

Garsdale Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 13 June 2013 at 7.30 pm at Garsdale Village Hall.

Present: Thomas Todd - Vice Chairman
Pauline Fozard
Michael Roper
David Labbate
Nick Cotton CCC and SLDC
Evelyn Westwood SLDC

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

1. Appointment of Chairman and Vice Chairman

Michael Roper was proposed by Thomas Todd and seconded by David Labbate to continue as chairman. Thomas Todd was proposed as vice chairman by Pauline Fozard and seconded by Michael Roper. Both positions were agreed.

2. Chairman's report

The new chairman gave a brief report on the council's activities over the last year and highlighted that there were still vacant positions on the council and that we need to encourage more people to participate in the council.

3. **Minutes of last meeting held on 10 January 2013.** These were approved as a correct record.

4. **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.

5. Public session

The chairman invited Sue Ryall and Jenny Pilgrim to present on the development of a first responder group within the dale to provide fast assistance in the event of medical problems ahead of medical support. The presentation was well received and all concerned thought it was a very good initiative for the community. Sue mentioned that she had one potential supporter and other members were asked to think of any other people in the dale who might be interested in volunteering. Evelyn suggested that a note be placed in Lookaround asking for volunteers. A system is already in operation in Dentdale with 12 to 14 volunteers already trained.

The training would be given by the North West Ambulance Service and fund raising to purchase equipment such as a defibrillator which would be located centrally in the dale, possibly in the village hall.

6. Finance Matters

The parish council accounts which on the 12th April carried forward £2,216.85, were presented and approved by the council members.

The balance carried over into this financial year is higher than normal, but it is planned to use the money as part of the upgrade of the Village Hall water supply.

Expenditure was discussed and the following agreed for payment;

AON insurance payment of	£355.41 ✓
Dalesflex Signs (Red squirrel warning notices)	£81.60 ✓
Expenses to cover water treatment at VH to MR	£123.93 ✓

7. Sedbergh Health Centre Patients' Forum. Pauline gave a brief summary of the Patients Forum meeting which she attends on behalf of the council. The practice was about to start an online booking system for blood tests and other such appointments. A note was to be put into Lookaround to ask people to return unwanted medicines to the pharmacy for disposal. The practice has also received a donation which is intended to be used to purchase mobile blood pressure monitors and a second anticoagulant machine.

8. Fibre GarDen.

A summary of the progress of FibreGarDen was read out which was taken from the Blog site. This reports that the tenders for the project installation are being assessed and that the share prospectus is nearing the point that it can go out to the community.

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

10. Garsdale Website. The web site has been updated.

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

12. Highways Issues. Nick Cotton joined the discussion on the state of the highways in the area and said that he was keen to become involved in helping to sort out any issues that may arise with CCC. It was discussed that a year or so ago the highways engineer mentioned that he had a list of priority roads that were listed for repairs and that CCC were interested to hear from councils their thoughts and proprieties so that the list could be updated for the coming years. The list was never circulated and Nick said that he would bring this up with the new engineer, Nick Raymond.

13. Village Hall

- a. Village Hall lease. The new lease has been received but there is still an issue with the maintenance responsibility for the access road to the Old School House. The council and VH committee regard the maintenance to be the responsibility of the occupiers of the OSH which they agree except for the flagged area by the road. It was agreed that this should be a 50:50 arrangement. This has been notified to the diocese but no further communication has been received.
- 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.

14. Planning. There were no planning applications in this period.

15. Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 5 September 2013 at 7.30 pm.

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