

# GARGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of Parish Council Meeting Held on Monday 04 January 2010

**Present:** Councillors Mr A Wood, Mr D Syms, Mrs J Turner, Mrs J Sugden, Mr R Thomas, Mr B Atkinson, Mr S Smith, Mrs J Smales, Mr P Perls, County Councillor Mrs S Marshall, Craven District Councillor Mr D Crawford and 3 parishioners.

The Chairman reminded the meeting that this was the last year for the present Parish Councillors as elections would be taking place in May and invited the canvassing of new members for election.

**Apologies:** Claire Mazurke, Craven District Council Corporate Performance and Improvement Manager

### Public Participation

A resident of Church Lane requested information regarding the damaged retaining wall which had still not been repaired. The Chairman reported that this would be repaired in the Spring. The resident was also concerned about the fact that his driveway now extended into the road. This land had in the past been part of the road and it had been agreed that nothing further would be done but his concerns remained regarding future damage to the driveway. Large wagons were in use for deliveries to the nearby farm as smaller deliveries would be more costly. Cty Cllr Marshall reported on a similar problem in Embsay which had resulted in a house being damaged, signage for an alternative route for HGVs had solved this but this solution would not be possible for Church Lane.

Non-appearance of the meeting minutes on the website was reported and technical problems had been encountered which now hopefully had been solved and minutes would be published following monthly meetings.

One or two complaints about protruding thorn bushes on West Street had been received. Cllr Sugden had spoken with the owners previously and it was agreed to send a formal letter to the owners of the two properties concerned requesting that these bushes be trimmed.

Cllr Thomas reported on the on-going problems with sewerage leaking into the Goit. Yorkshire Water are currently investigating the sewer in this area as a blockage had occurred and were reporting back to the Clerk on progress. It was agreed that the Goit should be monitored as there may be broken pipework and repair works may need to be carried out and possibly works to re-line the Goit which were considerations for the Budget Meeting. The question of ownership of the Goit was discussed.

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Accepted as a true record.  
Proposed Cllr Perls, seconded Cllr Syms  
Accepted unanimously.

### Matters Arising from Minutes

The dead sheep which had recently been removed from the river was untagged so no recovery of removal cost could be made.

The condition of the leaning wall on Mark House Lane was being monitored by NYCC Highways who had inspected and discussed with the owner a short while ago.

Cllr Syms asked who owned the property at 9 High Street, Skipton and CDC Cllr Crawford confirmed Craven District Council's ownership. Cllr Syms queried the intention to sell the Town Hall.

Queries were raised regarding when the new arrangements for waste collection would come into force as nothing else had been heard since Craven District Council's estimate of mid January.

Leaflets regarding Home Energy Checks had been received by Cllr Turner and placed in Parish Magazines. It was agreed that letters of thanks would be sent to two children in the village who had helped with placing Home Energy Check leaflets into Parish Magazines.

A cheque had been sent to the Bowling Club as a donation towards the repair of the pavilion and a thank you letter had been received.

The Clerk reported that the refund cheque from HM Revenue & Customs had been paid into the Skipton Building Society account as both herself and the Parish Council were named as payees.

### **Craven District Council – Council Plan 2010/2012**

Apologies were received from Claire Mazurke who unfortunately could not attend the meeting due to adverse weather conditions. Any questions or comments regarding the Council Plan could be made to her by e-mail or telephone.

### **Report from County Councillor**

Cty Cllr Marshall reported that difficulties had been encountered with gritting of roads during the recent spell of snow and ice. Contracted farmers were being successfully used to help with gritting, a snow blower had had to be used at Malham Moor. Any emergency cases should be reported to the Police non-emergency number who would pass these onto Highways. The Chairman queried the fact that pavements had not been gritted which had resulted in many complaints and difficulties, particularly for the elderly. Discussion took place regarding the Parish Council arranging for gritting of pavements by local contractors and Cty Cllr Marshall will ask Highways for details of how quantities of grit/salt could be supplied. Community help was suggested, especially for the welfare of elderly residents, but the responsibility if someone fell was queried.

Cty Cllr Marshall reported that problems had been encountered with the school taxi which had resulted in the contract being terminated and a new contract arranged with this being monitored.

A recent Ofsted report on Wharfedale School was given as good with many outstanding features.

Chris Craven will report to Cty Cllr Marshall regarding the public consultation regarding the footpath by the railway station.

### **Report from Craven District Councillor**

Cllr Crawford had no items to report.

A parishioner requested information regarding disposal of Christmas trees, these would be collected with brown bins, inside the bin if would fit or by the side.

## Accounts

The following were presented for payment:

Gargrave Village Hall – monthly Direct Debit	102.00
J Proven – cleaning	313.60
Clerk – December salary and expenses	276.65
A Cockshott – Summer Seat cleaning	50.10
Inland Revenue tax repayment	73.00
J C Cowgill – tree removal	70.00

Income	
CDC toilets (2 months)	844.90
HM Revenue & Customs repayment	206.85

Balances	
Skipton Building Society	24,462.80
Barclays Community	4,920.89
Barclays Tracker	33,333.06

It was agreed to leave the next VAT return until the end of March.

The invoice for the A65 street lighting had still not been received from NYCC and Cty Cllr Marshall would chase this.

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

## Correspondence

CDC – Updated Council Plan 2009/12

CDC – Review of Disability Issues in the Craven District – the requirement for disabled toilets to have facilities for changing was discussed and the Clerk would contact CDC to enquire if this is applicable to existing disabled toilets or just new ones.

CDC – Community Governance Review of all Parishes in Craven District – Update and Plans.

CDC – Budget Consultation.

CDC – Parishes Liaison Group 11 November 2009 – a paragraph regarding car parking was read out as follows: Councillor Margaret Nicholson (Glusburn) said it was great news that the North Yorkshire County Council Area Committee had voted not to support the proposed car parking charges in Gargrave and Embsay and asked if Craven District Council would be appealing. The Chief Executive (CDC) stated that the Council would try to avoid an appeal.

CDC – Development Newsletter.

CDC – Planning Focus.

NYCC – Craven Area Committee – meeting to be held 07 January 2010 at Coniston Hotel.

YDNPA – Yorkshire Dales Development Framework, Housing Development Plan, Timetable and second call for sites update.

YDNPA – Planning Committee Agenda and Minutes.

YLCA – E-bulletin – the Clerk would request further information regarding government grant allocation.

YLCA – White Rose Update.

YLCA – Membership subscriptions 2010/11.

E-mail from Highways to Cty Cllr Marshall regarding leaning wall on Mark House Lane.

Letter of thanks from Gargrave Bowling Club for donation towards pavilion repairs.

Balfour Beatty – letter re A65 pedestrian crossing – work programmed for 9 days from 14 December 2009 but ongoing due to adverse weather conditions.

The February Foundation – e-mail informing that no award to be granted regarding playground refurbishment.

Pendle Forest & Craven Hunt – letter regarding burger stall present previous year – this problem did not occur as the hunt did not meet due to weather conditions.

North Yorkshire Police – Neighbourhood Profile Guides – information placed in January Parish magazine.

Relate – letter requesting donation – donation of £25 agreed.

## **Planning Applications & Decisions**

### Decisions

Kirk Sink Farm – Renewal of Extant Planning Permission 30/2004/4596 Single Storey Side and Rear Extension – permission granted.

Old Hall Fold, West Street – Internal Alterations with New First Floor Attic Stair and New First Floor Shower and WC – listed building consent granted.

### Applications

7 Sharphaw View – Two Storey Side Extension

Paget Hall, Church Street – 1 x Ash – Fell.

Parish Council had no comments regarding the above applications.

Cllr Smith reported that complaints had been received regarding a missing street light on Swirecroft Road which had been removed in 2004 when the construction of a new house and garage adjacent to 16 Swirecroft Road took place. Consideration of a replacement light will be discussed at the Budget Meeting.

## **Public Toilets**

A copy of a Lease of Public Conveniences at Gargrave had been received from Craven District Council and it was agreed that all Councillors would look through the documents prior to signature. The possibility of an honesty box was discussed.

## **ROSPA Report**

The Chairman had read through the ROSPA report and stated that the tyre swing must be removed or expensive repair work carried out and that this item would need to be considered at the Budget Meeting plus checking of the condition of the Kompan posts. Cllr Atkinson agreed to try and get a contractor to take a look prior to the Budget Meeting in order to obtain an idea of costs for removal and disposal.

There being no more business the meeting closed at 8.25 p.m.

## **Date of next meeting**

Budget Meeting Monday 11 January 2010 at 7.15 p.m.

Parish Council Meeting Monday 01 February 2010 at 7.15 p.m.