

GARGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting Held on Monday 01 February 2010

Present: Councillors Mr D Syms, Mrs J Turner, Mrs J Sugden, Mr R Thomas, Mr B Atkinson, Mr S Smith, Mrs J Smales, Mr P Perls and 3 parishioners.

Apologies: County Councillor Mrs S Marshall, Craven District Councillor Mr D Crawford, Councillor Mr A Wood

In the absence of Councillor Wood Councillor Syms chaired the meeting. By show of hands Councillor Syms was elected as Chairman following the resignation of Councillor Wood as Chairman.

Public Participation

A resident reported that a small piece of fenced land near Neville House was becoming overrun with rubbish. The Clerk would make enquiries to determine ownership of the land. Rubbish and litter were also reported on the land by the canal path at the Anchor lock on land owned by The Anchor and Cllr Perls would speak to them and request this area be kept tidy and free of litter.

It was reported that the fence belonging to Town Head running along the side of the A65 had overgrown ivy protruding onto the footpath and Cllr Perls would speak to the owners regarding this.

The village was felt to be generally in an untidy state following the disappearance of the heavy snow and a date of Saturday 27 March was set for litter picking, meet 10.00 a.m. at the Summer Seat. The Clerk would contact Craven District Council to arrange for bags, needle boxes and litter pickers.

A resident reported problems encountered with participants in the Oxfam 100km walk/run urinating in several areas of the village. Several complaints had been received and the Clerk would contact Oxfam to point out this problem which is actually an offence.

Minutes of the last meeting

Accepted as a true record.
Proposed Cllr Sugden, seconded Cllr Smith
Accepted unanimously.

Matters Arising from Minutes

Following the technical problems with the website the Clerk would check to see if the minutes were now being published.

Work to repair the collapsed sewer by Damside had now been finished. Top soil would be applied to the area and re-seeded. Problems with parking on that area of the green had been encountered in the past and the situation would be monitored to allow successful re-growth of the grass.

A couple of problems with the new waste collection system were reported but it was early days. If a blue bin is needed this must be requested from Craven District Council.

The invoice for the A65 lighting had not yet arrived but Cty Cllr Marshall had spoken to Paul Gilmore to chase this up.

Following the ROSPA report Cllr Atkinson had received a quote of approximately £350 to £450 for removal of the tyre swing and would now contact the contractor for available timescale. Consideration would need to be given to closing the playground whilst these works were in progress and it was felt necessary to notify the residents of Airedale Avenue as heavy machinery would be required on site.

Report from County Councillor

Cty Cllr Marshall was unable to attend the meeting so no report was given.

Report from Craven District Councillor

Cllr Crawford was unable to attend the meeting so no report was given.

Accounts

The following were presented for payment:

Gargrave Village Hall – monthly Direct Debit	102.00
J Proven – cleaning	313.60
Clerk – January salary and expenses	284.60
R W J Rushton – Christmas trees	329.00
N Power	1312.58
Redtech – electrical works to toilets	170.65
NYCC – works for Christmas tree lighting	139.04
Income	
CDC toilets	429.46
Balances	
Skipton Building Society	25,373.00
Barclays Community	3,965.54
Barclays Tracker	34,599.37

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

Correspondence

Letter from Cllr Wood advising that he is standing down as Chairman of Gargrave Parish Council due to health problems, he will remain a member of the Parish Council until the end of its term.

Details of a number of residents requesting allotments, the Clerk is to make enquiries regarding the provision of allotments.

Letter from Mrs Atkinson in response to Parish Council letter requesting trimming of shrubs.

Letter from Yorkshire Water notifying about recent works to sewer.

CDC – Register of Electors amendments.

CDC – Fields in Trust – requesting information regarding War Memorial Playing Fields.

CDC – Parish Newsletter.

CDC – Parish Update.

CDC – Community Governance Review of all Parishes.

CDC – Review of Disability Issues in the Craven District.

CDC – Reminder regarding Annual Parish Meetings.

CDC – Rough sleeping and gypsy travellers within Craven.

NYCC – Update on severe winter weather.

NYCC – Craven Area Committee Meeting – Cllr Turner to attend.

YDNPA – Planning Committee – minutes and agenda.
Letter from Relate thanking for donation.
Information regarding Grassroots Grants to be passed to WI.
Notification from ROSPA that 2010 annual inspection has been booked.
Chorley Community Housing – Lune Valley Rural Housing Association AGM.

Planning Applications & Decisions

Decisions

Land adjacent to 48 Eshton Road – erection of 3 no. new dwellings on footprint of an extant planning permission (re-submission of refused permission) – granted.

Co-operative Shop – widen access and alterations to entrance to existing car park – granted.

19 High Street – change of use from residential to two holiday letting accommodation – granted.

7 Sharphaw View – two storey side extension – granted.

Applications

Scaleber Farm – agricultural building.

The Beeches – repositioning of approved double garage.

Parish Council had no comments regarding the above applications.

Craven Area Committee Meeting

Cllr Turner had attended the recent Craven Area Committee meeting and reported on a number of issues raised. The Parish Council are currently members of the Playing Fields Association but there was not enough interest and it was considered best not to pay the subscription at this time. Subscription would be paid to YLCA as the Parish Council were able to request information from their legal department when necessary, training programmes and the Clerk was to obtain information regarding Standing Orders.

The possible employment of a lengthman was discussed as an alternative to using local contractors or volunteers for repair jobs required in the village.

Grass Cutting

Two quotations had been received for the grass cutting for the 2010 season. J C Cowgill had requested a three year contract but this would not be possible due to forthcoming elections but the contract for 2010 would be offered to him.

Proposed Cllr Turner, seconded Cllr Perls and accepted unanimously.

Insurance

Details of the current insurance cover were presented and it was decided that a full inventory of lights, benches, playground equipment etc. would be checked prior to renewal (01 June) to enable amendments to be made to the insurance policy. Cllrs Smith, Sugden, Perls and Syms agreed to do this.

Public Toilet Lease

A copy of a Memorandum of Understanding had been received between Craven District Council and Skipton Town Council regarding the Coach Street toilets in Skipton. The Clerk would contact Craven District Council to enquire if agreement to a similar document could be made for the toilets in Gargrave instead of the complicated and lengthy lease document previously received. In addition to the document the Parish Council requested that Craven District Council provide proof that the electrical wiring is in a safe condition.

The Clerk would contact Yorkshire Water for advice regarding reduction in water usage in an attempt to reduce the water charges. Information would also be requested from Skipton Town Council as a comparison.

The Clerk would make enquiries regarding a contract for hygiene services.

There being no more business the meeting closed at 9.05 p.m.

Date of next meeting

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