

Garsdale Parish Council


20/3/14

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 16th January 2014 at 7.30 pm at Garsdale Village Hall.

Present: Michael Roper - Chairman
Thomas Todd - Vice Chairman
David Labbate
Sue Ryall

Apologies for absence: Pauline Fozard, Evelyn Westwood, Nick Cotton, Ian McPherson

1. Minutes of last meeting held on 7th November 2013.

These were approved as a correct record.

2. 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.

3. Public session

There were 6 members of the public in attendance and their interests were in respect to the broadband project in the dale. This was discussed in an open session after the meeting.

4. Finance Matters

The parish council accounts on the 16 January 2014 carried forward £3,555.91

The excess over normal money is planned to be used as part of the upgrade of the Village Hall water supply. This will hopefully take place before the summer.

5. First Responder

Sue reported that 3 people were to attend training courses in Penrith on the 8th February. It was discussed that there may be a possibility of getting 3 No defibrillation units for the dale, one provided by North West Ambulance, one using funding offered by Ian McPherson and Evelyn Westwood and the third from funds raised by the parish. Sue also mentioned that she hoped to have a slide show and hot pot evening to help raise funds to buy the unit. The date of the evening is still to be set.

6. Fibre GarDen.

Two members of the Fibre GarDen board attended the meeting to answer questions on the project. This took place in an open session at the end of the meeting so that residents attending the meeting could participate in the discussion.

7. Community Officer Report.

Unfortunately Karen Dakin was unable to attend the meeting.

8. Garsdale Website.

The web site has been updated.

9. Other matters.

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

10. Highways Issues.

David Labatte brought up the problems with some of the drains on Back Lane, both on the western end and eastern end.

Other areas of poor highway surfaces were to be photographed and the pictures forwarded to Nick Cotton.

11. Village Hall

The points made at the last meeting still stand and despite continued efforts to contact the Bradford Diocese no reply has been made.

- 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. 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.

12. Planning.

There were planning applications in this period.

Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 20th March 2014 at 7.30 pm.