

Garsdale Parish Council

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Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Thursday 17th November 2016 at Garsdale Village Hall at 7.30pm

Present:

Councillors Annette Colton, Graham Lant, Thomas Todd, Neville Woodfine, David Labatte.
DC Kevin Lancaster and **Clerk** Philip Johns.

1. Apologies

Mel Mackie, Bill Mawdsley and David Metcalfe

2. Declarations of Interest

No declarations.

3. Minutes

Minutes of the 15th September Council Meeting were signed.

4. County Councillor and District Councillors' report

Kevin announced that he would be standing again in the May elections and on his ticket will be the resurrection of the 16 to 18 school transport which will be the number 1 priority for the conservative education manifesto. If successful, new arrangements will be made at an estimated cost of £200 to £300. QES has expressed concerns over the levels of parking and Settlebeck have an issue with speeding traffic especially after an accident injuring a young girl last month. The private water risk assessment issue seems to have 'died' although commercial testing is still being conducted.

5. Progress reports

1. Clerk has had quite a lot of correspondence regarding motorbikes, telephone boxes and highways.

2. Annette had submitted the SDF grant for £5000 with a cash contribution of max £1250, or less with volunteer labour. She thanked Richard for his considerable help.

3. Clerk reported that he had some correspondence from CCC and Tim Farron stating that a rolling set of road repairs are being carried out on the A684 and also on the Coal Road. However the progress was incredibly slow and potholes were being missed with other sections of the road continuing to deteriorate. Brenda Koo had written in to say that the gully at Danny Bridge was blocked and the cattle grid was full of silt. Clerk will write to Highways expressing council's concerns. It is understood that there had been no letter to HSE by David M. Nick Cotton had passed on a map of the gullies. Kevin said that 5 nominated gullies can be cleared. Badger Dub, Swarthgill, Pry Hill, Mill Bridge and Station Road were chosen. Kevin commented that he had been impressed by a representative for road repairs who attended Dent Council meetings, 'Dave' something, and suggested Garsdale might invite him as well.

4. Post 16 Transport: as item 4.

5. B4RN will be holding a public meeting in Dent on 23rd November. Annette will send the invite to clerk to distribute. Dent School and the first properties are now live, with ducting through Barbon completed.

6. Water Risk Assessments: as item 4.

7. Clerk had received another letter from The Hive regarding the menace of motorbikes and the police response. Mr Haddon, resident of The Hive, suggested that council invite a police representative to a meeting to discuss policing proposals. As we were in the 'quiet' season, it was thought that it would be better to do this for the March meeting. The A684 was part of the dedicated cycleway and consideration for that should be taken. Maybe either unmarked cars or motorbike with recording equipment could be deployed. Kevin commented that this can be very effective if bikers were not pre-warned. 'The Circuit' the bikers do, normally took 76 minutes if

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abiding by the speed limits but the bikers attempt to do it under 60 minutes. Bikers' insurances should be checked in March, as some only has 6 months insurance & tax starting 1st April. Peter McCall, police commissioner, had a website full of surveys and residents could input complaints and the more the better. Clerk will circulate details to the database.

8. BT had posted notices in both public boxes for consultation on closure. Council had the choice of objecting or accepting and adopting a box for £1. Council agreed with the new residents of Clough View that we should attempt to keep both boxes due to poor mobile signals, accident spots and little reliable broadband. The station road box was also a lifeline for rail passengers and hikers. Hamish said that BT should put rural emergency services before commercial profit. Clerk advised that all we needed to do at this stage is to lodge an objection which would put a 'local hold' on the closures and arguments for and against would come later. Clerk will action this. It was also muted that if a campaign was needed, Tim Farron could be approached to lead it.

6. Public/open session

None.

7. Updates from Community Groups

None.

8. Financial matters

1. Payments of 2 months' clerk salary agreed.
2. The balance stands at £3057.00, all payments had gone through.
3. As 5.2
4. Leave until after the Dent presentation.

9. Correspondence

1. No objections received for Clough View

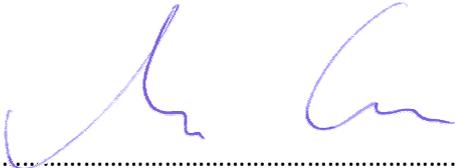
10. Councillor matters.

Annette proposed that council agree to keep the precept for 2017/18 at £2000. All agreed.

Richard Dickinson commented that if the PC were to consider solar panels for the village hall, the feed-in tariff may be much better if the installation is paid by the PC through either precept or a public works loan, rather than through a SDF grant next year. This will be discussed at a later stage.

Date of next meeting(s)

Thursday 19th January 2017.

Chairman.....

Date.....19/1/2017.....

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