

GARGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 13 April 2015

Councillors Mrs Janet Turner, Mr David Syms, Mrs Janet Sugden, Mrs Pearl Holmes, Mr Derrick Evans, Mr Peter Ward, Mr Alan Robinson Ms Carole Conroy and Clerk – Kath Ashby.
County Cllr Shelagh Marshall.

1. To receive apologies for absence: Janet Sugden, Pearl Holmes, Brian Atkinson.

2. To acknowledge those present.

3. To receive any declaration of interest: None received.

4. To confirm the minutes of the last meeting: it was noted that in 6.1 second paragraph, this should read – This fence has now been erected and the invoice is in for payment. Clerk to amend accordingly. Proposed by Pr Cllr David Syms and seconded by Pr Cllr Peter Ward. All in favour and accepted unanimously.

4.1 Matters arising from the last minutes:

Item 4.1 Robert Marshall is back and it was agreed to chase up the form sent to him a while ago regarding the matter of speeding on Church Street. Cllr Janet Turner will post a reminder letter through his letter box.

Cllr Janet Turner advised the meeting that we have still not heard anything back from the Ranger on the subject of the condition of the path alongside the Damside. Clerk to chase up.

The gardening group who met on the 11th February we have as an Agenda item later on.

6.1. Regarding the concerns raised regarding the work along the Damside, the Parish Council has received verbal approval and disapproval to the new fencing.

6.3 Northern Power grid problem – the electricity to the street lights is now working again. The only one which is not working is one outside No 16 Eshton Road and this has been reported to the contractor.

The subject of lights out at Midnight, the maps have now been returned and there is something in correspondence relating to this matter.

6.4 Item 5, the Clerk chased up the matter again for a response from NYCC.

5.1 The question was raised regarding no signs to the Railway Station and we have a response to this in correspondence.

The subject of rubbish around the verges raised by Cllr David Syms, we have a Litter Pick date as an agenda item.

6.1 Cllr Derrick Evans raised the problem of dog mess around the village. The Clerk reported the matter to the Dog Warden who responded in March asking for the hotspots. After discussion the worst areas were West Street, North Street, corner of Neville Road, pathway from North Street up to Meadow Croft, Damside path, the path on the A65 leaving the village up to the Anchor, Marton Road from the Masons Arms to Marton Close, Eshton Road opposite Fred Green and Son and the three village greens. Clerk to report all these areas back to the Dog Warden. Also it was suggested we ask for some posters highlighting the danger to children's health. Clerk to ask if the dog warden would be willing to visit the School and talk to the children to explain the dangers of dog mess.

6.6 Sarah Pawson has sent a variety of emails and this is an ongoing matter.

Within Financial matters – Cllr Peter Ward rang the contractors who erected the fencing along the Damside to request they tidy the area further before the invoice is paid. This has now been done. Clerk to advise the grass cutting contractor to be aware of the pebbles in between the posts of the new fencing when he is strimming.

5. Matters requested by councillors:

5.1 **County** Councillor - Shelagh Marshall advised the meeting that she has made enquiries recently about the review to the Support Grant and asked if they know how it is to be used. Last year it was used on unclassified roads.

The National Park Authority have usually sent a representative once a year to Parish Councils. This year a questionnaire has been circulated. Cnty Cllr Marshall will send through the link so that this can be emailed out to all Parish Councillors. It is not necessary to answer all the questions, as long as some are answered.

Cllr Janet Turner told the meeting that people were greatly relieved to read the article in the Craven Herald about the extra buses that are going to be put on.

Cllr Janet Turner put an idea to Cnty Cllr Marshall about passengers using the School Buses.

Cnty Cllr Marshall told the meeting that she had recently attended a Transport meeting in London. She will send to the Parish Council the link for a Concessionary Fares Questionnaire. This can be passed onto the Library and also placed on the Parish Council website.

Cllr Janet Turner told the meeting that NYCC seem to want to know if we want to be given funding for the grass cutting. We will not be doing this as Systagenix will be cutting the bulk of it.

Cllr Peter Ward raised the matter of litter which is left in the lay-bys at each side of the A65 as you enter the village from the Skipton end. Wagon drivers use these lay-bys with overnight stays and other road user. The amount of litter is a problem as there are no substantial litter bins which would alleviate the problem. Clerk to contact Area 5 to request two bins.

Cnty Cllr Marshall asked the meeting for their thoughts on the lights to be turned off at midnight.

Cllr Janet Turner said as the lights along the A65 are to be left on, the rest of the village are owned by the Parish Council, so we will be keeping those on.

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

6.1 Public Participation:

A parishioner asked the meeting for an update on the closed pathway between Neville Road and the A65 as this matter has been going on for a year now and nothing has been done. Cllr Derrick Evans explained that he has been dealing with all the paperwork and the next step is that now a year has passed we will have to go to the Secretary of State. We will get the Election out of the way and then we will push it again.

Another parishioner who had already emailed the Parish Council concerning the new fencing along the Damside, said he felt very strongly about this and he felt it was an eyesore and ruined the look of the village. He could not see the point of it.

Cllr Janet Turner explained in detail the reason the decision had been taken to erect the fencing.

The cost of which has been paid for out of the Windle's bequest. A few years ago this fund also paid for the Roman weekend. Cllr Peter Ward told the meeting that he felt that when the grass grows up it will not look too bad and it will mellow.

The first parishioner then raised his concerns for the speeding problem along Marton Road. He told the meeting that he has reported the matter on many occasions on 101 but nothing has been done.

Cllr Janet Turner confirmed that the Parish Council have received the necessary paper work to report this matter again.

Another parishioner reiterated the information he provided at the February meeting regarding the weed killer he had sourced which would he believed would get rid of the weed in the water on Damside thereby there would have been no need for the fence to be erected but it still went ahead. He told the meeting that his next step was to prepare a petition to have the fence taken down and he was fairly confident this would happen.

6.2 Police Report:

None received but we are awaiting the monthly email attaching the Crime Watch Newsletter which the Police now circulate.

6.3 NPWG Chairman's Report:

Edward Bartle reported that the group are making good progress. They had a meeting on the 18th March and at that time all the call for sites had been received and our consultants were already underway assessing each individual site. Looking at criteria and assessing each site submitted and the group have another meeting planned for this Wednesday 15 April to go through the Assessment Report. The group are then going to hopefully come up with a short list of sites for future development.

A Public Consultation Event is soon to be arranged so that every member of the village can come along and express their views which will help formulate the Neighbourhood Plan. It is felt it is very important to keep CDC in the picture and we are meeting with Stephen Brown on the 23 April 2015.

One thing to note is it was thought that originally Gargrave was going to have to find 75 houses but the ones with planning permission already granted since the Local Plan put forward by CDC; may well be included in that figure, thereby the group would have to provide fewer houses as some are already built. Outline planning permission only, has been obtained for the site up by the Anchor on the A65.

The Website has been developed further and there is now a lot of information on there about the Neighbourhood Plan. Edward Bartle told the meeting that he would encourage people to have a look at this website.

Land Agents, Windle, Beech Winthrop have now carried out a land grading for each site and Kirkwells will use this information provided in this report to help do the scoring.

One resident raised a question to the Chairman of the NPWG regarding the effects on sewerage if more houses are built. Cllr Peter Ward explained the situation to the resident on how sewerage and water works and how the rules have changed regarding this and there is a new system now in place. Until plans are put in place, North Yorkshire Water will do nothing.

Edward Bartle then continued with his report, advising the meeting that an idea had been put forward regarding a leaflet drop in the village to advertise the public consultation event. It was decided to discuss this matter further at the meeting on Wednesday 15 April 2015.

6.4 Litter Pick Date and Posts on Low Green:

Cllr Janet Turner explained to the meeting about the situation on the Low Green and the process of erecting posts around the Low Green prior to the Travellers visiting. It was decided to try and get this job done by the end of April.

The meeting decided on Sunday 26 April 2015 for the Litter Pick, meeting at the

Summer seat at 11am. Clerk to contact CDC and request a supply of litter pickers, needle box and purple rubbish sacks, also make sure the event is advertised in the Craven Herald within the Gargrave News section.

6.5 Middle Green, tarmac and hedge:

Cllr Janet Turner explained to the meeting that a new resident who has recently moved down Church Lane has had a new area of tarmac put down at the bottom of the lane which goes in front of Goffa Mill. The problem is that when there is heavy rain it is causing flooding into the top garage of Goffa Mill. NYCC have stated that they are only responsible for the lane and not as far down as the new area of tarmac. Cllr Janet Turner made the suggestion that a letter is sent to all residents in the area to remind them that they should be parking outside their own property. A letter will be put together to give to the residents around that area.

Cllr Janet Turner told the meeting that the hawthorn hedge down on Middle Green has been left to grow so that it could be professionally laid. However someone has actually been and cut a patch out so that they have a view. The matter of the hedge to also be mentioned in the letter to residents.

6.6 Reminder of Annual Meeting, if anyone wishes to be Officers - come forward:

Cllr Janet Turner told the meeting the AGM will be on Monday 11 May at 7pm and the monthly Parish Council meeting will follow at the slightly later time of 7.30pm.

If anyone would like to be Chair person or Vice Chair, or anyone wishes to become Officers, please come forward.

7. To consider the planning applications and decisions:

See attached list.

8. Financial matters:

8.1 To approve the accounts for payment

INCOME	EXPENDITURE	
	D Debit - Village Hall	102.00
	K Ashby - Clerk	373.25
	J Provan -Toilets and Summer seat	371.60
	M Syms A/L cover	150.00
	Post Office Stamps	98.10
	NYCC	3376.96
	Scott	237.60
	YLCA Membership	489.00
	Village Hall (NPWG)	25.00
	JC Cowgill	450.00
	Craven Stationery (NPWG)	83.98
	JR Turner (Postal Chrg)	1.24
	CDC Last Yrs Election	120.00
	Windle Beech Winthrop	900.00
	S. Claxton St Lgts Feb/Mar	783.06
	Sec 137 Meningitis Now	100.00
	HMRC PAYE	334.60

Balances

Barclays Tracker	18,485.67
Community A/C	14,166.09
Skipton Building Soc	22,349.29

To consider

1. Chq 102210 27.03.15 Stamps to beat the increase in April
2. Chq 102214 01.04.15 Last year's Electricity bill.
3. Merritt & Fryers - mixed up bill - ours should only be for the wood oil.

Cllr Derrick Evans proposed, Cllr Peter Ward seconded. All in favour and accepted unanimously.

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

Item 3 - Send correspondence to English Heritage, Cllr Peter Ward to take a photograph to enclose. Letter to prepare.

Item 5 - Proforma to complete and send back.

Item 10 - Respond with contact details.

Item 13 - Meningitis Now - Donation of £100 agreed, all in favour and accepted unanimously.

Item 14 - This matter to be placed on September Agenda.

Item 20 - Send photographs of War Memorial, Damside, Boxing Day Hunt.

Item 21 - Place on Notice Boards.

Item 26 - Leave in abeyance.

Item 27 - Clerk to complete paperwork, Cllr J Turner to display in Village and Parish Magazine.

Item 30 - Email link to NPWG and Kirkwells for their thoughts and comments.

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 11 May at the slightly later time of 7.30pm.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 10.35pm.