

GARGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting

held on Monday 5 January 2015

Councillors Mrs Janet Turner, Mr David Syms, Mrs Janet Sugden, Mrs Pearl Holmes, Ms Carole Conroy, Mr Derrick Evans, Mr Peter Ward, Mr Alan Robinson and Clerk – Kath Ashby, Chairman of GNPWG, Mr Edward Bartle County Councillor Shelagh Marshall, Craven District Councillor Simon Myers and several parishioners.

1. To receive apologies for absence: Brian Atkinson

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 1 December 2014 were accepted as a true record. Proposed by Pr Cllr. Derrick Evans and seconded by Pr Cllr. Peter Ward. All in favour and accepted unanimously.

4.1 Matters Arising

4.2 Budget Meeting this has taken place before the meeting this evening.

4.3 Letter to Stephen Brown this was placed in the Parish Magazine and people appreciated that.

4.4 Repair to walled garden this work has now been completed satisfactorily. The cheque has been received from the Insurance Company and a cheque will be sent out to the contractor this week.

4.5 Christmas Lights it was confirmed by the contractor that these have now been switched off.

4.6 Power situation this has still not been resolved and there have been more problems with several street lights out on Swire Croft, Smithy Croft, and Eshton Road..

4.7 Playground Group this matter is on the agenda tonight.

4.8 Hedging around Playground Cllr Janet Sugden advised the meeting that this is still ongoing but we have now received a quote for this work.

5. Matters requested by councillors

5.1 District Councillor - Simon Myers told the meeting that the only thing he had to report was that the council tax would have to be increased. It has not been increased for five years and this will mean around 36p per week for the average Band D.

5.2 County Councillor - Shelagh Marshall advised the meeting that it was good news as the County Council has an additional revenue for Highways for road maintenance.

On the matter of speed monitoring Cllr Marshall said we must advise Police where we would like this monitoring and they will then come out and talk to residents. She suggested the area should be monitored for the full day. It may be difficult to get the speed restriction reduced. Neville Road achieved the 20mph because there is a school at the top of the road. We should ask them if the speed limit cannot be reduced, what is achievable.

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

6.1 Public Participation

Two parishioners over a period of time before Christmas reported problems that were developing with the riverbank, near the High Green stepping-stones. Cllr Brian Atkinson contacted Cllr Janet Turner and it was agreed to pass the matter over to Cllr Peter Ward to deal with as a matter of emergency. Since then a contractor carried out stabilizing work to the embankment. The problem has been cured for the time being and the invoice is now in for payment.

The problem of speeding along Church Street was raised and discussed. This problem is getting worse and it was decided that the Clerk should contact Grassington Police to request a speed monitor to be placed for the whole of Church Street. It was also suggested that if several parishioners were also to email the Police it might highlight the strong feeling of residents along that stretch of road. Cllr Janet Turner said this could also be put in the Parish Magazine to gain support and on the website.

The meeting also discussed the possibility of setting up a separate Road Safety Group.

One parishioner advised the meeting that the July minutes are missing from the website. Clerk to chase this matter with the IT man to rectify as soon as possible and e-mail back.

The same parishioner told the meeting that the yellow signs placed at each end of the mill race on Dam side were of no use and that young children could not read these signs and therefore it was very dangerous. He also reported that the footpath alongside that area was in a terrible state.

Cllr Turner explained the reason behind the yellow signs but that we would report the matter of the footpath again to NYCC.

Clerk to report the matter to Area 5 for their attention.

A representative from the Gargrave Gardening group handed out flyers to the meeting with ideas of wild flower planting on verges around the village that will no longer be mowed by the County Council. A meeting will be held in the Annexe of the Village Hall at 2.30pm on the 30th January 2015 to discuss this matter further. A poster will be put in the village notice board.

6.2 Police Report

An email has been received by the Clerk from Grassington Police attaching a new monthly newsletter and giving his contact details for if and when these are needed.

6.3 Budget Agreed – Cllr Janet Turner told the meeting that following their earlier meeting that evening, they had gone through last years figures and this years. It was decided that unfortunately CDC want the PC to respond by 17 January how much precept is needed this year. Do not know whether CDC are going to give us the grant which would mean an extra £2500 so we really cannot respond to CDC by this time. It is highly unlikely that we will receive this money this year. Cllr Myers told the meeting that he will support the Parish Council in getting the £2500.00 again this year.

6.4 Playground Group update – a member of the group gave a presentation to the meeting showing plans and idea for the playground. Handouts were also given to the meeting with a request that the Parish Council re-look at the plans and hopefully a final decision can be made very soon.

Cllr Janet Turner suggested that once the group had heard back re: their funding from Yoreventure, a meeting can be arranged to finalise the plans.

6.5 Land outside Co-op update - Cllr Janet Turner read out the letter that has been sent to the Manager of the Co-op asking for further details.

6.6 Boxing Day Hunt update – Cllr Turner advised the meeting that we have received a donation from the Pendle and Craven Hunt of £60 for the use of meeting on middle green on Boxing Day. It was reported that the land is recovering well following this event.

6.7 GNPWG Chairman's Report Edward Bartle introduced himself as the new chairman and said he had only been so for a relatively short time. He wished to thank Siobhan Jose for all the hard work and for producing some extremely good documents. He explained the timeline over the last eighteen months and what had already been achieved so far. In October Kirkwells, consultants were appointed.

He told the meeting that at the moment they are producing a narrative for Gargrave and also Assessment criteria. Putting together our own specific scoring assessment criteria. The next step will be a call for sites and this will be advertised in the Craven Herald, Parish Magazine and the website.

As the meetings are now becoming busier, it has been decided that these meetings will be closed from now on but that the Chairman will come to the monthly Parish Council meetings and give a report.

A meeting has been arranged for next week for some of the group to meet with Stephen Brown at Craven District Council to discuss certain matters.

7. To consider the planning applications and decisions:

See attached list.

8. Financial matters:

8.1 To approve the accounts for payment.

Income		Expenditure	
Pendle Hunt donation	60.00	Clerk's wages	298.21
Honesty Box	180.35	Julie's wages	355.40
Insurance settlement	320.00	Holiday relief	195.65
		DD – Village Hall	102.00
		Room Hire	50.00
		River Work	360.00
		Wall repair	320.00
		PAYE	347.60
		Electrician	1263.04
		Church Clock	
		Service 3yr contract	463.00
		HomeStart charity	30.00
 Balances			
Barclays Tracker		25187.18	
Neighbourhood Planning Group		8292.99	
Community Account		5885.98	
Skipton Bld Soc		25582.79	

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

Item 1- Clerk to respond accordingly.

Item 4- This footpath has now been repaired by Yorkshire Housing.

Item 5- It was agreed that a donation of £30.00 be made.

Item 7- All agreed to go ahead with the Service Agreement quote for the Church Clock.

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 2 February 2015 at 7.15pm.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 10.30pm.

