

**MINUTES OF THE GARSDALE PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL ON THURSDAY
16TH OCTOBER 2014 AT 7.30PM**

Present Councillors Thomas Todd, Pauline Fozard, David Labbate, Annette Colton. Also Philip Johns, David Bracken, David Ryall (FG rep), Bill Mawdsley, Graham Lant and Kevin Lancaster (DC).

1. Annette Colton was elected Chairman until the next annual elections. Thomas Todd to remain as Vice Chairman.
2. **Apologies** were received from Nick Cotton and Evelyn Westwood.
3. **Minutes** of the last meeting were not available and will be held over until the next meeting. Thomas to chase Mike.
4. **Matters arising** none.
5. **Future of PC** Annette briefly outlined the role of the PC and all agreed that the parishioners of Garsdale were best served by a local PC and not Sedbergh. Pauline presented her resignation which left Council with just 3 councillors. Graham and Bill agreed to be co-opted once the advertising period ended on 22nd October.
6. **Roles and duties** Annette had attended a Good Councillor course on 6th October and understood that the Chairman's role was one of controlling meetings, being a signature on cheques and general overseeing. Councillors were to attend meetings and endeavour to undertake tasks and research as required. The Clerk was mainly admin, producing agendas with the Chairman, organising meetings and control budgets and finances. Special powers could be given if agreed by Councillors at a meeting.
7. **Communications** All available minutes and accounts had been scanned onto the website. Brief accounts would be available at all meetings. The Clerk will have a dedicated email address and Philip and Annette will meet to activate this.
8. **Dispensations** Annette and David Labbate were given 4 year dispensations to allow discussion but not voting rights on matters concerning Fibre Garden.
9. **Clerk** Council agreed to Philip Johns taking the position of Clerk. Terms and conditions were agreed as per Calc recommendations but salary and expenses were not agreed. Annette and Philip would bring a set of proposals to the next meeting.
10. **Public session** A consultation request for felling at Dandra Garth by Tilhill had been received and circulated this afternoon (see attached). It was felt that Council needed longer to investigate the issues and were unsure of the response Tilhill were looking for. A list of enquiries will be sent to Tilhill and will be an agenda item at the next meeting. David Ryall reported the progress of FG. David was the first fulltime employee and was working with landowners regarding wayleaves, lack of monetary rewards were a bit of a problem. He will be working with ITS when digging begins shortly. Dentdale was nearly signed up but Garsdale was a little behind.

Stewardship issues had generally been resolved successfully. David was happy to attend PC meetings to give progress reports but could not comment on board matters. Evelyn had asked to bring up the state of the car parking area at Longstone Fell but this is not in Garsdale Parish. Other road issues were raised and Kevin promised to raise these with Sedbergh PC.

11. **Community support** No community support officer was in attendance. Mandy will be invited to the next meeting.
12. **Finance** The latest bank statement showed no in or outgoings since the last meeting and the balance remained at £4272.65.

Reports

13. Connecting Cumbria report (see attached).
14. Post 16 transport (see attached). Kevin was asked to report on any updates. CCC could be heading for a judicial review and "hadn't a leg to stand on".
15. See item 10.
16. Pauline reported on the latest Patient's Forum meeting on 14th September. A care Quality inspection had taken place which was passed with ease. A blood pressure machine may be purchased for the waiting room but would cost £1596 + VAT so one on a trial basis one will be used first. 2 new GPs were to start, Jenny and Martin Marer, as Dr Buckby was leaving. Flu clinics had been conducted. First Responders for Sedbergh were being recruited but the training session for Garsdale was cancelled with 30 minutes' notice.
17. **Highways** The hedge between Slack and Beckside was hanging over the road, 2 complaints had been made and there was a large pothole on Back Lane. Clerk to write to Victoria Upton at CCC Highways.
 - a. Dave Labbate had declined the lengthsman scheme due to over onerous T&C's. Dave would send details in an email to Philip of road issues etc. to send to CCC. Council has not made a commitment to spend their £680 on this scheme and as it is an 'A' road, it should be down to CCC. BT potholes were a concern.

18. Village Hall

- a. It was understood that Mike had sent the lease to Bradford but it was unknown if it was signed. No rent had been paid for the last 2 years but this could be written off if a signed lease was produced. Council agreed that the Clerk will have special powers to sign a lease and send it to Carlisle. Thomas would ask Mike about the lease and Graham would do some research.
- b. Graham has declined to share with Mike's water treatment as he could put in a much cheaper and simpler system. Mike's quote was £2394.49. There may be a leak in the system but could not be traced. Graham and Dave will get a new

quote from “Darren the Waterman” and bring an action plan to the next meeting. Funds were still in place.

19. **Correspondence** Resignation letters had been received from Mike and Pauline, plus an email from Sue Ryall. Kendal Police Station has asked for prison cell visitors. Walkers Website has asked for our support in principal which was agreed. Walks around Garsdale could be produced. Carol could be invited for a talk.

20. **AOB** Bonfire Night will be on the 7th November. Phil will send letters to Mike, Pauline and Sue for their support and activities within the PC. Planning issues: East Cote Weggs approved, Low Scale withdrawn. Tom Metcalfe at Raygill was still having problems and Dave asked for a re-iteration of support, which Council agreed. Phil and Annette will be looking for more publicity of the Council such as items in Lookaround.

21. **Date of next meeting**

Next meeting will be 4th December, next years will be every 3rd Thursday on the ‘even’ months. Meeting closed 10.20pm.

Chairman.....

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