

GARGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 11 August 2014

Councillors Mrs Janet Turner, Mr David Syms, Mrs Janet Sugden, Mr Derrick Evans, Mr Peter [Ward](#) and Clerk – Kath Ashby
Craven District Councillors, Mr Simon Myers and Mr Alan Sutcliffe and one parishioner.

1. To receive apologies for absence: County Cllr Shelagh Marshall and Parish Cllr Pearl Holmes.

2. To acknowledge those present.

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 7 July were accepted as a true record. Proposed Pr Cllr. David Syms and seconded by Pr Cllr. Peter Ward. All in favour and accepted unanimously.

4.1 Matters Arising

a) One parishioner was given permission to spray the triangle of grass near the war memorial but this has still not been done.

The idea of installing bike racks was discussed but Cllr Peter Ward suggested that the area be sprayed first of all.

b) Update on Electricity supply at Village Hall and Church: No update was available, therefore the matter was put forward to the September Agenda.

c) River work update: The work has been completed but the contractor was contacted to tidy up the slipway down to the river. Cllr Janet Sugden confirmed that this had now been done.

4.2 Response from Police re: accident outside the Bollywood Cottage:

The clerk to contact our Insurance Company and advise of the details of the vehicle and driver and his insurance details who ran into the walled garden outside the Bollywood Cottage now that the Police have managed to trace this information.

The Clerk to contact the contractor who is to install the Railway footpath to ask him to quote to make good this area.

4.3 Railway footpath: The contractor has accepted the proposed work for the Railway Station footpath which he plans to do during August.

4.4 Posts now removed from Low Green: but we have received a complaint about the Ragwort growing on the green. The Clerk contacted DEFRA and CDC for information of how best to dispose of this weed safely. This information has also been forwarded to our grass-cutting contractor for his retention. The ragwort has now been removed and will be composted over the next few weeks

4.5 Broken kerb- stones: it will be during August that tarmac will be put down to repair the two kerb stones on the corner of the river bridge. Church Lane has been resurfaced but an area of tarmac has been lifted by the dustbin wagon at the corner of Goffa Mill. The Clerk has notified Area 5 accordingly. The manhole cover is now repaired.

5. Matters requested by councillors:

5.1

District Cllr Simon Myers gave his thanks for the service held at the War Memorial on Monday 4 August and said this was absolutely fantastic and did Gargrave proud and the British Legion were thrilled with the whole event.

Regarding the cat which was killed in the plantation recently, a name has been obtained of the man who has the two lurcher dogs. Cllr Myers is to draft a letter regarding this matter.

Proposals are underway to close the Police custody cells in Skipton and reduce the number of Sergeants which will mean only two left for Craven. One urban ie: Skipton and one rural. CDC are not happy about this but having to be slightly realistic. They are committed to maintaining the level of constables however.

Pay & Display Parking in North Street: Cllr Alan Sutcliffe advised the meeting that it was proposed to charge 50p per hour, £1.70 for two hours between the hours of 10am to 4pm each day. If this proposal goes ahead it will definitely be reviewed after twelve months. The proposals include resurfacing West Street car park, giving it to the village as resident only parking.

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

6.1 Public Participation

Mr Alan Robinson asked if he could become a Parish Councillor, thereby filling one of the current vacancies. The Clerk will obtain the necessary details.

6.2 Police Report

Neither email nor Officer present at the meeting.

6.3 Dam Side:

Clerk to contact our grass cutting contractor to ask him to remove nettles and weed which are hanging over the pathway alongside the Dam Side.

The problem was also raised of the Willow Tree which is hanging into the river by Pinfold. Clerk to contact contractor to ask if he would be prepared to remove the tree as a matter of emergency.

6.4 Land on Church Street/Goit:

This work has now been done and the bill has been received today for payment.

6.5 Neighbourhood Plan Questionnaire distribution:

These leaflets have all been distributed apart from a few where people said they had not received theirs or they had lost them. All questionnaires have to be in by Friday of this week.

It was suggested that on the day of the Coffee Morning to be held 20th September at 10am until 2pm that villagers are invited to come along and have their say.

6.6 War Memorial clean and service update - Windle's fund top-up:

Everyone was very pleased with the final result. The contractor did however point out several cracks. It was agreed to monitor these for now. He did advise that if and when this work becomes necessary, that a qualified stonemason undertakes the repairs. Parish Cllr Janet Turner thanked Mr Robinson for all his efforts and garden work around the War Memorial.

The final bill for the cleaning has now been received for payment. It was agreed that the difference would be made up from the Windle's fund.

6.7 Playground car park fencing:

It was suggested to plant hawthorn bushes in between the existing. Pr Cllr Turner felt that for risk assessment purposes there should be metal fencing as well to stop anyone on hands and knees going out to the car park. This matter was moved forward to the September Agenda for further discussion.

6.8 NYCC Verges:

Pr Cllr Turner read out to the meeting the article from Julian Smith regarding reducing services ie: grass cutting. Working with groups perhaps, by the use of volunteers looking at wild flower planting. All in favour of a parishioner to set up a working group using the experts from the Yorkshire Dales National Park.

7. To consider the planning applications:

See list attached.

8. Financial matters:

8.1 To approve the accounts for payment.

See attached list.

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

See list attached

1. Item 10. Northern Power grid consultation query – Cllr Peter Ward to respond.
2. Item 12 Liaison Meeting 24th September invitation at Bellevue Mills, Skipton commencing at 6.30 and everyone welcome to attend.
3. Item 13 Rural Council – Cllr Derrick Evans to respond.
4. Item 14 YLCA Course – No more information necessary.

5. Item 17 ROSPA - September inspection as usual at the Playground.
6. Item 18 Affordable Housing Event – 29 September, two places booked.
7. Item 22 KCS various correspondence – advised to ignore all requests.
8. Item 25 CDC Nomination Poster – to be placed in the notice board.
9. Item 29 CDC Planning – emails direct – Clerk to reply – No.

11. Date of next meeting:

This was confirmed as Monday 1 September 2014 at 7.15pm

There being no other business the meeting closed at 10.00 pm.