

GARGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting

held on Monday 12 May 2014

Present: Councillors Mrs Janet Turner, Mr David Syms, Mrs Pearl Holmes, Mrs Betty Stringer and Mr Brian Atkinson and Clerk – Kath Ashby
County Councillor Mrs S Marshall and several parishioners.

1. To receive apologies for absence: Craven District Councillor Mr Simon Myers and Cllr Janet Sugden.

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 7 April 2014 were accepted as a true record. Proposed Pr Cllr. Betty Stringer and seconded by Pr Cllr. David Syms. All in favour and accepted unanimously.

4.1 Matters Arising

A contractor who had been sent the specification for River Aire work at Middle Green has asked for a site meeting. Pr.Cllr.David Syms and Pr.Cllr. Janet Turner agreed to co-ordinate with him.

4.2 Pr.Cllr. Pearl Holmes gave the meeting information about availability and timing for trees on the river banks.

4.3 The toilet water heater has been installed satisfactorily.

4.4 The Clerk is still pursuing details of the incident that damaged the flowerbed on the A.65.

4.5 The Railway Station footpath has not been constructed yet.

4.6 Middle Green boundary wall repairs will be undertaken by the neighbouring farmer.

5. County Cllr Shelagh Marshall was not present at this time.

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

6.1 Public Participation

- a) 2 loose pavement slabs were reported by parishioners – Clerk to contact Area 5 – NYCC.

6.2 Police Report

Neither email nor Officer present at the meeting.

6.8 Neighbourhood planning update

A member of the group presented a possible format for a village questionnaire as the next stage in the required process. The Pr. Cll. was unanimous in their agreement for this process to continue and thanked the group for its efforts.

6.3 Purchase of New Posts

The Parish Council agreed to purchase up to 50 new wooden posts as required. Pr Cllr. David Syms agreed to organise along with putting in existing ones during the coming week. Various villagers have agreed to help.

6.4 Middle Green work

Middle Green restoration by the addition of soil and grass in low-lying spots was discussed. It was agreed by the whole council for the Clerk to contact the current grass-cutting contractor.

6.5 Vehicle damage on Dam-side

This item was put forward to the August Agenda.

6.6 Open Day at the Playground

The Council agreed to hold this on Saturday 31 May 2014 at 2.00pm.

6.7 Election update

Parish Councillors who put themselves forward have all been accepted without a voting procedure. May 22nd is still the CDC and European Election date.

6.9 New website and equipment

The Clerk gave the meeting an update of the equipment to be purchased and fitted as well as necessary software. All councillors were in agreement.

7. To consider the planning applications:

See list attached.

30/2014/1459 A resident explained in detail their planning application. The Council agreed to wait a few days for villagers to make their thoughts known.

8. Financial matters:

The monthly accounts were presented by RFO Janet Turner for payment and approved unanimously.

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

See list attached

1. This item to be put forward to the June Agenda.
2. An email response sent to YCLA
3. Several emails received from a parishioner supporting his planning application.

4. Appleby Fair poster acknowledged but advising that no one will be attending the meeting this time.
5. Item 6 – Chris Lloyd and Peter Pearl to consult and report back regarding a new lighting system to replace the two broken lights at the front of the Village Hall. The Parish Council to pay for this proposed work.
6. Item 10 – War Memorial – contacts and details received from CDC and British Legion regarding possible grant assistance towards the cost of cleaning.
7. Item 11 – Wooden posts to be erected around the Low Green on 11th and 12th May in the evening.
8. Item 14 – NYCC Grass cutting cut back correspondence – this item moved forward to the June Agenda

5.1 Report from County Councillor Shelagh Marshall

NYCC could do nothing at all to sort out the buses until notice had been given by Pennine. This notice was eight weeks. Next step was tenders, but no interest was received. We have an absolute guarantee that from 19 May to the end of summer there will be bus transport for school children. This will be provided by NYCC's own buses which will provide 16-20 seats. Cty Cllr Shelagh Marshall is to visit our bus stops and take photos. Discussed lobbying to Government to accept payments of some amount but the Government say no, this side of elections.

Grassington Hub have now purchased their own bus with designated drivers, maybe this is an option to consider. A grant was obtained to provide this service and not ring fenced.

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 June 2014 at 7.15 pm.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.30pm.