

# GARGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of Parish Council Meeting Held on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2014

**Present:** Councillors Mrs Janet Turner, Mr David Syms, Mrs Janet Sugden, Brian Atkinson, Mrs. Pearl Holmes, Mrs. Betty Stringer, Craven District Councillor Simon Myers and a number of parishioners.

### **1. To receive apologies for absence:**

Clerk Mrs. Helen Carruthers, North Yorkshire County Councillor Shelagh Marshall. Councillor Janet Turner acted as Clerk and Councillor David Syms chaired the meeting.

### **2. To receive any declaration of interest**

No member of the Parish Council made any declaration of interest.

### **3. To confirm the minutes of the last meeting**

The minutes of the last meeting on Monday 6th January 2014 were confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings – Proposed Cllr. Betty Stringer – agreed unanimously. Councillor David Syms signed the minutes as Acting Chairman.

There were no matters arising from the minutes other than those on the agenda.

### **4.1 Public Participation**

(a) A resident noted that some road sweeping had been done last month but stated that it was insufficient. Craven District Cllr. Simon Myers agreed to contact the appropriate department at Craven DC.

Also the street lamp on the link path between Higherlands and Neville Crescent has been out for several weeks. Cllr. Syms explained the problem with a lack of understanding by Yorkshire Housing. Again District Cllr. Myers agreed to look into this problem.

(b) A resident asked about the availability of land for allotments. He was asked to give his name and address to add to the register of other villagers interested in taking an allotment. He was given a brief history of the efforts to obtain land for this use.

(c) A representative of the School PTA gave a brief presentation about the benefits and proposals for a village defibrillator as there are already two in the village, one at the doctor's surgery and one at the dentist's surgery but these are not available outside surgery hours. It was agreed to put this item on the agenda for the March meeting. Approximate costs of £1,00 for installation and £48 per annum running costs were quoted.

(d) Sarah Pawson and Gemma (?) explained the proposed timetable for their vision for the village playground. This will take several months but they gave the Parish council a draft of a formal agreement between the two parties. The Council agreed to consider it and gave the ladies a book showing drawings and dimensions of certain "self-build" equipment.

### **4.2 Smithy Croft response letters**

To date the Parish Council has received 7 responses to the 20 letters it hand delivered to the residents of Smithy Croft. It was agreed to send these replies with a covering note to North Yorkshire CC to seek their response as the landowners. A copy of this submission is to be sent to County Cllr. Shelagh Marshall.

### **4.3 Report from YCLA representatives**

Cllrs. Janet Sugden and Janet Turner reported that the main topics for discussion among the parishes in the Craven DC area were (a) the land put forward for the SHLAA, (b) the financial precept for 2014/15 and Craven DC's forthcoming decision as to whether to pass on all the amounts requested by Parish Councils and (c) North Yorkshire CC's presentation.

### **4.4 Report regarding the Neighbourhood Planning Working Group**

Cllrs. Syms and Turner reported that a member of the Group has produced a possible timetable for the steps which need to be followed as well as information on the forthcoming meeting with the Planning Department of Craven DC which scrutinises the Group's progress. It was reported that the

Parish Council has been given permission to continue with its programme and that it has been awarded a grant of several thousand pounds to complete the exercise. The Parish council voted unanimously to join Rural Action for Yorkshire to assist the Group.

#### **4.5 Playground**

Cllrs. Pearl Holmes and Janet Sugden proposed that a new wooden gate be installed on the snicket from Sharphaw View and that the work recommended in the RoSPA report for the see-saw and the area of bark chippings be undertaken. This was agreed unanimously.

It was also announced that the skate park ramps were to be delivered within the next few weeks and that four new swing seats were also to be fitted in a similar time frame.

#### **4.6 Grass cutting specification**

The specification for 2014 was discussed at length, including investing in an aeration programme. It was agreed to include at least 14 cuts during the season from 1 April to 31 October plus various strimming and weed clearance work.

#### **4.7 Damage to Middle Green and High Green**

The Council agreed that the acting Clerk should send a letter of complaint to YED after the contractor who carried out their work on Middle Green "ploughed up" certain areas.

Damage to High Green near the river bridge was discussed and past efforts to stop this were recalled. The council agreed that the acting Clerk should send a letter to the residents in that area to give notice that the Parish council intends to put stones in place to protect the grass.

#### **4.8 May 2014 elections**

The Council agreed that the acting Clerk should include in the material sent for insertion in the parish magazine a reminder of the Parish Council election in May 2014 with a view to seeking candidates.

#### **5.1 Report from County Councillor**

Councillor Shelagh Marshall did not attend the meeting.

#### **5.2 Report from Craven District Councillor**

Councillor Simon Myers advised on the procedure to be followed in respect of affidavits.

He also confirmed that the Parish council will receive the full precept for 2014/15.

The Parish Council asked him to look into a street lighting problem on the steps between Higherlands and Neville Crescent. And into an invoice received from Craven DC for work which it was not certain had been performed. He agreed and took the relevant details.

#### **5.3 Dog waste issues**

As Cllr. Betty Stringer had left the meeting prior to this item, the Council agreed to include it on the agenda for the March meeting. The Parish Council agreed that the acting Clerk should include in the material sent for insertion in the parish magazine information that the black waste bins as well as the red ones are available for the deposit of dog waste.

#### **6. To consider planning applications:**

See list attached.

#### **7. Accounts**

The monthly accounts were presented for payment:

Cllr. Syms proposed that all the account be paid and all Parish Councillors agreed thereto.

#### **8. Correspondence**

See list attached.

1. a letter regarding item 10 – it was agreed that Cllr. Syms would deal with this.

2. a letter from a person in Doncaster about Times Past 1911 in Gargrave.

Clerk's Update. Parish Councillors to notify the Clerk of matters for inclusion on the agenda of the next meeting.

**Date of next meeting**

Parish Council Meeting – Monday 3rd March 2014 at 7.15 p.m.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.30pm