

GARGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 1 December 2014

Councillors Mrs Janet Turner, Mr David Syms, Mrs Janet Sugden, Mr Brian Atkinson, Mr Peter Ward, Mr Alan Robinson, Mr Derrick Evans, Mrs Pearl Holmes, Ms Carole Conroy Craven District Cllr Simon Myers, Clerk – Kath Ashby and one parishioner.

1. To receive apologies for absence: Cnty Cllr Shelagh Marshall.

2. To acknowledge those present: Cllr Janet Turner acknowledged those present and welcomed Carole Conroy our new Parish Councillor.

3. To receive any declaration of interest: Nothing declared.

4. To confirm the minutes of the last meeting:

The minutes of the last meeting from 3 November were accepted as a true record. Proposed by Pr Cllr.Derrick Evans and seconded by Pr Cllr. Peter Ward. All in favour and accepted unanimously.

4.1 Matters Arising:

The Clerk passed over documentation and all paperwork to Cllr Derrick Evans re the pathway at the top of Neville Road, which leads onto the A65. Cllr Evans has agreed to look into this.

4.2 Cllr Janet Turner advised the meeting that we needed to set a date for a meeting to agree the budget for next year prior to the 16 January 2015.

4.3 Letter to Stephen Brown has been put into the Parish Magazine.

4.4 The repair to the walled garden has now been completed; we are just awaiting the invoice that can then be forwarded onto the Insurance Company involved.

4.5 The Christmas Lights were switched on Sunday 30 November. 120 people attended and the feedback was that they were lovely and thanks were also given to the Parish Council for the fact that the toilets had been left open during this time.

The Clerk will email the contractor to pass on thanks for this work.

4.6 The power cut situation has still not been resolved and there have been more cuts.

4.7 The playground group have asked the Parish Council to advise them what they think will work and what they do not want in the playground. Cllr Peter Ward agreed to draft a response back to the group later this week.

4.8 Cllr Janet Sugden advised the meeting that the matter of hedging around the playground was still ongoing and she was awaiting a price back from the Contractor.

4.9 Cllr Janet Turner advised the meeting that following the conclusion of the audit; none of the parishioners have asked to see the books.

5. Matters requested by councillors

5.1 Craven District Cllr Simon Myers: advised the meeting that the matter of car parking charges was still not finalised. The only place NY planned to go ahead with charging was the car parking in Gargrave and turn down all the others. The matter has now been discussed at Select Committee and will go to the Policy Committee in January 2015 when it is hoped that the matter will be knocked on the head. The matter may of course come back in another form sometime in the future.

Cllr Janet Turner passed a letter over to Cllr Simon Myers, received from a parishioner who wished to bring to the attention of the Parish Council the problem of leaves on River Place who agreed to look into this matter.

Cllr Myers told the meeting that the good news was the Jerry Croft is going to re-open on Friday 5 December 2014. He went on to explain proposed plans for the Town Hall and the refurbishment of the Museum with funds provided by a grant from the Big Lottery.

Cllr Janet Turner advised the meeting that the Co-op on the High Street had approached her asking if they could go ahead and tidy the land outside the store. They seem to think that this frontage, along with the bench and bin area belongs to the Parish Council.

Cllr Simon Myers agreed to speak with Stephen Brown who will have access to the information from the Land Registry and therefore should be able to answer the question of who actually owns that land.

Cllr Janet Turner will put something together to send round to all the Parish Councillors before we respond to the Co-op.

Cllr Janet Turner also advised the meeting that earlier last month we wrote to a parishioner to request he trim back shrubbery on the left hand side outside his wall going up the hill towards the bridge on West Street. On looking further into this area, it has been discovered that this area did in fact used to be pavement.

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

6.1 Public Participation

PP told the meeting that the lights were now installed outside the Village Hall and asked if everyone was happy with the new lighting. One complaint has been received saying that the lights were shining too brightly when driving down Neville Road and not bright enough outside the actual Village Hall.

PP also asked the Parish Council if they could replace the sign indicating the way to the Annex please. Cllr Janet Turner suggested two small signs to be fixed at the bottom of the new signs saying 'Annex'. All in favour and accepted.

Cllr Janet Turner told the meeting that in this month's Parish Magazine there is a photograph showing residents who planted the new little trees. The Parish Council wish to say a big thank you to the group for all their help and hard work.

6.2 Police Report

Neither email nor Officer present at the meeting. The Clerk to send a Christmas card to Grassington Police and email them requesting they keep the Parish Council informed.

6.3 Agree a budget meeting date prior to the 16 Jan 2015

It was agreed to hold the budget meeting in the office privately at 6.30am on Monday 5 January 2015 prior to the monthly meeting, which will take place slightly later at 7.30pm.

6.4 Playground response to group

Cllr Janet Turner and Cllr Peter Ward agreed to put together a response to the Playground group.

6.5 Christmas Office closure

The Parish Council Office will close for official business on Monday 22nd December 2014 and re-open Monday 5 January 2015. The Clerk to put onto website.

6.6 Boxing Day agreement – Hunt

Cllr Brian Atkinson advised the meeting that he has received two complaints following this event. The Clerk to respond to Pendle Forest and Craven Hunt advising that the Parish Council has no objection to the meet going ahead, as long as any damage to the ground is repaired and any dog fouling is removed following the event. Failure to do this will result in a charge being made as we must make sure the green is suitable for villagers and visitors to safely use.

6.7 Paths and obstructions

Cllr Janet Turner advised the meeting that she had been advised that the Masons Arms probably still had plans for a campsite and allotments alongside the Damside.

Cllr Derrick Evans reported that the top left hand flag step is rocking quite badly on the pathway between Neville Crescent and Higherlands Close. Also Cllr Evans said there were still problems with traffic cones and A-boards and a bench at the right hand corner of Neville Road, across from the Village Hall. The Clerk to report both matters to Area 5.

7. To consider the planning applications and decisions:

See attached list.

8. Financial matters:

8.1 To approve the accounts for payment.

Proposed by Cllr Peter Ward and seconded by Cllr Pearl Holmes. All in favour and accepted.

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

See attached list.

Item 1) Clerk to reply to Pendle Forest and Craven Hunt.

Item 2) Refer onto NYCC

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Item 4) Cllr J Turner has written a letter to the resident regarding vehicle access.

Item 7) Parish Precept form to complete and return.

Item 11) Note from Parishioner re amount of fallen leaves on River place passed onto Cllr Simon Myers.

10. To notify the clerk of matters for inclusion on the Agenda of the next meeting.

11. Date of next meeting: This was confirmed as Monday 5 January 2015 at the slightly later time of 7.30pm.

Cllr Janet Turner wished everyone a Happy Christmas.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.15pm

