

GARGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held Monday 7 December 2015

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

1. To receive apologies for absence: Cllr Carole Conroy 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 2 November 2015 were accepted as a true record. Proposed by Cllr Pearl Holmes, seconded by Cllr David Syms. All in favour and accepted unanimously.

4.1 Matters Arising:

In 6.1 Derrick Evans raised the matter of sunken manhole covers and gullies needing attention along the A65. Cllr Derrick Evans confirmed that some of these have been repaired and agreed to report back to the Clerk in a couple of weeks to confirm the progress of the others which still need repairing.

Cllr Pearl Holmes told the meeting that there is a manhole cover outside her property which is sunken and very noisy when traffic pass by. Clerk to report this to Area 5.

In 6.2 Cllr Peter Ward confirmed to the meeting that a further email had been received from Ken Martin regarding the possibility of a crossing across from the Crowgarth. This will be dealt with in the Correspondence section, later in the meeting.

In 6.1 c) Cllr Janet Turner told the meeting that she had spoken with our electrical contractor about the group of lights with no power and she confirmed that arrangements have been made to meet with the Clerk on Thursday to report all these lights, quoting the Mpan number we were given when we had major problems last year. Our contractor is happy to meet with the workmen on site and for them to have his contact details to arrange the meeting.

6.1 d) Janet Sugden raised the matter of the weed in the Goit and Cllr Peter Ward told the meeting he has spoken with the ground maintenance contractor who over the winter, is going to get the licence required to be able to spray on water. We will then be able to deal with the situation.

Cllr Peter Ward also told the meeting that the concerns raised last month on the state of the High Green will be dealt with in due course. A flail mower will cut down the vegetation and we will take the saplings out.

Cllr Derrick Evans told the meeting that the hedge on Middle Green is 10ft high in places, and looks like it has only been cut down one side, but not the inside and the area where the cars park needs doing.

Cllr Peter Ward agreed to have a look at the hedge and get in touch with the contractor. He confirmed that he had spoken to the grounds maintenance contractor regarding the areas around the benches on High Green and have agreed for him to put bark around which will get rid of the mud.

6.2 Point 2, Cllr Janet Turner raised the matter of Fly tipping along Chew Lane, as the NYCC are saying it is not their land. Cllr Peter Ward told the meeting he is not proposing to do anything again until there is fly tipping again and then we will approach the land owner. Cllr Peter Ward agreed to chase District Cllr Simon Myers regarding this.

5. Matters requested by councillors:

5.1 County Cllr Shelagh Marshall:

Cllr Shelagh Marshall told the meeting that Transdev (Keighley and District) are extending their Keighley/Ilkley service to Harrogate from 10 January 2016, Monday to Saturday, hourly from 7.35am to 18.35pm. This service is not subsidised by NYCC.

Government Budget – NYCC had made representations to protect the social care spending ahead of the Budget on 25 November 2015. The Government response to that is to allow local councils to levy an extra 2% rise in Council tax specifically for social care. However, this will not be enough to cover estimated costs due to the large elderly population which resides in North Yorkshire.

5.2 District Cllr Simon 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

One parishioner wished to express his concerns once again for the speeding problems along Marton Road. Cllr Peter Ward explained that the Police now have a new machine and the Parish Council have received confirmation that Skipton, Marton and Hellifield Road have been re-submitted for monitoring. We have received three Speed Complaint Response forms from 95 Alive which gives them 20 working days from when the complaint was raised for a full response. They advised that if further investigation was required, we would be notified in due course.

A discussion then took place and it was agreed that speed bump calming on the road is the only thing that would slow the traffic down.

Cllr Peter Ward confirmed to the meeting that there is not a weight limit on the river bridge. This information was supplied by NYCC following the question being raised by a local resident. Their response was that all environmental weight restrictions are except for access, i.e. the restriction only prevents use as a through road (and even that is subject to all the problems of enforcement). So if a vehicle had business in the area, it was exempt.

Another parishioner reported several street lights out. Clerk to report all for repair this week.

Cllr Derrick Evans raised the problem of several advertising signs which are dotted around the village which cause bad visibility for traffic at road junctions. The signs are located at Eshton Road end, West Street, and the corner of Church Street/Hellifield road where there are 3 signs. Clerk to report the matter to Area 5.

Cllr Pearl Holmes raised concerns regarding flooding on the A65 which she felt was due to blocked drains with leaves. Cllr Peter Ward confirmed this has already been reported. A discussion took place on the drainage system and where the water is routed to.

The same parishioner reported more erosion to Chew Lane Beck, which is located where the repair was undertaken last time. Clerk to report the matter to Area 5.

Also, grass cuttings which are unsightly and foul smelling along the wall by Knowles House garden. Cllr Peter Ward agreed that this could be removed, but stressed we must dispose of these cuttings nearby.

The same parishioner told the meeting there was a blocked gully at the end of East Street, and the meeting also discussed the amount of leaves around the village which need sweeping and removing. Clerk to report these matters to Area 5.

6.2 Police Report:

Nothing has been received this month.

6.3 Neighbourhood Plan – Chairman’s Report: Yet again I am pleased to be able to report continued progress with The Neighbourhood Plan.

The Parish Council approved the Draft Neighbourhood Plan at their meeting on the 2nd November. With this authority the Plan could be legally published for 6 weeks public consultation.

The Neighbourhood Plan Working Group had their meeting on the 4th November in order to finalise details and make sure everything was ready for public consultation.

1. The Parish Council website was updated and the latest version of the NP together with a downloadable Representation Form were added.
2. Volunteers were organised to deliver leaflets and Representation Forms to every household and business in Gargrave. Posters to be placed in strategic locations around the village.
3. The public consultation process was due to commence on Thursday 5th November and finish at 5pm on Monday 21st December.

An army of volunteers set out to deliver leaflets on Thursday November 5th and the process was easily completed by the weekend.

The Working Group had a meeting on Wednesday November 27th and progress with the public consultation was discussed. A relatively small number of Representation Forms had been handed in to The Parish Council office in addition to e-mails received. All members agreed to encourage villagers to fill in a Representation Form.

When the public consultation ends on 21st December, all representations received will be analysed by The Group together with Kirkwells, our consultants. Following this analysis, amendments will be made to the NP before it is submitted to CDC for their perusal and their 6 week public consultation.

A Consultation Statement will be issued alongside the amended plan setting out how the representations received were considered and used to alter the plan.

That's all for this month. My next report will be issued following analysis of the representations and amendment of the Neighbourhood Plan ready for submission to CDC. (Hopefully, February 2016)

A parishioner advised the meeting that there is a letter being circulated around Marton Road area encouraging people to have their say about the land G2/5. He told the meeting there were some legitimate points raised in the letter. The parishioner said he was happy to forward a copy of the letter onto the Clerk.

A parishioner suggested filming the A65 Hellifield Road, to show how dangerous it is with the large trucks and the risk of accidents.

The same parishioner also raised the subject of the sewerage system not being able to cope with any further development. Cllr Peter Ward explained he used to work for Yorkshire Water and until new houses are built, they would not upgrade the system. Once new property is built, they will then upgrade the system.

6.4 Budget Meeting date: This was arranged for 6pm Monday 4 January 2016.

6.5 Christmas Closure – poster for Noticeboard: The Clerk to prepare a poster for the Notice Board stating the office will be closed from Tuesday 22 December to Mon 4 January 2016. Emails will however be checked over this period, and urgent matters dealt with.

6.6 Hunt Request by letter: A letter has been received from Pendle Forest and Craven Hunt requesting permission to hold the usual Boxing Day meet on Boxing Day and offering the donation of £60.00. Clerk to respond, accepting the offer of donation and giving permission, as long as they clear any mess up following the meet.

6.7 Quote for Jubilee Bench repairs received: Cllr Peter Ward told the meeting the quote had been received for this repair and the amount involved. All in favour for the work to go ahead. Cllr Peter Ward agreed to advise the contractor accordingly.

7. To consider the planning applications and decisions:

See attached list

8. Financial matters:

To approve the accounts for payment.

INCOME

None

OUTGOING

Clerk's Wage + Holiday Pay (GNWG £83.78 PC £242.97)	694.00
Julie's Wage	417.20
ROSPA	110.40
Poppy Wreaths	40.00
Gargrave Village Hall Rm Hire x 2	50.00
Gargrave Village Hall Rent	102.00
J.C. Cowgill – Grass Cutting	361.00
H.D. Turner – Newsquest (GNPWG)	158.59
Kirkwells (GN Plan)	2400.00
Walker Foster – Playing Fields	212.00
Craven Stationery (PC & GNPWG)	104.76
Ellesmere Press (GN Plan)	252.00

Barclays Community a/c - £50,169.24

SBS a/c -£22,349.27

Cllr Peter Ward suggested obtaining some ideas of costing for speed signs, and research before the budget meet, all were in favour of this suggestion.

Cllr Derrick Evans proposed the accounts, Cllr Alan Robinson seconded, all in favour and accepted.

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

Item 5. Letters from residents read out to the meeting in response to recent correspondence regarding parking on the grass along Damside outside the properties.

The Parish Council voted to put this matter to one side for the moment, on the understanding that if parking happens again we proceed with issuing the £200 fine.

Item 8. Clerk to do letter of support to Craven Lawn Tennis Club.

Item 9. Clerk to forward Tesco grant opportunities to Playground group, and Playgroup.

Item 10. Information passed to Cllr Janet Turner to put into Church.

Item 13. Ideas requested for Queens 90 Birthday, 12 June 2016.

Item 15. Letter of response to be sent.

Item 16. Cllr Peter Ward to respond to NYCC Minerals and Waste Joint Plan.

Item 17. Information on Fuel Poverty passed to Cllr Janet Turner for Poor Lands Charity.

Item 19. Form to be passed to Electrical Contractor for completion re: Festive Lighting.

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 4 January 2016

There being no other business the meeting closed at 10.00pm