

GARGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting

held on Monday 3 August 2015

Councillors: Peter Ward, Janet Turner, David Syms, Derrick Evans, Brian Atkinson, Alan Robinson and Clerk – Kath Ashby

1. To receive apologies for absence: Carole Conroy, Pearl Holmes, Janet Sugden, Cnty Cllr Shelagh Marshall and Craven 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 6 July 2015 were accepted as a true record. Proposed by Pr Cllr. Derrick Evans and seconded by Pr Cllr. David Syms. All in favour and accepted unanimously.

4.1 Matters Arising

Paragraph 3 – Chairman Peter Ward read out an email received from Cnty Cllr Shelagh Marshall relating to the ginnel footpath onto the A65. The information contained in the email has already being undertaken by Cllr Derrick Evans who confirmed that he is moving forward with this matter at the moment.

Paragraph 6 – Grass Cutting quote has now been received. The problem raised by residents on the state of the circle of grass in front of houses on Smithy Croft will be dealt with later in the meeting within the Correspondence section.

Page 3 – paragraph 7, re the hole on Low Green, Cllr Peter Ward told the meeting that he has recently visited the area and since being filled in, this has still not moved anywhere and appears to be fine.

Item 9 in Correspondence – the Clerk confirmed that she has contacted the Electrical Contractor who has agreed to install a separate fuse box to the base of the street light across from the Church, thereby allowing the Swan Neck to be taken off safely and repaired.

5. Matters requested by councillors: Both Cnty Cllr Shelagh Marshall and District Councillor Simon Myers sent their 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

One parishioner told the meeting he had two points to raise:

1. The continued speeding problem up Marton Road and asked what the Parish Council were doing about this.

He advised the meeting that the speed monitoring equipment was only installed for a week.

The meeting then discussed the different options, such as the cost of installing Led speed alert signs and Cllr Peter Ward asked the meeting if they felt it was something as a village that we should think about doing.

Cllr Peter Ward confirmed that he would contact the Police once again and also Robert Marshall who has been assisting the Parish Council in this matter already.

2. The little Damside, where the new fencing has been erected is so very overgrown at the moment. Cllr Peter Ward told the meeting that the Parish Council would look into this matter and try and source a weed killer that would eradicate these weeds growing in the water. This was the justification for putting the fence up whereby the contractor would cut around the new fencing to keep it looking tidy.

Cllr Peter Ward agreed to contact the Contractor and include an extra cut if it was felt it was necessary. He then explained to the meeting what was causing the extra weeds and confirmed that the Parish Council would have to think about having the Goit cleaned out.

A second parishioner said that he wanted to say he still felt that the fence should be taken out as he feels that it is a health and safety hazard. He also pointed out that he had already supplied to the Parish Council details of a weed killer he had researched which he felt would eradicate the weed problem in the goit.

He also stated that the weeds along the riverbank are disgraceful and the condition of the area is poor. The village green should be kept clear and tidy and not a bank full of weeds.

Cllr Janet Turner explained the Parish Council have followed guidelines from the Environment Agency and that is why there are sections of the river bank cut away to prevent erosion of the river bank itself. Also planting dogwood and willow along the banking.

A discussion then took place on areas of the riverbank and areas of green where the weeds seemed to be the worst. Cllr Brian Atkinson told the meeting that one way or another he felt that the weed would have to be taken out of the goit.

Cllr Peter Ward will find out the cost and also how much to have the big stone on High Green moved at the top of the stepping stones and have concrete put in between the first two stones. Proposed by Cllr Derrick Evans and seconded by Cllr Janet Turner, all in favour.

The parishioner told the meeting that he felt that the trees along the Woodland Walk cannot grow properly because of the weeds. Cllr Janet Turner explained how there is a group of volunteers who planted these trees and have recently applied for more but they are not sure what will arrive yet.

The proposed new development of 29 houses up Hellifield Road, the same parishioner asked if a Wild Life Survey had been done. Cllr Peter Ward said he believed there was one undertaken, they were certainly asked to do so.

The same parishioner raised again the problems he has seen on Chew Lane. The gabion baskets retaining the roadway are eroding and therefore need some attention. Clerk to contact Area 5 - NYCC to report this matter.

The fly-tipping issue is still ongoing and has been reported twice by the Clerk and also the parishioner who was told by NYCC that this was not their responsibility. An email was then handed over to the Parish Council from the parishioner, which he has received recently. The Clerk requested this email to be forwarded over so that this can be sent with a covering email to both Cnty Cllr Shelagh Marshall and District Cllr Simon Myers for their assistance.

The first parishioner then asked one further question regarding the street lighting in Marton Close. Cllr Janet Turner confirmed that this was NYCC and therefore will be turned off Midnight to 5am when this comes into force.

6.2 Police Report

Neither email nor Officer present at the meeting.

6.3 NPWG Chairman's Report

There will be no report this month.

6.4 Playground

There is a bin problem as a couple of ladies used to put these out for collection but no longer do so. The fixed bins have not been emptied for some time. The blue bin is being used for mixed waste as this is seen as a green bin.

Cllr Janet Turner told the meeting that Mr Florentine from CDC is attending the October meeting and this matter needs to be raised at that time.

Cllr Peter Ward told the meeting that he is willing to put the bins out into the car park so that they will be emptied regularly. We should also get rid of the blue bin.

Cllr Janet Turner suggested that another bin would be useful across from the Fish and Chip Shop and could be sited by the benches as this section of land is not owned by the Co-op.

The Parish Council have received an email from the Playground group advising they have received a donation of rockery stones which they would like to use to make a rockery in one area of the Playground. After discussion it was decided that the Parish Council do not want the rockery stones down at the playground.

Clerk to email this response to the group.

ROSPA have notified the Parish Council of their next inspection planned for September. With this in mind, Cllr Janet Turner requested the meeting agree to the purchase of bark chippings to put down before the inspection takes place.

Proposed by Cllr Peter Ward and seconded by Derrick Evans, all in favour.

Cllr Derrick Evans reported to the meeting that the rubber tarmac around the toddler area was very slippy. Cllr Peter Ward agreed to contact the grass cutting contractor to ask if there was something he could do to rectify. The old seating area is also to be removed.

6.5 Gargrave Signage: Cllr Peter Ward advised the meeting the name and address of the driver who hit the sign has now been supplied by the Police and the Parish Council will now make contact and get the matter sorted.

6.6 Hedge to Middle Green & Fence to Low Green: Cllr Peter Ward told the meeting that doing something with the hedge on Middle Green has been talked about in the past. He has spoken with the grass-cutting contractor and therefore does not think that we need to lay it, but instead machine cut it. The contractor does not really have the facility for undertaking this work. Therefore Cllr Peter Ward will contact a contractor who cuts the hedges for NYCC and will obtain a quote. All in favour of obtaining a quote for this work.

Cllr Peter Ward told the meeting that he wanted everyone to think about putting a fence from Knowles House up to the tarmac road, along the top and then bringing all the large stones and putting a continuous row of them either side of the road down towards Systagenix.

6.7 Smithy Croft – Grass Cutting: Cllr Peter Ward told the meeting we have now received a price to tidy the circle of grass in the middle of Smithy Croft. This quote is £100 for the first cut, which includes raking up and taking the grass away. Further cuts of say 7 per year; not collecting the grass afterwards would be £35 - £40 per cut. Cllr David Syms will now relay this information back to the residents who have raised this problem and pass on the prices.

7. To consider the planning applications and decisions:

See attached list.

8. Financial matters:

8.1 To approve the accounts for payment.

INCOME

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| Honesty Box | £148.89 |
| HMRC VAT | 1939.72 |

EXPENDITURE

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| Clerk wages | | |
| GPC | 280.35 | |
| GNPWG | 28.04 | |
| Tax Refund | 55.00 | 363.39 |
| Toilet Cleaner | | 417.40 |
| DD Village Hall | | 102.00 |
| Yorkshire Water | | 175.78 |
| Room Hire GNPWG | | 25.00 |
| Shorrocks Trichem | | 37.79 |
| JC Cowgill | | 680.00 |

Balances

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| Barclays Acc | 35,917.06 | 25 June – 24 July |
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SBS

25,582.79 Windle Bequest

To consider

1. 31.07.15 Wasps nest in Gents public toilets. £45.00 + VAT awaiting invoice.

Proposed by Cllr Derrick Evans, seconded by Cllr Peter Ward, all in favour and accepted.

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

See attached list.

Item 4 – Keep Clear road painting, leave in abeyance until Sept meeting for response from Skipton Police.

Item 8 Grant information passed onto Cllr Alan Robinson – possible grant funding for War Memorial repairs.

Item 9 Cllr Peter Ward to complete the pro-forma on Local Transport Plan.

Item 10 Clerk to pass on information to Parish Magazine for inclusion in next month's magazine.

Item 13 Clerk to respond, enquiring if this is now permitted for Parish Councils.

Item 15 Cllr Janet Turner to pass on information to Edward Bartle, Chairman of GNPWG.

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 7 September 2015.**

There being no other business the meeting closed at 10.15 pm