr Marshall reminded the Parish Council regarding the Locality Grant and made several suggestions as to what could be applied for. After some discussion it was thought that maybe the fencing around the car park at the Playground maybe something that we could apply for.

Cllr Marshall told the meeting that she would be happy to support such an application. It was therefore decided to get two estimates initially.

Cllr Marshall told the meeting that after looking on the Highways list of what they are planning to do this year, one is resurfacing the footway on Eshton Road. This will be in the form of the slurry stuff, not paving and for the whole length.

CDC are making a loss with the re-cycling bins in car parks. Allerton Park will take all the waste and nothing will be put in the incinerator that can be recycled.

Cllr Marshall confirmed this evening that she will not be standing again for election but will be with us over this winter.

5.2 District Cllr Simon Myers: - no apologies received.

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

6.1. Police Report:-

PC Jo Simms told the meeting that there had been a recent theft at the Co-op in the village and the offenders were caught on CCTV, subsequently interviewed and charged with theft. An assault took place on Neville Crescent, this was not a random assault and is at present being dealt with. There have also been reports of door step sellers and if they come around again, please inform the Police.

One parishioner asked about Chew Lane and the national speed limit. Jo Simms advised that it is Highways who determine the speed limit, Police only monitor speed.

DS asked the question of the possibility of yellow lines on North Street. Jo Simms said he can put a request forward to Highways if requested to do so.

It was also raised about the parking on the zig-zag yellow lines on the High Street. PC Jo Simms told the meeting that the Police can issue fines for this and can also issue some laminated signs to this effect for displaying nearby.

6.2 GNPWG Chairman's Report:

The Gargrave Neighbourhood Plan was finally submitted to Craven District Council for their Formal Public Consultation on the 4th July.

Unfortunately, shortly after submission, we were informed by the planning team at CDC that further work was necessary to complete the Strategic Environmental Assessment on Craven's Local Plan before the Neighbourhood Plan could be published for 6 weeks formal public consultation. We were assured that this work should be completed by early September at the latest, enabling the NP to be published soon afterwards.

We were further concerned on July 22nd when CDC published their list of Preferred Sites for Housing Development in Gargrave in their emerging Local Plan. Three sites were chosen, two of which were included in our Neighbourhood Plan but site GA9- (land off Eshton Road north of the canal) had been rejected by the NP as being unsuitable for housing development for several reasons including flooding and restricted access.

Following discussions with CDC Planners, it transpired that site GA009 was included in their preferred site selection owing to the need to make provision for North Yorkshire County Council Extra Care facility which is to be developed in Gargrave in the near future. The concept is to provide residential and day care facilities for the elderly and disabled from the village and surrounding areas.

The Neighbourhood Plan fully supports the idea of Extra Care but the Group have concerns that if GA009 gains planning permission and housing development, rather than care development takes place, this will result in a considerable unwanted over supply of housing for the village.

The above issues were discussed at a working group meeting on 4th August. Our consultant, Louise Kirkup attended so that we could update her with the current issues and be guided by her advice.

The group decided that it was of utmost importance that CDC were made aware of our concerns. After lengthy discussions, we concluded that we would submit a representation to CDC's current informal consultation and owing to the gravity of the current situation, this was best undertaken professionally by our consultants.

Louise reminded the meeting that Kirkwells' would be willing to undertake this work but because it was extra to their quotation for the Neighbourhood Plan process, an additional fee would be required.

The group accepted and understood Kirkwells' position and agreed to respectfully request the Parish Council to be responsible for the fee. Current position to be put to the PC

monthly meeting on Monday 8th August so that a representation can be submitted before the August 18th deadline.

I will update the PC of any developments in September.

PW proposed the Parish Council agree to Kirkwells undertaking the work and JT seconded. All in favour to advise Kirkwells to go ahead as soon as possible.

6.3 River Work:

PW told the meeting that the river wall had now been repaired and he had today talked figures only, of the possibility of putting some large boulders in the river at the bottom of the slipway and on the other side of the river on Middle Green to try and prevent the erosion of the banking opposite River Place houses. Making more of a channel 20/30ft wide rather than allowing it to silt up. DS advised the meeting that this had already been done in the past but at a previous meeting BA had suggested creating a diamond shape of stones.

PW told the meeting that the verbal quote from a local contractor for some large rocks to cut across within the river and removal of gravel providing they take away would be £600. A wagon load of boulders would be £600 but he has not promised anything to the contractor it was just to get an idea of cost. PW also agreed to talk with BA first of all. Our contractor has been instructed to re-instate the area outside Mr Smailes' property which was caused when the river wall was being repaired.

JT told the meeting that DS had suggested that the spoil from the Goit could be left where it is, sprayed and then seeded. This would create a banking at that side of the Goit. A few rough dips in a couple of places on Middle Green could also be filled with some of the spoil and also some placed across the other side of the river.

6.4 Drainage in Sports Fields - a way forward:

PW told the meeting this is still an issue and we are awaiting for prices to clear the drainage down to the A65.

6.5 Public Participation:

A parishioner told the meeting that sadly the Cedar tree on High Green is dying which is such a shame. After discussion it was decided to contact a tree surgeon to look at the tree in question when the inspection takes place in autumn.

Another parishioner advised the meeting that the wall damage mentioned at a previous meeting on Low Green is to be repaired by the farmer who owns the field adjoining.

PW read out to the meeting the letter received from the Environment Agency regarding the tree still in the river. DS also commented that there is another tree in the river and could this be used to help shore up the banking.

6.6 Speeding & Signs:

This item on the Agenda has been discussed earlier in tonight's meeting.

7. To consider the planning applications and decisions:

See attached list.

8. Financial Matters:

8.1 To approve the accounts for payment.

INCOME

Honesty Box 11.7.16	233.01
Honesty Box 27.7.16	115.85

EXPENDITURE

Staff Wage	357.65
Staff Wage	417.28
Staff Wage	40.00
C Cowgill (5 Invoices)	1370.64
Ellesmere Press	325.00
Shorrock Trichem	38.92
Craven Stationery	119.00
Village Hall (NP) Room Hire	25.00
Village Hall Rent	152.00

Community a/c	£36,729.83
SBS a/c	£22,738.19

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

PW advised the meeting that the representative from NYCC he met with recently had concerns regarding these broken bars as he viewed this as a hazard and felt they needed to be replaced as soon as possible. He therefore asked the meeting to consider replacing the bars which are broken opposite the Bollywood Cottage and presented the meeting with a quote to do this work.

All in favour to go with the quote provided to replace the 12 metre tubing as soon as possible.

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

See attached list.

2. DS to look up 1841 Map to try and obtain a suitable name suggestion for new housing site.

5. Clerk to email Graham Tarn to confirm he can now proceed.

7. Bins ordered, meeting arranged for next Monday 15 August 2016.

8. Passed information onto JT.

11. Agreed to go ahead with the RoSPA Playground Inspection in September 2016.

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 12 September 2016**

