

# Garsdale Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 10 January 2013 at 7.30 pm at Garsdale Village Hall.

Present: Thomas Todd - Vice Chairman  
Pauline Fozard  
Michael Roper  
David Labbate

Apologies for absence: Tony Roberts, Karen Dakin (Community Officer)

**1. Minutes of last meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> August 2012.** These were approved as a correct record.

**2. Appointment of Acting Chairman**

Michael Roper was proposed by Thomas Todd and seconded by David Labbate to take over as Acting Chairman until the AGM in May/June. This was brought about by the resignation of the previous chairman, Mr Tony Roberts, who wishes to remain on the council until the next election in May 2014. We would like to thank Tony for all of his hard work over the previous year.

**3. Local Area Partnership.** It was agreed that this was a worthwhile meeting to continue to attend as the forum brings councils together and effectively gives them a larger voice. Issues discussed include highways and recreational activities for children - both matters are important to discuss in a larger forum.

**4. Finance Matters**

A brief summary was given over the current state of the parish council account which on the 12<sup>th</sup> April carried forward £2,216.85, which is higher than normal, but it is planned to use the money as part of the upgrade of the Village Hall water supply.

The next years precept was discussed and it was agreed to maintain the current level of £1,900 minus the grant of £56.08 given by South Lakeland District Council.

**5. Sedbergh Health Centre Patients' Forum.** Pauline gave a brief summary of the Patients Forum meeting which she attends on behalf of the council. The forum has set up a group known as the Friends of Sedbergh Health Practice who's aim is to provide support to the practice. As the FoSHP has a fund raising function, a separate committee has been set up to administer the accounts.

**6. Fibre GarDen.**

It was agreed that Fibre GarDen would be approached for an update for the May/June meeting.

**7. Community Officer Report.** Unfortunately Karen Dakin was unable to attend the meeting.

**8. Garsdale Website.** The administration of the parish council web site has been taken over by Michael Roper and it is intended to continue the good work Tony set up.

9. **Other matters.** It was agreed to re-circulate the information regarding Farmwatch and the "Snowball" system.

10. **Highways Issues.** Discussions were held on the state of the roads in the dale. Of concern was the telephone manhole close to Whitbeck, but shortly after the meeting this was repaired. On going problems are still being experienced with water damage on Back Lane.

12. **Village Hall**

- a. Village Hall lease. The diocese has said that the lease will be forwarded shortly for comment and signature. When this arrives it can be discussed by the Village Hall committee and the parish council.
- b. Maintenance, sewer repair, roof and water system. Discussions were held on the potential blockage of the sewer pipe running to the septic tank as it was seen to overflow during the last big event at the hall. It was agreed that the pipe should be rodded to confirm the presence of any debris in the pipe. There is concern over the potential leak in the roof over the toilet block and that this may need to be repaired in the near future. Lastly the water supply was discussed; Michael is currently looking into a system to remove sulphide from the water to make it less odorous and palatable. This will then bring it in line with the current drinking water standards. The potential cost of the system could be as much as £1,800. It was noted by David Labbate that if new works were to be undertaken in the pump house it would be beneficial to renovate the sheds to improve the condition. In addition it still has not been possible to isolate the leak in the old water supply pipe the runs under the village hall. A temporary pipe has been run on the surface but a more permanent solution needs to be found.

13. **Planning.** There were three planning applications for works in the dale and one which has occurred but for some reason the council did not receive a copy of the application. Two applications were for the erection of communication masts near to tunnel entrances on the Carlisle - Settle railway line. The other two applications were for the erection of agricultural buildings at West Bridge End farm. These have all been approved.


In addition notification was given by YDNP that the planning application for Dandra Garth had been approved.

14. **Community Projects**

Michael reminded members that money is available for community projects. This may be another item which could be included on the Garsdale Website.

15. **Date of Next Meeting**

Thursday 13 June 2013 at 7.30 pm.

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