

GARGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting Held on Monday 12 April 2010

Present: Councillors Mr D Syms, Mrs J Turner, Mr R Thomas, Mr B Atkinson, Mr S Smith, Mrs J Smales, Mr P Perls, Craven District Councillor Mr D Crawford and 7 parishioners.

Apologies: Councillors Mr A Wood, Mrs J Sugden, County Councillor Mrs S Marshall

Public Participation

One resident reported problems with a damaged manhole cover on the High Street and this would be reported to North Yorkshire Highways. Questions were raised regarding speed restrictions through the village. Police checks in the past had revealed no problems but it was considered that large lorries generally travelled too fast through the village. It was suggested that registration numbers be reported to the police.

Reports of walling top stones being pushed off were reported which would be the owners responsibility to repair. The police were aware of this incident along with other problems encountered during the half term holidays.

It was reported that another incident of ashes and flowers being left had occurred, this time on the canal towpath and it was suggested that Craven District Council and British Waterways should be contacted regarding this.

The WI are currently clearing the garden area near to the Summer Seat and requested a budget for the required planting. Attempts to raise funding had been made but without success. The Clerk would contact the Co-op and Systagenix to ask for donations towards planting but a budget of £50 was proposed by Cllr Atkinson, seconded by Cllr Syms and agreed by all.

The Clerk would chase up the re-seeding of High Green following the sewer repair works.

Minutes of the last meeting

Accepted as a true record
Proposed Cllr Turner, seconded Cllr Smales
Accepted unanimously.

Matters Arising from Minutes

Details of the problems encountered on Church Lane had been reported to North Yorkshire Highways but to date no reply had been received. The possibility of a new access route to the farm across land above Paget Hall was discussed but ownership of this land was questioned.

County Councillor Marshall had contacted Trading Standards regarding the smelly wagons passing through the village and their reply stated that there are no stipulations regarding odours. In general the requirements are that the animal by-products must be transported in leak proof containers.

Following a request from Gargrave Methodist Church to install a bench in the village they had decided they would like one to be installed on the plantation behind the

Summer Seat. Members of the Council were in agreement to this location, a metal bench would be satisfactory which would need securely fixing into the ground.

Use of the Summer Seat would be monitored over the coming year and the Clerk would make enquiries regarding the cycle group who usually use the Summer Seat.

Thanks were expressed to all who took part in the recent "litter pick" for their hard work and efforts in tidying up the village.

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 reported that re-organisation was expected to be complete by June. Members of staff and agency staff had now left. The move to Belle Vue Mills was expected to happen before the end of 2011, a new lease would have to be negotiated. Questions were raised regarding the limited car parking at Belle Vue Mills for both staff and visitors but Cllr Crawford did not consider this to be a problem as nearby Cavendish Street car park could be used, a section of the swimming pool car park may be made available and car sharing was becoming more popular.

The issue of staff being laid off at the Town Hall car park toilets was raised, the running of these toilets had now been taken over by Skipton Town Council. Craven District Council were still running the toilets at Settle Ashfield which were due to be re-opened following refurbishment.

The Chairman asked regarding the proposed car park at Skipton Castle and Cllr Crawford reported that permission for this may be refused.

Accounts

The following were presented for payment:

Gargrave Village Hall – monthly Direct Debit	102.00
J Proven – cleaning	313.60
Clerk – March salary and expenses	291.84
A Cockshott	49.90
P C Young – computer repairs	69.99
The Wonder of Wood – bench rails	203.28
E Sawdon joinery	307.98
J R Taylor & Son	411.25
4 Our House – photocopier cartridges	195.51
Merritt & Fryers	7.55
J C Cowgill – tree removal Church Street	190.00
P Taylor	40.00
NYCC – street light energy	733.96
Craven Stationery	14.81
Income	
CDC toilets	429.46
Precept	16,750.00
Balances	
Skipton Building Society	24,462.80
Barclays Community	3,749.17
Barclays Tracker	30,825.48

A quotation had been received from E Sawdon for further fencing repairs at the playground and this was agreed by all and the Clerk would instruct him to carry out these works.

The owners of the tea room on West Street had informed the Parish Council that they did not wish a light to be fixed to the building where one had previously been damaged as they were concerned about the impact on the building in the event of the light being knocked again. It was suggested that a quotation be obtained for converting the light in the car park to a double light.

Copies of a Financial Risk Assessment were issued to members of the Council who were requested to read and bring to the May meeting.

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

Correspondence

Letter from Mark Carruthers informing of his interest in becoming a member of the Parish Council. The deadline for nominations had now passed but an additional member may need to be co-opted and his details would be kept on file.

CDC – Parliamentary General Election, District and Parish Council elections.

CDC – Signed agreement regarding toilets and information regarding installation of sensors to the lights and new urinals, requests to be made in writing to Mark Wilson, Property Manager if the Parish Council wish to go ahead.

MENCAP – Thank you letter for recent donation.

SELRAP – Request for donation – not agreed.

Tarmac – letter regarding Maintenance Contract – prices to remain fixed until 31 March 2011.

Row Allan – Painting / decorating / minor building works.

AON – Insurance renewal – the Clerk is to look through this for necessary amendments in order for the insurers to provide a revised quotation.

Planning Applications & Decisions

Decisions

Old Hall Barn - Sunroom extension with construction of bedroom extension and replacement window frames – 2 applications – permission refused.

Scaleber Farm – Agricultural building – permission granted.

1 Meadowcroft – Demolition of existing bungalow and construction of replacement dwelling with wheel chair access – permission granted.

Applications

60 High Street – Retrospective application for external stone walling with integrated planting.

1 Old Hall Croft – Demolish existing conservatory to rear of property and replace with stone built sunroom.

Paget Hall – 1 x Ash fell.

Old Hall Farmhouse – 4 x Conifers fell.

2 Old Hall Fold – 3 x Conifers fell.

2 Beech Close – 1 x Spruce remove, 2 x Cypress reduce by 1/3 and reshape.

Systagenix – Erection of new directional signage and relocation of existing sign.

48 Eshton Road – Removal of condition 4 and vary condition 5 of approval 30/2009/10041.

Co-operative Store – Planning Enforcement complaint reference 0702/2010 – not in line with approved plans 30/2009/10113.

Parish Council had no comments regarding the above applications.

Travellers

Cllr Turner had already received a number of enquiries regarding the travellers who were expected to arrive during May and had received information regarding the Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994. Section 61 may be helpful if problems arise, we would need to write to the Chief Constable. Other areas had erected barriers and put up height restriction gates to deter travellers. It was agreed that the gate padlock on Low Green should be removed in an attempt to prevent any stones being moved. Discussion took place regarding concerns for the gas main and drainage and sewer pipework which runs along the green, the gas pipe was ruptured some time ago. Football practice now takes place on the green on Saturday mornings and it was suggested that the grass be cut shorter and line marking made, although this would be unlikely to deter the travellers. The Clerk would arrange a meeting as soon as possible for the Parish Council with the Gypsy Liaison Officer and the Police. A contact number for the Gypsy Liaison Officer would be published in the Parish Magazine.

Land Near Top Stepping Stones

The triangular plot of land near the top stepping stones was now in an untidy state and discussion took place as to the best way forward. Weedkiller would need to be applied and Cllrs Turner and Sugden would attend to this. Ongoing discussion was to take place regarding either planting or stoning the area.

Some erosion to the river bank was reported and Cllrs Syms and Atkinson were to look at.

There being no more business the meeting closed at 9.00 p.m.

Date of next meeting

Annual Parish Meeting Monday 10 May 2010 at 7.00 p.m.
Followed by Annual Parish Council Meeting