

## Gargrave Parish Council

We are now actively seeking to recruit another Parish Councillor, and notices will appear on physical Notice Boards, the Parish Council Website, and on the Gargrave Community Facebook page.

Those of you that look at the Parish Council Website may have noticed that we have introduced a 'Notices' page, where this article and other notices will appear. In addition, the Gargrave Community Facebook page have carried links regarding meetings and agendas. This marks the start of an overhaul in the way that the Parish Council will communicate in the future. We aim to start a process soon, to introduce a communications plan that will engage with a greater cross-section of residents in a quicker timeframe – that's the plan!

Work continues reviewing the Traveller Gypsy Roma (TGR) Plan for Gargrave and the development of options for the South St Triangle, Goffa Mill and High Green. I'm also meeting with an organisation called Restorative Solutions to understand how they may help in addressing criminal/antisocial issues. This meeting has been set up by Sgt Paul Evans of North Yorkshire Police. I will report the results of this meeting to the next gathering of the TGR Working Group at our meeting this month.

The Council recently reviewed an 'in house' survey of Aire River, produced by 2 of our own councillors. This survey looked at several issues regarding erosion of the riverbanks and the state of the trees along the river. Following discussion, it was decided that the survey be discussed in detail with the Environment Agency, along with other river users such as the Aire River Trust, before any definite plans are drawn up. As I write this, and whilst reflecting on the responsibilities we have as custodians, I've come to realise that the Aire is the single greatest asset that Gargrave has. It follows that we need to cast widely (pun intended!) to obtain the best possible advice and guidance – that also applies to resolving the collapsed stepping stones .....

..... the stepping stones have not been kicked into the long grass, but solving the problem will be complicated and expensive. With an outline plan in place, to decide how we go about resolving the issue, we are now in the process of seeking grants and advice as to how we can ameliorate the financial cost, the technical issues and practical difficulties.

And finally ..... not only are we seeking a new councillor we are also about to advertise for the new combined role of Parish Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer. If you would like to seek more information about the role, please contact [gargravepc@yahoo.com](mailto:gargravepc@yahoo.com)

**YOUR VILLAGE NEEDS YOU!**

Gregory L Butt MBE  
Chair