

GARGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Annual Parish Council Meeting Held on Monday 10 May 2010

Present: Chairman Mr D Syms, Councillors Mrs J Turner, Mrs J Sugden, Mr R Thomas, Mrs J Smales, Mr B Atkinson, Mr P Perls, Mrs K Lancaster, County Councillor Mrs S Marshall, and 6 parishioners.

Apologies: Craven District Councillor Mr D Crawford

Appointment of Officials

Cllr Turner nominated as Chairman
Nominated Cllr Sugden, seconded Cllr Smales

Cllr Syms nominated as Chairman
Nominated Cllr Perls, seconded Cllr Lancaster

Both nominated Councillors left the room whilst a vote was taken which resulted in Cllr Turner being appointed as Chairman.

Cllr Syms nominated as Vice Chairman
Nominated Cllr Thomas, seconded Cllr Atkinson, all in favour.

Cllrs Turner and Sugden nominated as YLCA Craven Branch
Representatives
Nominated Cllr Perls, seconded Cllr Atkinson, all in favour.

Two applications had been received from persons interested in becoming members of the Parish Council. Mr Mark Carruthers to be co-opted onto the Parish Council. Mr Gomersall's details would be kept on file in the event of a vacancy arising. Mr Carruthers joined the meeting and all Councillors and the Clerk introduced themselves.

Public Participation

Reports of a very noisy quad bike travelling around the village at high speed were reported. The person was known to Cllr Atkinson who would speak to him but ultimately advised to report as a police issue.

Information regarding the recent meeting between the Parish Council and representatives from Craven District Council and the Police regarding the travellers were given. The Police were happy to patrol twice per day and contact numbers had been published. The Police and CDC representatives would attend the June meeting for a summary of this year's events.

Dates of forthcoming events were given:
Wildlife Trust - Yorkshire Living Churchyard Project – Saturday 26 June
Open Gardens – Saturday 03 July
Duck Race – Sunday 18 July

Minutes of the last meeting

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

Matters Arising from Minutes

The issue of the loose manhole cover had been reported to Highways who had been out to inspect. At the moment this is within tolerances and at present cannot ask Yorkshire Water to lift it. North Yorkshire will continue to monitor the situation.

No further information had been received regarding the depositing of ashes around the village.

Re-seeding of High Green following the sewer repair works had now been carried out and the grass was beginning to grow.

A query was raised regarding the bench for the Methodist Church to be sited in the plantation, the possibility of theft if a metal one was sited. If securely fixed this was considered not to be a problem.

The issue of smelly wagons passing through the village was again raised as there appeared to have been an increase in the frequency of these. There have been incidences of spillage in the past and further discussion would take place with Cty Cllr Marshall.

Cllr Sugden confirmed that she had some weed-killer left so would attend to the piece of land near the top stepping stones in due course.

The Clerk would obtain a quote for changing the car park light on West Street to a double light as the owners of the tea room had decided against a replacement on their building.

Cllr Atkinson had inspected the river bank erosion and the possibility of lifting the large stones was discussed. The Clerk would contact the Environment Agency regarding the possibility of a free consultation. Cllrs Atkinson and Syms would take another look at this problem. General policy is to leave alone.

Report from County Councillor

Cty Cllr Marshall reported that she had reported the problems of wall damage on Church Lane and Highways had been out to inspect. Cllr Turner sent a list of the damaged areas but has received no further reply.

The issue of the smelly wagons was raised and Cty Cllr Marshall had spoken to Trading Standards regarding this but would speak to them again. There are currently no regulations in place so it would probably be difficult to do anything about this problem.

Cty Cllr Marshall reported that the footpaths to the railway station had not been included on the Craven Area Committee Transportation Plan. She gave details of the proposed provision of a safety barrier at Niffany Bridge in Skipton following fatal road accidents. The bulk of the cost of the barriers was actually the re-siting of BT fibre optic cables. All possible options regarding cost and effectiveness had been investigated prior to the decision being made. Provision of a wider towpath for pedestrian use in this area would also be considered. Two other schemes had been added, Craven College footpath and Broughton Road markings by the school but she had no idea when the footpaths to the station may happen, due mainly to reduction in costs.

Cty Cllr Marshall reported that grants were available from Craven Area Committee for small items, Cty Cllr Marshall has to sign any applications.

Cty Cllr Marshall would e-mail Highways regarding the issue of the portable advertising sign on the roadside verge.

Report from Craven District Councillor

Cllr Crawford was not in attendance so no report given.

Accounts

The following were presented for payment:

Gargrave Village Hall – monthly Direct Debit	102.00
Newsquest advertisement	89.01
Tarmac Highway Services – lighting repairs	150.92
J C Cowgill – grass cutting	457.00
N-Power	36.77
J Proven – cleaning	313.80
Clerk – April salary	294.40
Clerk – April expenses	51.41
Inland Revenue	124.80
NYCC – removal of light West Street	28.34
Yorkshire Water re toilets	11.65
Income	
YEDL – Wayleave	20.00

Accounts had gone to the auditors for year end inspection so up to date balances were not available, the total approximate balance being £51,349.00.

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

Thanks were expressed to Cty Cllr Marshall for her help in the energy supply being taken over by North Yorkshire County Council which had resulted in a significant saving.

Correspondence

E-mail from Mr Faulker regarding dog bins and two faulty street lights – the Clerk would contact Craven District Council regarding the dog bins and had already reported the lights for repair.

Letter from Mr Chewter requesting permission to have a tree planted in memory of his late wife – the Clerk would reply to say permission granted but Cllr Carruthers would try and determine a suitable position and recommendation for the type of tree.

Report regarding further graffiti to the playground equipment and ground surface – the Clerk would request Paul Taylor to clean.

Children with Leukemia – request for donation – Cllr Sugden would check when the last donation was made and it was agreed that if it was over 12 months ago then a donation of £20 would be made.

YLCA Craven Branch – Annual Meeting – Minutes and agenda.

NYCC Minerals and Waste Development Framework – Cllr Carruthers to read.

Planning Applications & Decisions

Decisions

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

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

Old Hall Farmhouse – 4 x Conifers – fell – permission granted.

2 Old Hall Fold – 3 x Conifers – fell – permission granted.

Applications

7 Old Hall Croft – 1 x Sycamore – reduce to previous pruning points and crown thin by 15% - Parish Council commented that they had concern that this row of trees on someone else's land are being systematically taken down for cosmetic reasons.

20 Walton Avenue – Proposed first floor bedroom extension over garage (amendment to approved permission 30/2007/7133) – no comments.

Old Hall Barn – Construction of sunroom extension, bedroom extension and replacement window frames – no comment (2 applications for same).

Risk Assessment

The Chairman ran through the Risk Management Assessment and amendments were made as necessary. The Clerk will re-type.

Lamp Post Marton Road

Discussion took place regarding the lamp post on Marton Road near the entrance to New Brighton which was in a bad condition. Cllr Carruthers would speak to residents in the area and the riding school for comments regarding if this could be taken down and not replaced. The cost of a steel replacement would be approximately £1200 and the Clerk would obtain a quotation for taking down and disconnecting the post. This item would be on the June agenda for further discussion.

Toilet Repairs

A number of items required inspection and/or repair at the toilets, for example a missing lock on one of the ladies cubicles, the hand driers and the Clerk would request Paul Taylor take a look and report back to try and determine costs.

Discussion took place regarding the provision of an honesty box and Cllr Carruthers agreed to look at the possibilities and report at next month's meeting.

Insurance Quotations

Details of insurance cover required had been amended to reflect the increased value of lamp posts etc. and two quotations had been received, one without cover for benches at £2989.86 and one with cover for benches at £3348.67. It was agreed to accept the lower quote.

Proposed Cllr Perls, seconded Cllr Sugden, all in favour.

Village Greens

Cllr Syms gave details of the registration of the village greens with the Land Registry but some areas of land may not be registered. Cty Cllr Marshall kindly offered to obtain maps which would show the extent of currently registered land. This would then enable further contact to be made with the Land Registry if necessary. Thanks were expressed to all who maintain small areas of land not in their ownership.

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

Date of next meeting

Parish Council Meeting Monday 07 June 2010 at 7.15 p.m.

Apologies for the next meeting were given by Cllrs Thomas and Perls.

The Clerk left the room whilst discussion took place regarding her salary.