

GARGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting Held on Monday 6th January 2014

Present: Councillors Mrs Janet Turner, Mr David Syms, Mrs Janet Sugden, Mrs. Pearl Holmes, Mrs. Betty Stringer, North Yorkshire County Councillor Shelagh Marshall, Craven District Councillor Simon Myers and a number of parishioners.

1. To receive apologies for absence:

Clerk Mrs. Helen Carruthers, Parish Councillor Brian Atkinson. 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

In the absence of the Clerk no minutes of the last meeting from Monday 2nd December 2013 were available.

4.1 Public Participation

(a) A number of parishioners requested that the streets and paths be cleaned of compressed leaf litter. The Acting Clerk is to contact Craven District Council to request this.

(b) It was reported that a street light on the A65 opposite the War Memorial was out. The Acting Clerk is to contact North Yorkshire County Council to request its repair.

(c) A group of concerned residents made a presentation on all the current sites put forward for potential housing development under the SHLAA. The presentation took into account the plan by Craven District Council for 75 new homes within the village over a 15 year period, after Craven District Council's Local Development Plan has been adopted later this year. Any building commenced before that adoption will be deemed to be included within Craven District Council's previous spatial plan. The Council agreed to hold a meeting on Monday 13th January to collate its thoughts with other responses from the village so that the Council can reply to Craven District Council before 27th January as requested.

(d) Playground weekly inspection timetable.

January – David Syms, February, Betty Stringer, March Janet Turner, April Janet Sugden, May Pearl Holmes.

Contact is to be made by the Acting Clerk with Kompan regarding their quote for swings as it appears to include too many chains.

Contact is to be made by the Acting Clerk with Clever Curves regarding the price of the skate park units as this is more than their earlier quote

5. Report from County Councillor

(a) Councillor Shelagh Marshall asked that the information which she sent to the Council last month regarding transport planning should be inserted in the parish magazine.

(b) Councillor Marshall was prepared to help the village's request for North Yorkshire to insert the path through the Jephson housing development on the designated map.

6. Report from Craven District Councillor

Councillor Simon Myers reported that:

(a) Craven District Council has still made no decision as to how much of the money allocated to it by the Government to meet Parish Council precept requests will be passed on to Parish Councils.

(b) Craven District Council has still made no decision about the application of charging to their three car parks in the village or as to the designation of their usage.

(c) he will help with the drafting of affidavits from residents to prove the use of the footpath from the A65 to the school through the Jephson housing development for at least 20 years and with other legal documentation in that connection.

6. To consider the following planning applications:

Application

30/2013/14136 – no comment against

30/2013/14110 – no comment against

30/2013/14125 – considered to be an improvement on the first application

30/2013/14137 – no comment against

Decision Notice

30/2013/13982 – approved

30/2013/13969 – approved

30/2013/14050 – approved

30/2013/14017 – approved

30/2013/14091 - approved

30/2013/14163 - approved

7. Accounts

(a) The monthly accounts were presented for payment:

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

(b) Budget for the year ending 31 March 2015.

The Council looked at training and keeping the toilets open. Administration expenses are now to include the financial assistance to the library and the work on the Neighbourhood Plan. Playground responsibilities were considered. Under Rivers and Greens the grass cutting specification is to be reduced to 14 cuts p.a. but some additional areas are to be added to the specification. River bank work was budgeted for as was a contingent amount for the Tour de France – le Grand Depart. Street lighting includes the Christmas lights, repair and replacement lights as required.

It was decided to request a precept of £44,000 from Craven District Council, no increase on last year's precept.

The Adoption of the Budget was proposed by Councillor David Syms and seconded by Councillor Betty Stringer. It was approved unanimously.

8. Correspondence

1. E-mail regarding parking and blocking of a drive by attenders at the Hunt on Boxing Day and on youths playing football around the summer seat – the respondent is to be advised to contact the Police.
2. Smithy Croft developments – Craven district council as to be asked if the deep verges could be hard surfaced to form residents' parking.
3. Questions regarding the Yorkshire Dales National park's Local plan – are to be passed to Chris Lloyd of the Neighbourhood Plan group for them to comment.
4. There is to be a YCLA branch meeting on Monday 13th January at Skipton Town council's office at 7.00 pm. Councillors Janet Sugden and Janet Turner will attend as the council's representatives.

9. Woodland walk

An item is to be included on next month's agenda.

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 February 2014 at 7.15 p.m.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.30pm