

Garsdale Parish Council

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Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Thursday 15th September 2016 at Garsdale Village Hall at 7.30pm

Present:

Councillors Annette Colton, Graham Lant, Thomas Todd, Neville Woodfine, David Metcalfe and
Clerk Philip Johns.

1. Apologies

Kevin Lancaster, Mel Mackie, Nick Cotton, Bill Mawdsley.

2. Declarations of Interest

Annette declared an interest in B4RN.

3. Minutes

Minutes of the May 21st July Council Meeting were signed.

4. County Councillor and District Councillors' report

No CC or DC councillors were present. Annette had written to Nick Cotton regarding the state of the road but had no reply as yet. David Metcalfe suggested a change of tactic as Cumbria CC had money to repair the A684 but we were being ignored. David offered to write to Health and Safety stating safety concerns such as the bridge at Low Scar, holes in the walls and general poor state of the road for all users. It was agreed that a draft letter be produced for Annette to approve and then would be sent to all Cumbria County Councillors.

5. Progress reports

1. Clerk had written to Mr and Mrs Wood regarding Long Holme but had no response. Annette had received a reply from YDNP planning regarding Tom Metcalfe. They denied receiving any correspondence but were willing to look into misdemeanours if the officer involved could be identified but believed the accusations were groundless. Although no planning app had been received for The Castle, they said it could not be repaired as it had fallen down. Council disagreed and stated that repairs to buildings in the dale should be supported if in context. More affordable housing, such as barn conversions to permanent housing and rental accommodation, were needed to encourage families to settle here.

2. Annette had made a start on the SDF grant but needed a quote for heat reflecting paint for inside and for replacing the 4 top windows. David Metcalfe commented that heat pumps were difficult and costly and suggested solar panels were a better option but YDNP may not approve. Richard Dickinson, who has previous experience with environmental grants, volunteered to help with the paperwork and will do some costings. The diocese should be made aware of all alterations. Graham reported that the hall committee wanted the water sorted and was willing to contribute himself. Graham was willing to look after the system. Money may be available from the grant and council indicated that it could contribute. The large door might need repair or replacing. More social events should be organised. The grant should be kept under the hall committee with the council as guarantor, potentially using part of the money in the councils account from previous precepts for Village Hall water. Volunteer hours will be used for matching funding and need recording.

3. Tom commented that CCC were unhappy with chippings being left on the side of the road and should be cleared in future.

4. Post 16 Transport: NTR

5. B4RN had ducted to Barbon but some road crossings still to do. Cable was ready to be blown in from Casterton and Dent. Wayleaves are being collected from between Dent & Sedbergh, with Garsdale expected to

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start once Dent School and Gawthrop has gone live. BDUK grants of £350 per household in support of B4RN could be arranged for all receiving less than 2 MB by landline. However, connections had to be made within a month of grant approval so coordination and timing of the applications will be essential.

6. Water Risk Assessments: NTR

7. Clerk had received a copy of a letter sent to the police from The Hive regarding the menace of motorbikes. Clerk also reported that from the police reports, there had been 2 accidents last month, both involving bilkers. Tom commented that cyclists could also be a nuisance and should be licensed. Some were ill advisedly wearing ear pieces making them unaware of traffic around them. It had been noticed that there had been more police presence, some in unmarked cars.

6. Public/open session

None.

7. Updates from Community Groups

None.

8. Financial matters

1. Payments of 2 months' clerk salary, David L and insurance were approved.
2. The balance stands at £4662.91 including £680 for Lengthman's grant.
3. No progress.
4. As before.

5. B4RN will need Garsdale and Dent to help with the costs of ducting, as loans to B4RN or in return for shares. Annette explained that one option would be for council to apply for a low cost public works loan, which would then used for a B4RN loan. As council would have to act as guarantor for repayments, it was decided that a full presentation to the public would be required, with all residents given the chance to vote on the decision. It was also decided to wait until the B4RN scheme had reached Dent and proved viable.

9. Correspondence

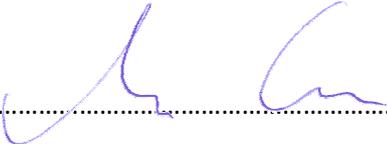
1. Low Scale approved.
2. App for Clough View received.
3. Clerk had received a letter regarding radon testing at the village hall which was passed to Graham

10. Councillor matters.

David Metcalfe had been approached regarding parking overnight on the A684 by Graham and another resident. Graham would try using the Layby when possible, and is in the process of getting off-road parking sorted pending weather and village hall events. It was decided to send a letter to the other resident.

Date of next meeting(s)

Thursday 17th November 2016.

Chairman.....

Date ...17 November 2016.....

Please note that these are draft minutes, subject to change and will not be signed until the next meeting.

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