

GARGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting Held on Monday 6th September 2010

Present: Councillors Mrs J Turner, Mr D Syms, Mrs J Sugden, Mr M Carruthers, Mrs K Lancaster, Mr P Perls, Mrs J Smales, Mr B Atkinson, County Councillor Mrs S Marshall, Craven District Councillor Mr D Crawford and 6 parishioners.

Apologies: Councillor R Thomas, PCSO Gary Battison

Public Participation

Mr Jack Scott and Kathleen Rushton of Neville Road attended the meeting and complained that there were two street lights not working on Neville Road and that this had been the case for several weeks now. They were worried that not only was it very dark in this area, but that it may encourage trouble. Cllr Lancaster has telephoned YEDL direct and they say they have completed the job on the master lamp on the 20th August and a job lists and bill has been sent to the Parish Council for payment. Clerk to chase up with Tarmac to resolve situation.

Resident Lesley Roberts requested an update or response from CDC's Chief Executive in relation to the Gypsy and Travellers letter sent in August 2010. Gargrave Parish Council has received no response from CDC's Chief Executive as yet.

Cty Cllr David Crawford reported that he has made an enquiry requesting information from Lindsey Quinn of CDC.

Gargrave PC have received an email from Lindsey Quinn who has confirmed that a meeting is to go ahead at Gargrave for all residents, members of North Yorkshire Police, relevant officers from CDC and the Chief Executive from Cumbria to attend to discuss the matter further. She has also been in contact with Jonathan Kerr, Head of Property Svs at CDC regarding any land owned by CDC that might be suitable for the gypsies and travellers to stop on their way to and from Appleby. As Gypsies and Travellers are classed as an ethnic minority group their human rights need to be obeyed.

A meeting is to be arranged at the end of September/early October. Clerk to liaise with Lindsey Quinn. This will be an open meeting in which the whole village will be invited to attend and have their say.

Parish Cllrs attend a meeting in July at Eden District Council. Eden DC have been successful with their ideas and solutions on the Gypsy and Travellers situation. It is hoped in the future to work alongside with them for help and support.

The Chairman reported that we had, had over 400 responses from the questionnaire slips sent out to all residents asking for opinions on Gypsies and Travellers. The results were roughly 50% of the village had zero tolerance for the Gypsies and Travellers and the remaining 50% of villagers would still like to see the green top caravans as they didn't want to see the tradition dieing.

It was commented that the latter would be difficult as the green top caravans often have extended family who would arrive in the modern caravans, vehicles and trailers.

Resident Mr Tim Connell raised a question regarding the Gargrave website had not had any minutes updated and released since May 2010.

The Chairman explained that we have a volunteer who updates the website, but he has recently moved away. Clerk to contact website volunteer to include minutes of meetings from May onwards.

The Chairman announced that a copy of the minutes of each meeting is kept in the Gargrave Library for the general public to view.

Mr Connell's view was that the website is the more convenient way to view the minutes for people who are out at work and don't have much spare time. Could the minutes also be put on the notice board for all to see?

A discussion followed regarding the Parish notice boards, it was hoped to replace the notice board outside the Village Hall with one that was lower in height so easier to read and to relocate the tall notice board to the summer seat area. The notice board existing at the Summer Seat was going to be an open one for the village to display their own signs.

Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the last meeting were accepted as a true record.

Proposed Cllr Syms, seconded Cllr Sugden

Accepted unanimously.

Matters Arising from Minutes

Cllr Carruthers reported that the honesty boxes had been installed the ladies and gents public toilets on the 4th September and since then £7.50 had been raised in just 2 days.

The Chairman expressed a note of thanks to Cllr Carruthers and Cllr Perls for the installation of the honesty boxes.

Cllr Lancaster referred back to the previous minutes regarding a van parked on West Street car park with a tax disc 4 years out of date and was in danger of tipping over as the tyres on the vehicle were flat and had made the van lean to one side. Cllr Crawford had been in contact with CDC and would chase this up.

Cllr Lancaster referred back to the issue regarding notice boards and to display the Parish Cllrs names, addresses and phone numbers. A discussion followed.

Cllr Sugden suggested that contact was to be made via the Parish Council office and names would be publicised in the Parish Magazine in the future.

Cty Cllr Marshall continued with the issue of smelly wagons passing through our villages. There has been an application to increase the number of wagons in and out of villages. Cty Cll Marshall was alarmed at the amount that was already passing through and said that we don't want any more. Parish Council agreed.

The Chairman announced that two benches have been delivered for use on the village green. Whilst discussing benches it was agreed at last months meeting that a limit to bench numbers should be set to a maximum of 50. The Chairman had seen that there were some existing benches with no plaques on and some were in need of repair. It was therefore suggested that there maybe an 'Adopt a Bench' scheme where people could adopt an existing bench. To discuss item on October's agenda.

Members of the WI held a cake stall sale in the Summer Seat Members on Saturday, 07 August and raised £180, funds raised will be used to purchase spring bulbs and plants.

In the previous months meeting Wendy Egan and Cheryl Potter reported that various items of equipment at the playground were deteriorating and safety was becoming an issue. Since the meeting Gargrave Parish Council have secured a grant of £21,379

from Youventure. This grant is valid for 4 months. A 10% deposit needed to secure this and it was suggested that the money be taken out of the precept account for now and put back in once the grant was received in full. Proposed Cllr Perls, seconded Cllr Syms, all in agreement.

The Chairman and the Clerk are to get in touch with Sutcliffe's, who are providing the equipment, and raise the cheque for the agreed 10%.

Cll Sugden and Cll Perls had spoken to the Fuchsia Society about recent advertisement displayed on the railings by the summer seat. Notices in future, of any kind are not allowed on the railings.

Report from County Councillor

Cty Cllr Marshall has received for a second time, complaints from residents regarding damage to trees on Skipton Road caused by the grass cutters. She explained that this was the responsibility of NYCC Highways and they will be responding and looking into using strimmers in future.

Cty Cllr Marshall suggested a Snow Clearance Review to NYCC Highways as a matter of urgency in preparation for the winter months.

Report from Craven District Councillor

Cllr Crawford had received a letter of complaint regarding the volume of traffic using Church Lane to access Whitelocks farm. The complainant of Goffa Mill states that the traffic starts as early as 6am. Cllr Crawford has suggested that the resident monitor traffic volume.

Accounts

The following were presented for payment:

Gargrave Village Hall – monthly Direct Debit	102.00
L.Duck – Salary & expenses	254.07
J Proven – cleaning	313.60
H Carruthers – wages	56.86
Skipton Sheet Metal (honesty boxes)	293.75
CDC Small Business Rate	221.02
Ed Sawdon benches	56.00
Ed Sawdon playing area	114.90
RNIB plants (toilet area garden) sect. 106	25.00
Tarmac lighting repair (scaffold)	309.68
Yorkshire Water (quarterly)	110.07
Cllr Carruthers – meeting for new councillors	35.00
Cowgills Grass	457.00
Craven Stationery	14.09
Income	
06.09.2010 I.R. VAT	4,178.75
Balances	
Skipton Building Society	25,143.29
Barclays Community	11,495.96
Barclays Tracker	2,986.43
To Consider	
Yorventure – 10% against grant of £21,000	2137.00

An invoice had been received from Tarmac for the amount of £40.49 for the street lighting repair on Neville Road. Cllr Atkinson had suggested that this be withheld from payment until the street light issue on Neville Road has been repaired and sorted out. Clerk to chase up Tarmac.

Cllr Sugden asked for the Clerk to contact Yorkshire Water to ask for a quarterly metre reading for the next bill.

It was proposed by Cllr Sugden to pay a monetary donation to the RNLI for the plants gifted to plant around the public toilet area. A figure of £25 was proposed by Cllr Perls and seconded by Cllr Syms. All in agreement.

The above accounts were proposed as accepted by Cllr Syms, seconded by Cllr Perls and accepted unanimously.

Correspondence

- CDC – Community News, Aug 2010 (library)
- CDC – Planning Gain Guide
- CDC – Register of Electors alterations and amendments
- CDC – Development Newsletter
- Chorley Community Housing –presentation from the Board of Lune Valley Rural Housing Association
- CLSP – Guide to transport in Craven
- John Mason Printers – Tree planting scheme, certificate (notice board)
- Local Associations Information Services – Council Tax Referendums (response by 10.09.2010)!
- No Need for Nuclear – House of Commons Early Day Motion No 557 (library)
- NYCC – Changes to Bus Service
- NYCC – York and North Yorkshire Waste PFI
- NYCC – Notice of Public meetings in Craven
- NYCC – Agenda Craven Area Committee
- NYSP – Newsletter (library)
- Woodland Trust – Ancient Tree Forum
- YDNP – Planning Committee Agenda and Minutes
- YDNP – Notification of Motor Rally event
- YDNP – Social qualitie
- YEDL – Wayleaves and Rents
- YLCA – Joining the Council training event
- Letter from Linda Duck thanking everyone for the gift voucher
- Email from Allerton Waste Recovery Park, Upcoming exhibition events
- Email from CDC re: views on Discretionary Funding
- Email from Marton cum Grafton Parish Council re: Northallerton Incinerator
- Email from YDNP – Spaces still available on Community Energy Project
- Email from Henshaws Yorkshire – help to publicise events (parish mag)

A complaint by a member of the public had been received to report that there was some playground equipment was dangerous as there was a bolt missing on one of the swing brackets. Clerk to arrange repairs as a matter of urgency.

The Chairman would like to thank all residents in the village who have continued to tend areas belonging to the Parish.

Cllr Perls has been in contact with North Yorkshire Police with regard to acquiring a radar gun or matrix sign as a deterrent to speeding vehicles in the area. Cllr Perls is asking for residents to contact the Parish Council with justifications of where and why we should use these tools.

Planning Applications & Decisions

Decisions

Change of use and extension of existing dwelling to form 2 No. Two Storey Houses.
Construction of 2 No. Semi-detached houses.

Applications

2 Old Hall Croft – Single storey front porch and retention of single storey rear conservatory – no comment.

60 High Street, Bollywood – Construction of three stone walls with integrated wooden seating and tables to provide outdoor service are for the restaurant. Resubmission of refused planning application 30/2010/10351 – Comment Gargrave PC have discussed this matter and find no problem with this application.

28 Skipton Road – Non material amendment to 30/2009/9871 – no comment.

Salt Bins

Residents of Sharphaw View had contacted Cllr Lancaster requesting for Salt Bins. The road does not meet the standards of CDC criteria and therefore it would be something Gargrave Parish would have to pay for themselves. The Chairman asked to raise this in Octobers agenda.

There being no more business the meeting closed at 9.15 p.m.

Date of next meeting

Parish Council Meeting - Monday 04 October 2010 at 7.15 p.m.