

# **GARGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL**

## **Minutes of Parish Council Meeting Held on Monday 01 March 2010**

**Present:** Councillors Mr D Syms, Mrs J Turner, Mrs J Sugden, Mr R Thomas, Mr B Atkinson, Mr S Smith, Mrs J Smales, County Councillor Mrs S Marshall, Craven District Councillor Mr D Crawford and 5 parishioners.

**Apologies:** Councillors Mr A Wood, Mr P Perls

### **Public Participation**

Problems had been encountered on Church Lane with large lorries, one in particular getting stuck in light snowfall. Attempts to free the lorry resulted in damage to the road surface and a broken water grate. Damage to walls and driveways continued caused by large articulated trailers, generally animal feed lorries accessing Low Green Farm. It is necessary for the back end of large lorries to be lifted to enable them to turn on exiting. Concerns were expressed about possible damage to underground services in this area. Photos and details had been forwarded to Cty Cllr Marshall who would forward to the Area Highways Manager, Chris Craven, for advice. The question of applying weight or length limits to Church Lane had been raised but Cty Cllr Marshall reported that this would not be possible. This was deemed as a difficult problem to solve, there being no possible alternative route for access to Low Green Farm and residents were encouraged to write to Chris Craven and the Clerk would also forward photos and details. Cty Cllr Marshall would request that he visit Church Lane to view the problems and offer advice on measures that residents could take to protect their property.

A number of residents had recently been upset by the ashes and wreaths left by the bench on Chew Lane. Enquiries had been made to the vicar and local funeral directors but no information could be obtained. This was considered to be quite a sensitive subject and it was felt best to leave the flowers for a couple of weeks and then remove.

The date of Saturday 27 March was confirmed as the date of the "litter pick". Reports of children dropping litter were reported and it was felt that the school should be contacted. The children are told not to pick up litter as this could be dangerous but the Clerk would contact the school and the PTA to ask if any parents would wish to volunteer their help in the litter pick.

### **Minutes of the last meeting**

An amendment to the minutes was made by the Chairman to read "By show of hands Councillor Syms was elected as Chairman following the resignation of Councillor Wood as Chairman".

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

### **Matters Arising from Minutes**

A response from Oxfam regarding problems encountered during the Trailtrekker was read out by the Chairman. Their apologies for previous problems were given and alterations to water stops and toilet facilities had been made and participants would be asked to act in a proper manner.

### Report from County Councillor

Cty Cllr Marshall had e-mailed information regarding winter maintenance which was now back to priority 1 and priority 2 routes being gritted as required. A review of winter maintenance was to be carried out and Cty Cllr Marshall requested that all views, ideas and requests be sent to her and she will keep these until the review takes place. Supplies of salt were still being kept at secure depots.

An increase of 2.94% on Council Tax had been agreed in order to raise £1m required to repair potholes and road surfaces damaged by the harsh winter conditions. Cty Cllr Marshall would try and obtain a timetable for these works in different areas.

NYCC would be sending out Skipton Service Centre Transportation Strategy questionnaires, consultation period 12 March to 06 April. This included the request for a footpath to the railway station in Gargrave and also the issue of crash barriers at Niffany Bridge in Skipton. All proposals had been costed.

The Chairman raised the subject of smelly wagons passing through Gargrave and gave details of the contractor who transported dead stock to Bradford (Robinson Mitchell, Bentham). These wagons were often not covered and Cty Cllr Marshall would write to Trading Standards for advice regarding this problem.

### Report from Craven District Councillor

Cllr Crawford confirmed North Yorkshire County Council's increase of 2.94%.

Approval had been given for the Trueman statue to be erected at the Canal Basin in Skipton and would be unveiled by Veronica Trueman at noon on Thursday 18 March.

A dance was to be held at the Village Hall on 23 April in aid of Yorkshire Air Ambulance, tickets available from Gargrave Newsagent or Cllr Crawford.

### Accounts

The following were presented for payment:

Gargrave Village Hall – monthly Direct Debit	102.00
J Proven – cleaning	313.60
Clerk – February salary and expenses	295.99
YLCA Membership	430.00
E Sawdon	49.00
Tarmac – street light repairs	354.76
R A Lowther – sand spreading	730.85
Craven Stationery	32.37
Scott Janitorial	134.33
Income	
CDC toilets	363.09
Balances	
Skipton Building Society	24,462.80
Barclays Community	
- estimated as statement not yet received	3,863.54
Barclays Tracker	
- estimated as statement not yet received	24,599.00

The account from R Lowther for spreading of sand during icy weather was discussed as this was quite expensive and it was considered important not to set a precedent for future years.

E Sawdon had received a quote from a supplier in Settle for replacement bench rails and these were much cheaper than ordering from the usual supplier so it was agreed that he would obtain these rails.

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

### **Correspondence**

Letter from Mr Smith regarding problems at Church Lane, damaged wall, potential damage to driveways from large lorries – the Clerk to write to Mr Smith to say the Parish Council will seek advice from the Area Highways Manager regarding these problems.

Letter from Craven Lawn Tennis Club requesting help towards funding for coaching courses – the Clerk to respond, unfortunately on this occasion the Parish Council are unable to help, tight budget for the forthcoming year due to taking over the running of the public toilets.

Model Standing Orders for Local Councils.

E-mail from Cty Cllr S Marshall – Winter Maintenance update.

E-mail from Oxfam regarding problems reported last month with Trailtrekker.

CDC – Parish Newsletter February 2010.

CDC – Register of Electors amendments.

CDC – Skipton Triathlon 2010.

CDC – Draft North Yorkshire Housing Strategy Consultation.

CDC – Parish Council Elections – timetable.

CDC – amended agreement re public toilets.

The Electoral Commission – timetable UK Parliamentary general election and local government election combined.

Big Lottery Fund – acknowledgement of Awards for All application.

Yorventure – acknowledgement of application to Landfill Communities Fund.

Note from Gargrave Methodist Church offering a bench to the village – they will be asked for a preference for the site of the bench.

Great North Air Ambulance – request for donation – not approved.

NSPCC – information re NSPCC Helpline – details to be posted in notice boards.

NSPCC – sponsored challenge walk.

Chorley Community Housing – Lune Valley Rural Housing Association – Board Member Recruitment.

Spinal Injuries Association – Great British Fish and Chip Supper – Friday 21 May 2010 – copied to Ellisons Chippy, PTA, Church, Village Hall.

MENCAP – request for donation – agreed to donate £20.

Yorkshire Dales Leader Programme Newsletter.

YLCA – Subscription renewal and White Rose Update.

### **Planning Applications & Decisions**

#### **Decisions**

Land on Church Street by Garris House – 1 x Buxus Sempervivons – Fell – permission for work to be undertaken.

#### **Applications**

Demolition of existing bungalow and construction of bungalow with wheel chair access – 1 Meadowcroft – Parish Council had objections to the height and size of the proposed re-build. Cllr Crawford would call this application in for consideration by the Committee.

Sunroom extension with construction of bedroom extension and replacement window frames – Old Hall Barn, West Street – Parish Council would hope that additional buildings be kept in keeping with the period of the house which is a listed building.

### **Use of Summer Seat**

Discussion took place regarding the use of the Summer Seat which is used in various ways at various times for the sale of goods to raise funds for charity, as a meeting / contact point, for cycle rallies etc. Following receipt of several complaints Parish Council resolved to create a Standing Order to determine the use of the Summer Seat. The Standing Order would stipulate that the Summer Seat can only be used by one person or one group of persons per month, by prior booking and stressing that no obstruction must be caused and that members of the general public must have access to the Summer Seat at all times as a seating / waiting area. It was proposed that the Chairman is to draft a Standing Order and the Clerk would draft a letter for people who are currently using the seat. Proposed Cllr Sugden, seconded Cllr Smales.

### **Amended agreement re public toilets**

An amended agreement had been received from Craven District Council and it was agreed that all members of the Parish Council would look through the document and present their comments to the office by the end of the week (05 March). Some concern was expressed regarding the condition of the guttering and downpipes and once all comments were received the Clerk would go back to Craven District Council.

There being no more business the meeting closed at 9.20 p.m.

### **Date of next meeting**

Parish Council Meeting Monday 12 April 2010 at 7.15 p.m.