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Gargrave Parish Council Chair

We have had another busy but very proactive month.

The playground repairs and maintenance should start soon, the Clerk received 3 quotes for the works and the most favourable one was voted for at the March meeting. We are hoping for the repairs to be complete prior to the Easter school holidays.

We will hold the two annual meetings on 7th May in the village hall. The first is the annual council meeting at 6.30pm and the business of this meeting includes the annual election of officers and reviewing the membership of the various working groups.

The second meeting, starting at 7.15pm on the same evening, is the annual meeting of electors where the business will include a summary of the parish council's work over the past year, a report from North Yorkshire Councillor Simon Myers and a public session during which electors may raise questions relating to the village. There will be a short interval between the two meetings with time for tea, coffee and cake.

The South Street substation works are on-going and we are expecting some roadworks as Northern Power Grid upgrades the network on the north side of the river. We will keep you updated with the progress and NPG aim to keep the disruption to a minimum.

On a sad note, there have been groups of youths around the village displaying anti-social behaviour which has distressed some villagers and caused damage to property including Neville House and the Summer Seat guttering. The Parish Council has no jurisdiction to confront this behaviour, and we urge all parishioners who witness to this to call the police on 101, this can be frustrating but obtaining an incident number adds the events to the police database and the more reports and information they have the more likely they are to identify those involved."

And finally on a lighter note, 35 children from Gargrave Primary School have designed posters to be displayed in the park at the end of Airedale Avenue. These posters promote keeping the park tidy, picking up and putting rubbish in the bin and looking after our planet. At the March meeting the top 10 posters were on display and members of the public and councillors voted for their favourite poster, we have taken the top 3 to be made in to signs for the park. We will do our best to have them displayed in the park by the Easter school holiday.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 1st April at 7.15pm in the village hall annex. All welcome.