

# **GARGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting  
held Monday 9 May 2016

Councillors: Peter Ward(PW), Janet Turner(JT), Janet Sugden(JS), David Syms (DS), Derrick Evans (DE), Alan Robinson (AR) and Clerk – Kathryn Ashby.

**1. To receive apologies for absence:** Cllrs Pearl Holmes, Brian Atkinson 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 April 2016 were accepted as a true record. Proposed by JT and seconded by DE. All in favour and accepted unanimously.

**4.1 Matters Arising:**

**6.5 a)** PW advised the meeting that the wall at the rear of the public toilets is actually in the river now. This must have been damaged over winter and the Environment Agency are not sure if it is their responsibility or ours but have sort of said that we can go ahead as it is seen as emergency works. PW advised the meeting that he has instructed the contractor to commence the work and pump concrete into the wall to repair it. The contractor is to price up the job and get back to us with a price. All in favour of getting on with the work as soon as possible.

**6.5 b)** Following a discussion regarding offering some kind of financial support to the Sports Club, Football and Cricket Fields, it was felt that this could be offered in the way of match funding on an as and when basis. We will not be supporting on a financial basis.

**6.4** PW told the meeting that work had taken place to solve the flooding issue at Raybridge by laying new drainage across the fields which runs into Eshton beck. We have been contacted recently by NYCC regarding concerns about flooding from open ground between Skipton Road and the Canal. Some of the land is the responsibility of the Parish Council and we therefore need to sort out the drainage in the Playground. PW advised the meeting that his idea was to clear the drainage from the Playground, down the side of the Cricket Field and right through to the new drain on the main road. This would then solve the drainage problem and hopefully last us for many years.

**6.5 c)** PW told the meeting that the flags and banners and bunting around the village for the Tour de Yorkshire all looked well and wished to thank JT for all her efforts in arranging this.

**4.1 6.1 f)** JT told the meeting that on the subject of Dog Fouling around the village, can the Clerk contact the Dog Warden again and remind him about supplying us with signs and anything else he can give us to help with this problem.

## **5. Matters requested by councillors:**

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

**5.2 District Cllr Simon Myers** – No apologies received.

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

PW told the meeting that this month there will be no Chairman's Report. He can however understand people's concerns about CDC's process. Gargrave have put forward a very good Neighbourhood Plan and there have been a lot of people involved. We were hoping that CDC would support our suggestions. Because they have not, we took the steps to deliver these latest forms. The Parish Council would encourage everyone to read what is in the documentation, and then respond either online or by completing the feedback form to CDC with your views. The Parish Council would be delighted if you would vote for the Gargrave Neighbourhood Plan.

**6.1 Police Report:** A report has been received today from the Police to advise no reported crime in the whole of Craven in the last 24 hours showing the area is still a safe place to live.

**6.2 Speeding Updates – Results & Cost of Signs:** PW told the meeting that he felt by purchasing and erecting a speed sign it would make a difference.

A parishioner suggested to the meeting that putting stickers on our dustbins showing the correct speed has been known to work.

PW read out to the meeting the latest speed report for Hellifield Road. AR pointed out that there has been an accident recently and this has obviously not been taken into account. Clerk to raise this matter with the Police. PW told the meeting that we have now received the information requested regarding the cost of speed signs. It is not felt that Gargrave is one of the important priority sites. However we can pay for a sign and this will cost £6000 over a four year period. One Sign for four years is £1500 a year. PW told the meeting that he felt we should go ahead with purchasing one. He will speak with the contact given on the correspondence first of all, as this has only been received today.

JT told the meeting that she felt the sooner we buy one the better with all the concerns raised on the proposed housing on Hellifield Road. All in favour.

**6.3 Update and Quotes – Goit Clearance & Playground Gates:** Three quotes have been received for both jobs. PW told the meeting that we would be going ahead with this work as soon as possible.

The clearance of the Goit will involve about 200 tons being removed from the water. This will be left at the side for two weeks when it will then be removed and distributed on the Woodland Walk. This will be sprayed once laid.

## **6.4 Public Participation**

a) JT told the meeting that an old rusty mower has been found in the weeds on the Middle Green.

b) DE advised the meeting that when doing his inspection of the Playground he noticed that the back board of the Rules sign had broken. JT to ask Mr Blackwell to do this repair work.

One parishioner raised several points:-

1. He asked the meeting if anything had been heard back regarding the damaged trees along Skipton Road, that he reported some time ago. PW explained that CDC will not undertake this work anymore.
2. Whilst walking on Mark House Lane recently he noticed how much the wall was bowing out. The meeting agreed that the Clerk should raise the matter with Area 5 -NYCC.
3. What is the national speed limit along Chew Lane, should this be 30mph. It is not a road to be restricted. The clerk to raise with NYCC.

**6.5 Use of Summer Seat:** PW advised the meeting that this matter has already been dealt with earlier at the AGM but just for the record, the Parish Council has decided the Summer Seat can only be used to raise funds for Charities, not for commercial use as we do not feel it is appropriate use of the Summer Seat.

#### **6.6 Playground:**

PW told the meeting that the Playground Group had recently done a presentation of their final proposals for the new Playground and he read out several of the slides presented that evening. One of the group told the meeting they estimated £12,559 has already been raised but they are hoping to raise £110,000. They are still awaiting to hear from Yoreventure and the Coulthurst Trust. The group told the meeting they were hopeful that the Parish Council would support their proposals for the playground.

A spokesperson for the group explained that the existing garden area will be grassed over and become a picnic area, the only garden planned will be a sensory garden area. The Skate Park will stay where it is. The group asked for a formal agreement tonight before they complete their Lottery Bid application and added that the drainage will be included in this bid.

PW asked the group to provide the Parish Council with a copy of the up to date plans and agreed to prepare a letter of support from the Parish Council on letterhead.

#### **6.7 Street Lighting Upgrade Quote:**

PW told the meeting that following the requested survey of street lights around the village and to install a solar light and pole for the Railway Station Car Park, our contractor had now provided a quote for this work. PW suggested that possibly the Parish Council should go with this quote. All voted in favour of the Clerk contacting the Electrical Contractor asking him to proceed with the work.

JT told the meeting that an invoice has been received recently for new led lighting outside and inside the Church to reduce the cost going forward. The Parish Council did agree some time ago to pay for the work outside the Church but not the inside.

PW asked the meeting if they would consider paying for the whole of this recent work. The Parish Council voted all in favour to pay for the outside work only and let the Church pay the new lighting inside. Therefore JT will write to the contractor and explain the decision and request an amended invoice.

### **6.8 Additional signatory for banking:**

The Parish Council agreed to have another signatory for banking and PW suggested that this should be the Clerk. The Clerk is quite happy to be an additional signatory and will contact the Bank to find out what is required to set this up with them.

### **6.9 Update from Cllr D Evans on Footpath:**

DE advised the meeting that he has arranged a meeting with Cnty Cllr Shelagh Marshall regarding the closure of the footpath on the A65, Hellifield Road and this will take place on Tuesday 24 May 2016 at the Area5 offices at Snaygill at 10am. DE told the meeting that he had put a draft letter together regarding the Parish Council taking over the footpath. He also pointed out that by re-opening the footpath, it would reduce the walk from the proposed new development from approx. 1 mile down to a few yards walk to the School.

JT told the meeting that the Parish Council took over the footpath between the houses down to the Playground some time ago.

### **6.10 Grounds Maintenance – Tree Surveys etc**

JS gave an update to the meeting on the benches advising that seven of the benches have now been flagged underneath and the contractor has made a very good job. These will be strimmed around and the stone cleaned up and there is another 10 to do.

JT told the meeting that Tony Blackwell is to maintain the benches around the village.

A parishioner spoke out to advise the Parish Council that the wood on the seat of the benches is very dirty and needed cleaning up. JT agreed to contact Mr Blackwell to look at the benches and clean and oil where necessary.

PW told the meeting that following correspondence with CDC it appears we need to find our own contractor to survey the trees which need attention on all the village greens. It was agreed to look into who could do this locally and obtain two quotes.

## **7. To consider the planning applications and decisions:**

See attached list.

## **8. Financial Matters:**

8.1 To approve the accounts for payment.

### **INCOME**

27.04.16 Northern Powergrid Wayleave	20.00
05.04.16 Honesty Box	156.77

### **EXPENDITURE**

K Ashby	
GNPG 87.22 )	510.93
PC 538.71 )	

J Provan – Toilet Cleaner	336.00
Village Hall DD	102.00

Alan Poxon - Kites & Flags	109.95
Came & Co	1503.83
Shorrock Tricham Ltd	38.92
Wharfedale Drain Service	75.00
Neil Ives – Toilets	42.00
Omnis	308.88
P Ward – Computer Repair	120.00
D Thompson – Computer work	30.00
RA Lowther Flowerbed repair and plants	690.40
S Claxton – Street Lights repairs	1354.25
Yorkshire Water	88.97
Scott Janitorial	120.54
Craven Stationery – various	374.08
Merritt & Fryers Ltd	29.11
C Cowgill	1226.64

To consider rent increase - Village Hall from £102.00 to £152.00 per month from June 2016.

Barclays 22.04.16	£33,454.73
Skipton B.S	£22,549.82

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

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

See attached list.

1. Response to be sent to NYCC email advising we have elected to source a drainage company to come out and clear the drain in the Playground right through to the main road.

4. The Parish Council agreed to go ahead with the purchase of speed signs for the village.

5. Response to be sent to NY Police on speed report for Hellifield Road, regarding recent accident on this stretch of road.

11. Accept the increase in the office rent from the Village Hall Committee. Clerk to make enquiries as to alternative office space in the village and report back.

JT asked the meeting to decide on some appropriate wording for the Parish council's response to the CDC Local Draft Plan.

Suggested wording was agreed as:-

The Parish Council wish to support the Local Green Spaces 1 -14 inclusive. We wish to support Gargrave Neighbourhood Plan green spaces as well.

The Parish Council wish to support GA004, GA031 and also wish to support the other Gargrave Neighbourhood Plan sites.

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 13 June 2016**