

# GARGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held Monday 2 November 2015

**Councillors:** Peter Ward, Carole Conroy, Janet Turner, David Syms, Derrick Evans, Alan Robinson, Pearl Holmes and Clerk – Kath Ashby

**1. To receive apologies for absence:** Cllr Brian Atkinson, Cllr Janet Sugden and District Cllr Simon Myers.

**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 Monday 5 October 2015 were accepted as a true record. Proposed by Cllr Derrick Evans, seconded by Cllr David Syms. All in favour and accepted unanimously.

**4.1 Matters Arising:**

4.1 b) Cllr Peter Ward told the meeting that he would be requesting the speeding monitor for Marton Road, and Church Street and both ends of the village on the A65. Apparently the Police have now a new machine and one would assume that this will take a much better recording.

6.1 Cllr Janet Turner raised the matter of Mr Florentine who was due to attend our October meeting when we were to discuss bins/dog bin issues. She asked if anyone had heard anything back from him. Cllr Peter Ward told the meeting that he did not propose to go any further with the bins at the moment.

Cllr Alan Robinson added that when weeding around the War Memorial he has pulled out quite a lot of garden waste and then has no bin nearby to place it in.

Cllr Janet Turner told the meeting that traditionally she has brought up her own brown bin.

Cllr David Syms added that in the past leaves have been thrown into the small plantation which is fenced off nearby which rots down over the winter.

6.2 Point 1, Cllr Peter Ward told the meeting that a response had been received from Ken Martin regarding the possibility of a zebra crossing across from Crowgarth. He has been on a site visit and had a look at the area and felt there may be some problems between resident's driveways and at least one tree would have to be taken down. We would also need funding from a developer. Cllr Peter Ward explained that he had not actually spoken to Mr Martin as he was away on holiday at the moment but he is due back later this week.

6.2 Point 2 Fly-tipping – Cllr Peter Ward told the meeting that he had nothing further to add to this, only that the Parish Council may have to approach the land owner as the Council are saying it is not their land.

Cllr Peter Ward confirmed that a letter of support for Community Energy in Gargrave and Malham had been sent to Sandy Todd as requested.

## **5. Matters requested by councillors:**

### **5.1 County Cllr Shelagh Marshall:**

Cnty Cllr Shelagh Marshall told the meeting that the Executive have agreed to pilot County Councillor Locality Budgets, allowing every County Councillor to respond to local needs by recommending the allocation of small amounts of funding to support projects and activities that benefit the communities they represent.

The total sum allocated is £792,000 in total from General Working Balances effectively from revenue savings achieved in 2014/15, for a two year pilot with a brief evaluation at the end of the year. The budget is based on £5,000 a year for two years.

The Executive has also agreed the scheme for the allocation and administration, monitoring and evaluation. This is to give County Councillors a clear role within the criteria and process agreed. This includes promoting the scheme within 'my patch' so that it is allocated to meet appropriate needs.

Applicants will need to complete a form and return it to Cnty Cllr Shelagh Marshall who will then consider the application and forward it to the Executive, with her recommendation.

The first stage of the pilot will run from October 2015 to March 2016. Briefings are being provided to all County Councillors prior to the first stage of starting. We shall be provided with application forms. The Executive member will support the County Councillor's recommendation unless contrary to law or Council Policy.

Cnty Cllr Shelagh Marshall told the meeting that the Winter Gritting programme was now available explaining the criteria for gritting and what can attract a salt box. There is of course nothing to stop people buying salt themselves.

**5.2 District Cllr Simon Myers:** District Cllr Myers sent his apologies for this evening's meeting.

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

### **6.1 Public Participation**

Cllr Derrick Evans reported that manholes and gullies needed attention starting from outside No 90 Hellifield Road, and cover about 150 yds along the A65 going out of the village. There are 2 manholes, 1 rainwater gully and 1 sinking area. Cllr Alan Robinson told the meeting that there is also a sinking manhole cover outside No 72 High Street.

Clerk to report to Area 5.

One parishioner wished to raise several points.

a) In response to the comments from Mr Ken Martin regarding the zebra crossing across from Crowgarth, he wished to advise the meeting that there had been 3 people to his knowledge knocked down in the past attempting to cross the road in that area.

In response Cllr Peter Ward explained that he had not had the opportunity to speak with Mr Martin on this matter and we had only received a short email from him at this moment in time. It may be possible to create a zebra crossing and he intended to progress the matter further.

b) The pelican crossing up the High Street is not working properly when people are trying to cross the road. Cllr Peter Ward confirmed that he would ask Mr Martin for improvements to be made to this crossing.

c) Street lighting was reported as No 10 on Sharphaw View is still out, No 91 on Eshton Road. On South Street/River Place No 28 is also out. Clerk to report these onto our Electrical Contractor for repair.

d) Regarding the weed in the Goit, it is assumed this is wild water cress, which is a reportable weed.

Cllr Peter Ward confirmed he would ask the Environmental Agency to come out and have a look at this. He also added that we cannot spray it now until Spring but the difficulty is we need a certain permit to spray over water and all companies who can provide this service are a long way from Gargrave. The Parish Council are hoping the grounds maintenance contractor may be willing to go and have the necessary training and it has been discussed with him, and he is thinking about it at the moment.

Cllr Janet Turner told the meeting that the cost of this is something to think about for the yearly budget meeting in December.

Another parishioner wished to express her concerns on the appalling state of the High Green this year. It is not possible to see the river in parts due to the high vegetation along the river bank.

Cllr Peter Ward confirmed arrangements have been put in place to have a flail mower to cut this vegetation to an acceptable height. Our grounds maintenance man will continue to cut the grass and eventually with this should look much better. The flail mower will cut from the bottom stepping stones nearly up to the bridge and then cut the section from the bottom steps up to the house at the top. Along Damside on the High Green side and cut the hedge on Middle Green. This will be cut down 5/6 feet and kept at that height.

The parishioner told the meeting that there are around 13 types of saplings growing along the river bank at the moment. Cllr Peter Ward told the meeting that he would like to get rid of all of the big leaved weed. These need spraying carefully and we need to go in and cut trees. It will improve but it will be next year.

Cllr Peter Ward confirmed to the parishioner that he did take her points on board.

A parishioner also raised the state of the benches on High Green, as these are not in good condition at the moment, people are sitting in mud which is around each bench. There are also areas of mud around the trees in that area.

Cllr Pearl Holmes told the meeting that she passed all the information on Willow trees to Cllr David Syms last year.

Cllr Janet Turner told the meeting that several Parish Councillors met with the Environment Agency last year. Cllr Brian Atkinson mentioned all that sort of thing at the time and they said to us it was not suitable for our stretch of river.

Cllr Peter Ward suggested that we tidy our stretch of the river and then approach the Environment Agency again. He also confirmed he would write to them regarding this matter.

## **6.2 Police Report**

The monthly newsletter has been received by email and the Clerk will forward this onto all Parish Councillors for their information. Cllr Peter Ward told the meeting that the local incident recently was a stolen flower planter outside a cottage on the High Street in the village, near to the Fish and Chip Shop. There is also a problem with insecure properties in the area.

## **6.3 Neighbourhood Plan for Approval**

Edward Bartle told the meeting that we now have the final Draft Neighbourhood Plan and the Parish Council have been in the privileged position of receiving this plan to peruse prior to this evening.

It is a very comprehensive detailed document and it does serve Gargrave well.

Subject to approval by the Parish Council tonight, this plan will go out for consultation from Thursday 5 November for six weeks to the 21 December 2015.

Cllr Peter Ward showed the meeting the posters and flyers that had been printed with the map on the back.

Edward Bartle told the meeting that everyone would receive a feedback form through the door where comments could be made. On the form it will indicate the date these need returning by. All comments will be registered and logged. This is the key part of the Referendum sometime next year. It is of the utmost importance the village are made aware of this plan and people are encouraged to feed back so that we can evaluate.

1) Look at all responses

2) Modify the plan accordingly, then send to CDC and they will then look at these and have their own consultation with the public for six weeks. The public will have the opportunity to reply back to CDC and after that the next step will be forwarding to an independent Examiner.

3) Middle of next year there will be a Public Referendum.

Cllr Janet Turner told the meeting a couple of the draft plans will be taken into the Church and also there will be copies in the local shops, pubs, Library, Pharmacy and Post Office.

Edward Bartle told the meeting that he had a meeting planned to meet with the IT man to arrange for a link to be placed on the website, so that people can access the Plan.

Cllr Peter Ward proposed the meeting accept the Plan and Cllr David Syms seconded. All in favour and accepted.

Edward Bartle told the meeting that there were eight green spaces, four of which are in private ownership and we have written to each of these landowners to advise them that their land is going to be designated as such in the Neighbourhood Plan.

#### **6.4 Quotes for Triangle, Hellifield Road, Jubilee Bench & Damaged Gate, Middle Green.**

Cllr Peter Ward told the meeting that the Parish Council had received a quote for the triangle on Hellifield Road. This will involve putting down a membrane, topped with gravel and erecting a post set back so that if people need to walk on the area they can, but the post will prevent parking.

The quote has been accepted and the contractor instructed to go ahead with the work.

The Jubilee Bench will have the foundations repaired as there is major repair needed.

A quote has been received for the repair of the damaged gate on Middle Green, this has been accepted and the contractor has been instructed to go ahead with the necessary repair.

#### **6.5 Speeding on Marton Road, Hellifield Road and Skipton Road.**

This matter has been discussed earlier in the meeting.

#### **6.6 Pedestrian Crossing on Skipton Road – Update.**

This matter has been discussed earlier in the meeting.

### **7. To consider the planning applications and decisions:**

See attached list

### **8. Financial matters:**

To approve the accounts for payment.

#### **INCOME**

VAT Refund	857.67
Insurance Claim	140.00
Honesty Box – Toilets	202.53
Honesty Box – Toilets	133.11

#### **OUTGOING**

Clerk's Wages	315.91
GPC	275.68
GNPWG	79.43
Toilet Cleaning (Julie)	417.40
Shorrock Trichem Ltd	38.92
Yorkshire Water 2 <sup>nd</sup> qtr	396.00

Craven Energies	673.12
Cowgill repairs – Stepping stones	100.00
Village Hall Rent	25.00

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

Item 2 - The Christmas Lights will be switched on Sunday 29 November at 4.15pm  
 Cllr Janet Turner asked permission to buy some equipment to get the lights working following concern of the cut wire for the Xmas Tree.

Item 3 - Footway Lighting, Cllr Peter Ward read out the letter offering the service from NYCC but it was decided to carry on as we are for now.

Item 4 - Cllr Peter Ward read out the email re the speed camera from the Police.

Item 5 - Bus Subsidy Reduction - Cllr Peter Ward read out this letter and Cnty Cllr Shelagh Marshall pointed out to the meeting that we did not have a subsidy here, it was an unsubsidised service.

Item 8 - Cllr Peter Ward read out the letter from the Police of a recent scam to be aware of.

Item 10 - Playground, the request for further hedges had been refused by the Parish Council.

Item 14 - Gritting Schedule for the winter, Neville Road is not included in this.

Item 17 - Letter from resident with concerns on weight limit on the river bridge, response received. Clerk to respond back to resident with outcome of enquiry.

Cllr David Syms wished to thank everyone who had cut their own grass outside their properties this year. Thanks will also go into the Parish Magazine and the Village News.

**10. To notify the Clerk of matters for inclusion on the agenda of the next meeting.**

**11. To confirm the date of the next meeting as Monday 7 December 2015**

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.10pm

