

GARGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting Held on Monday 7th April 2014

1. To receive apologies for absence:

Councillor Brian Atkinson. Councillor Janet Turner acted as Clerk and Councillor David Syms chaired the meeting.

2. To acknowledge those present

The acting Chairman welcomed Kath Ashby, the newly appointed Clerk. Councillors Mrs Janet Turner, Mr David Syms, Mrs. Janet Sugden, Mrs. Pearl Holmes, Mrs. Betty Stringer, County Councillor Shelagh Marshall, District Councillor Simon Myers and a number of parishioners were present.

3. To receive any declaration of interest

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

4. To confirm the minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the last meeting on Monday 3rd March 2014 were confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings – Proposed Cllr. Betty Stringer, Seconded Cllr. David Syms – agreed unanimously. Councillor David Syms signed the minutes as Acting Chairman.

4.1 Matters arising

The meeting was updated on developments on the proposed installation of a defibrillator on the Co-op site with a financial contribution by the Co-op. It was agreed to continue with the Council's proposal to the PTA to add 50p to the price of each Duck Race ticket in case the installation at the Co-op failed to materialise.

5.1 Public participation

(a) It was reported that street light No.86 on Neville Crescent was out. It was agreed to pass this to Mr. Claxton, the street light contractor.

(b) It was noted that soil and building rubble was on the A65 near and alongside the entrance to the building site on the old filling station. Cty. Cllr. Shelagh Marshall agreed to bring this to the attention of NYCC Highways on the Council's behalf.

(c) The volunteer Playground improvement group reported that, following a donation of £750 from the Duke of Devonshire's Trust, they now had £2,000 in the bank. They plan a consultation with children on 24th and 25th April.

5.2 Water heater for the inner sink in the public toilet

It was agreed to install a new unit rather than repair the existing equipment after Cllr. David Syms in the Chair gave the casting vote.

5.3 A65 flower bed by Bollywood Cottage

It was agreed unanimously to have the stonework repaired. The Police are to be pursued for an incident number and the details of the insurance of the driver responsible for the damage. Also on the A65 it was reported that a protective bollard has been damaged. NYCC Highways Area 5 are to be informed.

5.4 Footpath to new railway station car park

It was agreed to proceed with the quote from Mr. N. Atkinson. Cllr. Betty Stringer is to inform him and the unsuccessful bidders.

6.1 County Councillor's report

It was agreed to allow Cty. Cllr. Shelagh Marshall to present her report at this stage.

(a) In view of the impending closure of Pennine Bus Company a meeting between the agencies interested and other bus companies was planned for later this week.

- (b) Residents can go to www.northyorks.gov.uk/tour to find up to date information on the proposed road closures for the period of the Tour de France.
- (c) Age UK is starting a new initiative Village Agents who will provide advice and direction on a wide variety of queries and assistance. Cty. Cllr. Marshall is seen as the older person's champion. Her e-mail address is marshallsm@uwclub.net

5.5 Playground – new swing seats, skatepark and car park fence

- (a) Hall & Jameson is the successful bidder for installation of the extension surfaces for the newly arrived skatepark ramps. Cllr. David Syms is to inform them and the unsuccessful bidders.
- (b) When the new swing seats were installed last month by Kompan the contractor did not need the two new chains which the Council had purchased. It was agreed to return them and ask for an amended bill to be submitted.
- (c) The car park fence is to be included in the June agenda.

5.6 Middle Green boundary wall

The Council agreed the wording of a letter to Mr. Whitelock as a solid wall is, in law a Party Wall. Accordingly both parties share the liability to repair this wall. He is to be asked if he has any plans to undertake the repair or whether the Council should seek quotes for the work.

5.7 Forthcoming river work

It was agreed to wait until the end of the week to decide upon the wording of the specification for the river work.

5.8 Report re Parish Liaison meeting

This was given by Cllr. Janet Sugden who had attended with Cllr. Janet Turner.

- (a) Superfast broadband – Ian Marr had informed the meeting that Gargrave should be able to link to the service in October and that there will be enough cabinets to link to those homes which are interested.
- (b) Tour de France – Sharon Hudson's update included information that Skipton would have two official viewing sites and Grassington one. The placement of safety barriers could mean that roads will be closed much earlier than previously thought. Social Service, the NHS and the relations of vulnerable residents are being made of potential caring problems. Mobile phone usage may crash the service and waste management issues are being discussed.
- (c) NYCC Highways Area 5 – Ken Martin gave an update on the extra £350,00 made available for pothole repair work. 2015 will see the next round of cuts:
 - (i) Verge grass cutting will cease except for the area of dangerous junctions and bends;
 - (ii) Gully and drain emptying will only happen where they are deemed critical. However residents will still be able to ring to request this service.
 - (iii) White lining will only be done where the amount of work in an area has created a sensible amount of work for a contractor;
- (d) The planning enforcement team of Craven DC consist of Kathy Dakin and two other officers plus a tree office on one day per week loan from Pendle.
- (e) Stephen Brown is dealing with the SHLAA land options, He explained about delays in the process.
- (f) The next meeting will be on 24th September.

5.9 Parish Council Election 22nd May 2014

Craven DC have and are sending all relevant documents

6.2 District Councillor's report

District Councillor Simon Myers reiterated what the Parish Councillors had been told about the Tour de France the previous week and added that, from a recent meeting in Leeds, people need to be aware of the vast number of visitors expected to come to the area and to prepare for inconvenience as well as watching an outstanding sporting event.

7. To consider planning applications

See list attached.

8. Financial matters

8.1 The monthly accounts were presented for payment and approved unanimously
It was reported that the internal auditor is due to collect the last financial year's documents on 28th April.

9. Correspondence

Actions were decided on the following:

- (a) The Council agreed to pursue the process to add the path from Neville Road to the A65 and to make an "Application for a modification order to add a public right of way to the definitive map and statement in the Parish of Gargrave."
- (b) With the conditions stipulated by the Environment Agency in mind, a suitable specification for the proposed river work is to be created and sent out to the three contractors who responded to last year's invitation to tender.
- (c) An e-mail response to Grassington Juniors Football Club, offering congratulations on their success and advising that the Council only requires white lining and re-seeding and possible help with installing the temporary posts around Low Green.
- (d) Regarding the street light between Higherlands Close and Neville Crescent, although it is not believed that it belongs to the council, Mr. Claxton is to be asked to repair it.
- (e) The Police Report is to be forwarded for inclusion in the Parish Magazine.
- (f) The request from Lune Valley Housing Association to store a to let sign and arrange for its erection when required in consideration for a payment to the Council was accepted.

Clerk's Update. Parish Councillors to notify the Clerk of matters for inclusion on the agenda of the next meeting. Some has already been notified.

Date of next meeting

Parish Council Meeting – Monday 12th May 2014 at 7.15 p.m.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.45pm