

# **GARGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL**

## **Minutes of Parish Council Meeting**

**held on Monday 2 June 2014**

**Present:** Councillors Mrs Janet Turner, Mr David Syms, Mrs Pearl Holmes, Mrs Janet Sugden, Mr Derrick Evans, Mr Peter Ward and Clerk – Kath Ashby  
County Councillor Mrs S Marshall, Craven District Councillor Mr Simon Myers and several parishioners.

**1. To receive apologies for absence:** Cllr Brian Atkinson

**2. To acknowledge those present and welcome to our new Parish Councillors**

**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 12 May 2014 were accepted as a true record. Proposed Pr Cllr. David Syms and seconded by Pr Cllr. Pearl Holmes. All in favour and accepted unanimously.

**5. Matters requested by councillors:**

**5.1 County Councillor Shelagh Marshall** thanked the Parish Council for all their hard work and said it was super to see such a contribution.

Nothing much more to add to the transport situation, as she was not quite up to date with her emails.

British Rail have advised that the Carlisle train cannot make any more stops at the station this year as the summer time table has already been established now.

From the petition one matter raised was a footpath over the bridge at the station. Cty Cllr Marshall suggested enquiries be made for the buff type surface to be placed on the roadside, which would indicate an area where people would be walking.

Another matter raised was regarding old timetables still showing at several bus stops. At some of the stops however, the timetables are owned by Pennine.

**5.2 District Councillor – Simon Myers** advised that he was very optimistic on the transport and that there will be a six day a week bus service, it is simply about funding. It will be only £8000 to run a pilot for three months and it is hoped that North Yorkshire should pay it but if not maybe the five villages concerned could pay this between them.

The Petite Depart was very successful with over nine hundred taking part and the whole event went very well.

The Town Hall is now being decorated in preparation for the Tour de France.

Cllr Myers confirmed he would support the grant application for the War Memorial to be cleaned.

#### **4.1 Matters Arising**

**4.4** The Clerk is still pursuing details of the incident that damaged the flowerbed on the A65.

**4.5** The Clerk to contact the contractor and remind him regarding the Railway Station footpath.

**4.6** 2 loose paving stones have now been fixed.

**4.7** New posts were purchased and a group of villagers helped fix posts around the Low Green and the Parish Council thanked the volunteers.

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

##### **6.1 Public Participation**

One parishioner requested that someone look at the trees on the High Green as three limes were now enormous and at risk of killing the other trees. It was agreed that trees will be looked at next year.

##### **6.2 Police Report**

Neither email nor Officer present at the meeting.

**6.3 Electricity supply at Village Hall and Church:** Mr Claxton was invited but did not attend the meeting. It was agreed to hold a small meeting in the office for the Parish Council to look at the schedule. This matter was put forward to the September Agenda.

##### **6.4 NYCC 2015 financial restraints. Grass cutting on verges**

It is thought this will affect verges on the A65, Marton Road, Greens, Smithy Croft and Eshton Road, Chew Lane. Ideas were discussed such as wild flower planting in certain areas.

##### **6.5 River work quotes**

Tenders were put out for river work to be done but only one quote was received back. Pr Cllr Janet Turner and Pr Cllr David Syms met the contractor on Middle Green and he said he could do it at not much more than last year's quote. Quite happy to put the boulders when removed from the river at the side of the ford and to fill gaps on Low Green. Cllr Janet Turner proposed we accept this quote, this was seconded by Cllr Peter Ward.

##### **6.6 Gypsy and Traveller update**

Cllr David Syms advised the meeting that the travellers came on 24<sup>th</sup> May and by in large we have had quite a good year. The Bow top vans kept to the road and there was little damage on the green caused by a fire which they were requested not to light.

##### **6.7 New office equipment**

The Clerk updated the meeting on the new equipment that has now been installed and the advice which has been received that the office computer is in need of replacement. Cllr David Syms proposed the purchase of the new equipment, this was seconded by Cllr Pearl Holmes.

**6.8 War Memorial clean** – Cllr Janet Turner advised the meeting that two grant applications have been completed and submitted for help with the cost of this proposed cleaning of the War Memorial. After discussion the decision was made to ask parishioners at the upcoming open meetings.

**6.9 Councillors Full Day Training Course 24 June 2014**

This full day training will cover any new legislation we are supposed to be using.

**7. To consider the planning applications:**

See list attached.

**8. Financial matters:**

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

The external audit documents were agreed by the Council and signed by the relevant officers of the Council.

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

See list attached

1. Item 2 NPG energy project – to pass onto the Neighbourhood Planning Group for their attention.
2. Item 3 CDC Election results were read out. These will now be placed on the notice boards.
3. Item 4 – Section 137 from Playaway at Eshton – it was agreed to make a donation of £50.00
4. Item 17 – Clerk to email Paul Florentine to request a blue bin and remind about the replacement dog bin on the pathway between North Street and Meadow Croft.

**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 July 2014 at 7.15 pm.

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

